

Full Sermon Transcript:
Denying Self and Putting Others First and The Kingdom First
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And we'll now go into prayer. Lord Heavenly Father, Almighty Creator, Kinsman Redeemer, praise the Holy Name. We come here today to worship you, to bless one another, to serve one another, to help one another, to hear your word, your message, so that we may grow in your spirit, grow in your will.

We ask you, Lord, to continue to shape us, to form us, to correct us, to show us your will, to teach us what it means to truly serve you, to truly follow you, to truly obey you, what it means to be in the center of your will, and how to know your will.

We ask for it, that we may receive it. We ask that you increase our love for one another.

We ask that your Holy Ghost be increased in each and every one of us. We lift up to you Brother Jonathan in prison, and those men that he is witnessing to, especially Trey and Brandon, we pray for that prison congregation to increase and grow, grow in the truth, and to find additional men that are willing to surrender to you in the truth.

Please bless their witnessing. Give them favor, mercy, grace. Protect them from the savages. Protect them from injustice.

Give them divine favor with the prison staff and the other inmates. Guide their hearts, their minds, their words, their actions.

Help them to grow in your spirit, and in your truth, and your will. May that congregation, and each congregation of your church worldwide, be consecrated, sacred to you, and follow your will and your spirit.

May all this be accomplished in the mighty and great name of Jesus Christ. Amen. You may be seated.

Let's turn to Matthew chapter 10.

I'm going to add the entire book of Matthew as being a requirement for baptism from now on.

We want everybody to read every word of the entire Bible within a year and a half of their baptism.

But, before baptism, they need to know Exodus 20. They need to know the Ten Commandments. Amen.

There's quite a lot of other Bible verses they need to know before baptism so that they know what to repent of, what repentance really is, what baptism is, why baptism is required, and so on.

But, I'm going to add to the list, as of right now, of any and all future baptisms, that they read the entire book of Matthew so that they read one of the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.

We could add John to it if we wanted to, but we also want to welcome new people into the church and not delay salvation too long, too late, because there's only so much that you can understand or obey without the Holy Ghost.

So, we don't want to add too many requirements, so I'm not going to add both Matthew and John, but we will add Matthew because of several chapters that we're going to read today that are so basic, so fundamental for new believers and old believers alike.

There are so many chapters of Matthew that are so tremendous in what it means to truly be saved and truly be a true servant of the Lord, a true follower of Christ.

Such is this chapter of Matthew, chapter 10.

Matthew 10, verse 34. Do not think that I came to bring peace from the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. Now, we also have to consider every verse in the entire Bible to get the correct understanding of that.

We do have another verse in the Bible that says to be at peace with all men as much as you're able to.

So, in general, as a general lifestyle, a day-by-day basis, we're supposed to try to get along, be at peace with people.

We're not supposed to be going around beheading people and pointing out everybody's sin on a daily basis and every sin that we see and hear.

We have to get along with the next-door neighbors. We have to get along with our co-workers, our employers.

We can't totally escape from Babylon. But at the same time, Jesus did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

And in the context of this entire chapter and the entire book of Matthew, it's saying that there's going to be division,

there's going to be war, there's going to be arguments, even though in general you're trying to get along with people and live at peace with people as much as you're able to, but there's still going to be tons of rebuke, disfellowship, casting out, as Ecclesiastes tells us that there's a time for everything under the sun, that there's a time to embrace and a time to push away, a time for peace and a time for war. Amen.

So both verses are true, and you have to know how to balance that, how to live that. Amen.

Verse 35, So he's saying that there will be division within your own family, and that you must choose Jesus, His kingdom, His righteousness, His will, His way, first, over and above, honoring parents, over and above, a love for your physical family, that there must be priorities, and that your greatest priority is God and His kingdom, which includes His Church, and once we are baptized, our true brothers and sisters, more so than those of the flesh are those of the Spirit, that the Church becomes more important to us than physical flesh and blood family.

The Church members, that is the kingdom, they must become more important to you than physical flesh, even your own physical flesh, that if the day and time comes that the Moslems have a sword to your neck, and you must tell on a brother or sister, reveal their names or their location, that they're not worshipping the Antichrist, the President of Syria, that they won't deny Jesus, that they're keeping the Sabbath, so on, so on, so on, that you must be willing to lay down your own life for your true spiritual brothers and sisters, for Jesus' name, for the truth, but also for the Church, that you love not your own life to the death.

The book of Revelation, chapter 12, says that we overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb, by the word of our testimonies, which we rarely give.

How are we going to defeat Satan if we're not willing to give a testimony? And because we love not our lives to the death, that we are willing to, if the time came, that we're willing to put God and His Kingdom and His Church over and above our own physical lives.

Verse 37, verse 38 now, verse 38, And he who does not take his death-stake, and follow after me, is not worthy of me. He who has failed his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for my sake will die.

Find it. That is both physical and spiritual, both symbolic and literal. That to truly follow Christ, to truly, truly be saved, is to deny yourself. But God first, His Kingdom, His people, His Church, the work of the Kingdom, the cause of the Gospel, all of these things are divine, and therefore they are more important than your little tiny life in this life.

For this life is short for all of humanity, and is really nothing compared to the second resurrection and eternity. Losing our life of the past, our own will, desires that we had for careers, desires that we had for where we would prefer to live, jobs, cosmetics, addictions, desires that are forbidden, so many things that we have to give up in order to serve the Lord in His Spirit, in His truth, and in His will.

We must be able to take up that death-stake that the false church calls the cross, and they have no idea what that means, to take up the cross, to take up the death-stake, and to follow Him.

It is willing to be crucified literally and spiritually. It is to, when you are baptized, you are crucified with Christ, according to Romans chapter 6.

That when you are baptized in truth, in Jesus' name, for the remission of sins, forgiveness of sins, you are no longer the same person.

We don't keep our physical birthdays anymore. We are a new creation in Christ Jesus.

We are buried with Christ and resurrected with Christ as a new person, a new way of thinking, a new way of looking at things.

We no longer say, bless you when someone sneezes, because now we realize that silly, why would you bless someone for sneezing?

It's silly. We start being immature baby Christians, which are fake Christians, false Christians, and we start growing up in Christ Jesus.

Less rituals, more sincere prayers. We don't have to pray in front of people to prove our righteousness, but rather we can pray in our hearts, in our minds, in thanksgiving to God.

We don't have to display a Pharisee self-righteousness. Amen. So many things. Amen.

We become a different, entirely different type of Christian, entirely different type of Christian. Amen.

Verse 40, he who receives you receives me. That is, that we are joined together. Amen.

He who receives me receives him who sent me. He who receives a prophet by the authority of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward.

And he who receives a righteous man and the authority of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. Amen.

That we come into this in unity and agreement without division so that we can share those rewards together. Amen.

Go to Matthew chapter 6 now. Matthew chapter 6, we know the entire chapter by heart. The basic premise of it is that we are not to seek the physical riches on this earth.

We've got to make enough money to pay our rent or the mortgage, electric bill, heating bill, water bill, heat.

We have to have those basic necessities, but over and above that, why do we need a lot of luxuries?

Why do we need much of the beautiful knickknacks and stuff? Of course, nothing wrong with having just a few items to decorate the house, but in general, most people waste way too much money on pretty things.

If it came from Dollar Tree for only \$1.25, it ain't that bad, but so many people paying \$10, \$20, \$30, \$50, \$100 for multiple different things that do nothing but decorate.

And that's not putting the kingdom first. That's putting yourself first. That's putting beautiful things first, pretty things, sparkling things first. Because that \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 per item that decorates the house could have been spent on Bibles, Gospel tracts, tithes and offerings to the true church in order to evangelize the truth of salvation, true doctrine, true Bibles to the world in much larger numbers.

If we would sacrifice more, give more, help more, cure more, love more, prioritize better, amen.

We're not to heap upon ourselves treasures upon this earth, verse 19, where moth and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, amen.

Verse 21, for where your treasure is, there is your heart is. That is so very true.

Where your treasure is, is where your heart is. And a lot of people's hearts are the gluttony of material possessions that are needless, that are not needful things, amen.

Verse 22, the eye is the lamp of the body, amen, sparkly things. So then where your eye is, you're clear the whole body would be full of light, so on.

Go down to verse 33, but seek first his kingdom, which means government, and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you, all the things you need, even food and drink and clothes, will be added to you.

So it's priority, so it's not just the sparkly things, it's not just the wasteful things, but even the necessities of food, that if we prioritize the kingdom first, which includes the church and the gospel, and his righteousness, if we prioritize those divine things over and above physical things, even physical things of we actually truly need, food and drink, is listed here previously, even though we didn't read it aloud, but we know it's there, we've all read this a million times, amen.

But people always want to find an excuse of why they cannot pay their tithes, I have to buy food, I have to buy groceries, I've got to pay my rent, I've got to buy this, I've got to buy this, I've got to buy this, I've got to buy this, and what they're doing is selling their soul to the devil.

If we prioritize tithes and offerings to the church first as first fruits, not second fruits, not spare change, but tithe is the first fruit, and even above tithe as a first fruit offering to the kingdom, to divine things, then God would give us, God will make a way for us to survive.

If you want to survive the great tribulation, put first the divine things, put first spiritual repentance, spiritual growth, and love for one another and submitting ourselves to one another, surrender, deny in yourself, even if it means denying yourself food, clothing, and even a house, even shelter.

We have examples in the Bible, people selling their homes and giving the money to the apostles, that's in the Bible.

The things of this world will all be burned to crisp one of these days, and none of us are going to be able to stay in our homes and personal properties and homesteads when the great tribulation comes.

It doesn't matter if you're 200 miles away from your closest neighbor, no one, and I mean no one, will be able to stay on their homestead, their property, when the time comes, with very few exceptions, although I said no one more than once.

There could be one person on this earth, but in general it would be insane, silly, ignorant, to think that you can stay where you're at and the troops, the enemy troops, the enemy armies, not know where to come to find you.

That's very ignorant thinking, amen. Our army can very easily travel 200 miles out in the countryside to arrest you very easily.

They have airplanes, they have helicopters, they have drones that can bomb your house, amen.

And the government is keeping track of every one of us, don't we know that? That the government has a foul on each and every one of us?

And they know exactly who we are, they know our names, they know our addresses, they know that we're members of

the true church and we think that we're going to fool the government? Come on now.

Verse 33, seek first his kingdom and his righteousness. Seek first, not second, not third, not last, but seek first these things, not the physical things, not even food and shelter.

Jesus said, the birds have a place to nest, or the foxes have a place to lay their heads, however it was, he said that, the foxes can go in their dens, but the son of man has no place to lay his head, amen.

That doesn't mean you have to be homeless, doesn't mean that. A lot of people don't, a lot of people want to twist that to say that we have to be homeless, that's not what it means, but it does mean that we might have to be homeless, if that was the path that God chose for us, amen.

But you've got to put God first, regardless of the consequences. I think of the first commandment in Exodus 20, the first commandment is there should be no other gods before me, he said.

No other gods, but if you're putting food or shelter or even your own life over and above the needs of the kingdom and his righteousness, then you have made yourself God, because that's what the pharaoh did, amen.

That's what many of the Egyptian kings and pharaohs and Assyrian kings and Babylonian kings did, was put themselves first and made themselves as out to be God, amen.

To be a true follower of Christ, we must take up our death stake and deny ourselves.

Deny ourselves is a very difficult thing because we've all had to prioritize our own selves in our lives.

We all did have to do that, it was a necessity at one time to survive in this dog eat dog world.

But once we come to Christ, then we find a greater reason to live, not for ourselves.

We find a greater reason to live for God, for the kingdom, for others and to submit ourselves as the Bible says, to submit ourselves to one another, all of us, every one of us, amen.

Matthew chapter 7 verse 21, Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven will enter. Amen.

It's not enough to just know that Jesus is God, that he's one God and what his name is, because even the devils know that he's one God and what his name is, amen.

Even the devils know about the Sabbath and the holy days. Even the devils know the truth about Christmas and Easter and the Trinity.

Even the devils know the truth about King James Version. Even the devils know the difference between Babylon and the true church.

To have all of that knowledge does not save you. What saves you is the blood of Christ, and that blood of Christ is only applied to you only if you do prioritize the first commandment of putting God first in all things.

Even though we typically think of the first commandment as thus shall have no other gods, it would be accurate to say that another translation of that, or understanding of that spiritual principle of the first commandment, of the first commandment is to put God first in all things, because if you put anything first before God, it is your God.

To put God first means also putting the church first, the kingdom, and his righteousness.

What is right? What is right? Amen. These are people who think they are saved because they prophesied, they've cast out demons, they have worked miracles.

These are people that think they are saved, they have had faith, they have seen miracles, they have gone to church, they have committed their lives to the work of the gospel, but they are still not saved because of their sins, their iniquities.

And one of the sins is breaking the first commandment, or the fourth commandment.

And all the commandments are based upon love, love of God, love of his kingdom, love of his church, love of one another, surrendering ourselves to one another, becoming family, spiritual, becoming one body, one church, one mind, one Lord, one faith, one baptism is not about just that there is one God, for even the devils know that.

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one body means I have your back and you have my back.

That we are becoming family. That if you have a distress in your life, that you're emailing me, you're calling me, you're texting me because you share with your true brothers and your true sisters what's on your heart, what's happening in your life, what's going on in your life, your prayer requests, your prayer lists, your needs, your cures, your anxieties, that you are spilling the beans, that you're spilling your heart, that you're venting, you're sharing, you're communicating with your spiritual guide, your spiritual father figure as I am to all of you, and there's nothing wrong with that.

That's the way it has to be that there are elders of the church and that the younger people, even older people than I, can learn from me since God has put me in this position as a spiritual father figure.

I'm not saying I'm the father as the Catholics say that they are the father. That's an entirely different way, entirely different way. Amen.

But we need to be not only a father figure, but we need to be brothers and sisters.

We need to be there for one another. We should not be like the Babylonian church that the only time we speak to each other is once a week on the Sabbath day.

It shouldn't be that way. We should be spending time together in chat. We should be spending time together, especially the American church above all, where the American church doesn't have to worry about low internet, disconnections, electricity going out, the internet going out, data prices and all that.

The American church being much more able to function as a family, to communicate, to talk more than once a week. When's the last time anybody sent a message to Jonathan? When was that? When was that? Months ago, literally, that anybody has said, Hey, tell Jonathan I'm praying for him.

You may be praying for him ten times a day, but if you're not communicating that, then that's not being family. Amen.

Matthew 25. Verse 31. But when the Son of Mankind comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne, and all the nations be gathered before him, and he will separate them for one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

And we know that at the end of one hundred years, verse 33, at the end of the second resurrection, the end of the hundred years, he will plot the sheep on his right, and the goats on the left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, Come, you who are, and we just recently changed the word blessed to another word, and I can't tell you which one it is in this verse, because it could mean either sacred and consecrated, or it can mean fulfilled and serene.

I'm still working on those edits, but I would believe it's probably sacred and consecrated.

Let me just look that up real quick. It won't take me but just a few seconds to look up the Greek word there.

I'm going to blueletterbible.org, and I'm typing in Matthew 25, verse 34, and I'm changing it where it says King James. I'm changing it to New American Standard, so that it will be more accurate about what the Greek word was.

So 25:34, then I hit interlinear, I go down to the word blessed, and it is the word for consecrated or sacred.

So we're going to cross out the word blessed here, and we're going to replace it with consecrated. That means they are sanctified, they are holy, they are sacred. You're consecrated of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

If I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, lacking clothing and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.

So that refers to Jonathan, and you might not can visit him in person, but you can send messages.

You can even sign up to send emails, but that's going to cost you just a little bit of money, but you could do that.

You could send me pictures to send to him, you can send him letters in the mail, you can send him pictures in the mail, you can send him a postcard, how extremely happy that would be that Jonathan would receive something in the postal mail from any member of the church.

But why would that not come up in your own ideal? Why would that not come up out of your own heart?

You have a brain, you have the ability to have thought processes and ideals, why am I the one that has to bring it up?

Oh, I pray for him every day, that's enough. Boycott, that's not enough. Reach out. It doesn't say here that you're consecrated, you're of the Lord, you're sacred of the Lord because you prayed for someone.

That's not on the list. False Christians pray every day. False Christians read the Bible every day. False Christians get baptized.

The false Apostolic church believes in only one God. Amen. The false, the cult, women's cult called Seventh-day Adventists, they at least have a basic knowledge of heaven and hell and the Sabbath.

None of these things save you. We need to be reaching out to one another, reach out to Jonathan in prison.

To visit him can include sending a card, sending pictures of your family. How much does that cost?

Even internationally to just send a letter, how much does it cost? Nothing, almost nothing.

Verse 37, then the righteous will answer him, Lord, when did we see you do all this and we did all this?

They're humble about it. They're humble about their righteous works. Because it's not really a big thing to send a letter.

One dollar, two dollars, three dollars, five minutes.

It's not a big thing to do it. To feed the poor, to clothe those that are lacking clothing, it's not a big thing. You can go to a thrift store and buy the cheapest shirt, the cheapest pair of pants in the whole building and give it to a homeless person or to a shelter.

It's not a big thing. Even ten percent tides is not a big thing. Ten percent is nothing. Nothing. Amen. But people act like serving the Lord is such a big burden. Honestly, people act like serving the Lord is a huge burden. We know the rest of this.

Let's go over the book of Philippians, Philippians chapter two. Right after Galatians, I believe that is. Now you have Galatians, Ephesians, then Philippians. So it's right after Ephesians. Chapter two. So it looks like we're on page 760. Page 760. Philippians chapter two, verse three. I'm going to start in verse one. Chapter two, verse one. Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love.

Unite it in spirit, intent. Page 760. How may a Lord? Simple. Philippians two, verse two. Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love.

Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love. Unite it in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness, put yourself first, or empty conceit, but with humility of mind, regard one another as more important than yourselves.

What a tremendous but simple statement. Amen. Don't put yourself first. Regard one another as more important than yourself.

Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also of the interests of others. Amen. Even as Christ did, he came as a suffering servant. Verse five. Have this attitude in yourselves, which also is in Christ Jesus, who although he existed in the form of Theos, did not decide that wholeness with Theos was a thing to be held onto, but emptied himself, taken the form of a bond servant, a slave, and came in the likeness of mankind, appearing as a man.

That's why he didn't know what day or what hour, or even what generation, even what century that he would return, he didn't know.

Because he emptied himself out, he didn't come as God Almighty, he came as a suffering servant. Even though he was God in the flesh, even though he was the Father, the Creator, he didn't come as the Father, he came as the Son.

He came as a human, even though he was God in the flesh, he came as the Son of humans. So he had emptied out his knowledge, even much of his power and ability. He emptied himself out, came as a humble servant to sacrifice himself for others so that others may live.

He came to die, to take up his impalement stake. He came to die so that we may live eternally. And it says that we must follow his example. It doesn't mean that all of us have to go out and get arrested on purpose, or that we have to be crucified or beheaded.

But it means that if it came to us that that was our fate, that we would accept it at that point of time. But in the meantime, that we're still putting other people first. Amen.

Romans chapter 12, page number please, 735.

Verse 10, be devoted to one another in brotherly love, give preference to one another in honor.

So we see verse after verse after verse. It's not just one or two verses, but verse after verse after verse that the Bible is telling us to put others first.

His kingdom, his righteousness, and one another first over and above ourselves, even our needs.

And if we do that, God will add to us our needs and even some of our wants. He will.

God is faithful. I have seen God work like that over and over and over and over again.

I've seen God work like that. He's faithful.

1 Corinthians 12, page 745,

1 Corinthians chapter 12, starting in verse 20, but now there are many members, but one body, that means one church.

So I don't understand how people think that you can go out and just find another church if we get disfellowshipped.

And you still be saved. Find another pastor, find another Bible, find another path as if there was another path, another truth as if there was another truth, another church as if there was another church.

There's one church on this earth with multiple congregations, but there's only one true church on this earth.

You think you can just go out and find another one and you're still saved, it's bull crap.

Verse 21, and the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you, to the other member of the church, or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

On the contrary, it's much more true that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.

So he's saying that there's some people in the church, or think they're in the church, that think that certain members of the church are not necessary because they're weaker, even though they're still in the faith, and they don't prioritize, they don't honor them enough, they don't put them up first enough, whereas we are supposed to help the people in need, we are supposed to help the people that need the help the most, the people in the wheelchair, the people of mental health problems, we need to uplift those people.

Verse 23, and those members of the body which deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and are less presentable members as being more presentable, whereas our more presentable members have no need of it, but Theos has so composed the body, given more abundant honor to that member which lacked, so that there be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. Amen.

We all suffer together, we all rejoice together, but we can't suffer together or rejoice together if we're not communicating and sharing what's happening in our lives. Amen.

To put the weaker members first is self-denial, taking up our death stake to follow Christ, not our own needs first, because God would take care of our own needs if we're taking care of others. Amen.

We're all faced with tough decisions, every one of us, and we all have health needs and financial needs and needs for shelter and food and bills to pay, every one of us.

But if we learn to love and to put others first, prioritize the kingdom, prioritize God and His will and His righteousness, prioritize the weakest members of the church, prioritize the prisoners of the church, prioritize the gospel, the needs of the church, the needs of the ministry, and even the administration, the pastors.

I'll give you verses for that right now. First Kings, Chapter 17. As we turn to First Kings 17, I also think about... Let me see, I'm going to look up something real quick.

If you want to put a bookmark if you're already in Kings, First Kings 17, put a bookmark there if you want.

And let's also turn over right now to First Timothy, Chapter 5, page 770, First Timothy, Chapter 5, Verse 17.

The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

For the Scripture says, you should not muzzle the ox while he is threshing. Amen.

So those two verses is talking about giving a double honor to the teachers, the pastors, the elders, the church administration.

And double honor in this context means honor verbally and spiritually, but also honor by giving the tithes and offerings and supporting his lifestyle, his bills, his finances, his health, his needs, because it talks about not muzzling the ox.

So that means giving him the equipment that he needs to run the ministry, paying him his wages by giving him tithes and offerings.

I'm not here to make money. I'm not here to make myself rich, but I am here to teach the Bible, and this is in the Bible.

I am here to teach you how to put God first, and part of putting God and His kingdom and His righteousness first is paying your tithes and offerings as a first rather than spare a change, and prioritizing putting other members of the church, including the pastor and his wife, because they're members of the church too.

And we know that the pastor and his wife are supposed to be sacrificing their own finances, and they do.

So if they're supposed to be sacrificing their own finances and their own needs for the church, as we all are supposed to be doing, then the church needs to be supporting the head.

The church, the lower members of the church, need to be supporting the brain, the administration, the decision-maker, both financially and morally. Amen.

And I'm wondering why I didn't get any feedback after the Purim. The strong delusion did not occur on Purim. Why did I not receive any letters of encouragement?

Why did I not receive any letters of support? I'm still here for you, brother. I'm still here for you, pastor. I know you might be going through a tough time right now.

I know that you might be receiving a lot of hate mail. I know that people are probably turning against you at this moment, but I'm here for you, and I support you.

How come I didn't receive not even one letter from anybody saying anything, not even closely resembling that?

I'm the one that has to bring it up. Did God not give you a brain to think and a heart to love?

Or was you overly focused on pointing the fingers, blaming me, being disparaged, losing faith, having doubts, being confused when the reality is that Purim will still be fulfilled, the strong delusion will still be fulfilled.

We don't know whether it's next year or the year 2031 or a different year. We don't know.

But it's going to come. It will be fulfilled.

God is still working miracles in this church. God is still speaking.

We just saw a miracle just yesterday, and we saw another miracle recently when me and my wife was in a thrift store locally and met the neighbors, and it was a miracle.

Because the only way that I would have known that it was our neighbors, because I didn't know them yet, didn't have never seen them clear enough, close enough to know who they are.

The only reason I knew it was them is because there was a third man in the store that was talking to them, and, oh, I overheard them say that they live on the same street we live on.

If that third person was not in there at the exact same location, at the exact same hour, the exact same minute as we was in there and the neighbors were in there, then I wouldn't have known that.

So it had to be all three of us there. We had to be there. The neighbors had to be there. And the third man had to be there.

All three groups of people had to be there at the same time, on the same day, in the same location.

And I rarely go in there. That particular store. That was a miracle, how I met the neighbors. Such a basic elementary thing, such a minor thing, such a small thing, but tremendous to me and important to me.

And God may be working another great miracle eventually because of that. Amen. So miracles continue to happen in this ministry on a regular basis, but miracles by themselves don't prove anything.

But miracles must be present. And if miracles are not present, then it's not the true church, according to Mark 16.

So although miracles don't prove anything, they do contribute to the proof. They are necessary and they are required.

So it helps to confirm. The other ingredient is you must have biblical truth, which of course we do. Amen.

People want to say I'm a false prophet because strong delusion did not yet happen and yet it will still be fulfilled.

So the prophecy is not incorrect, but just the wrong timing, as far as the year and only the year. Amen.

So how is that a false prophecy?

Now we go to 1 Kings. This is the final passage, as far as I know.

We need to be praying, every one of us, page 226, we need to be praying for God to give us more intelligence more common sense, more logic, more of His Holy Ghosts, more discernment, more ability to understand, more love, more compassion.

More logic, more of His Holy Ghosts, more discernment, more ability to understand, more love, more compassion, and better communication.

Each and every one of us, please, please, please, I am begging you to ask God to help you to communicate more and more effectively.

Please, I am begging you to ask God to help you to communicate more and more effectively and to love deeper and to God to help you to show your love.

Love is useless if you don't show it. If that love is hidden in your heart, it's useless.

Love has to be exercised. What good is it if you have a light, if the light is hidden? Amen.

Did not Jesus teach us that? If your light is inside, hidden, and is not coming outwardly, the light is not strong enough to save you.

That light has to be exercised put to work. Faith alone will not save you, but faith combined with works will save you.

So if you have a much, much, much, much love inside but you're not exercising it, verbalizing it, exercising it, then it's useless.

First Kings 17 verse 7, and it came to pass after some time that the brook was dried up because there had been no rain upon the land.

And the word of Jesus came to Elijah saying, arise and go to this place, Sarepta, of the Sidonian land.

Behold I have there commanded a widow woman to maintain you, Elijah. And he arose and went to that city and came to the gate of the city, and behold a widow woman, and there gathering sticks.

And Elijah cried after her and said to her, fetch me, I pray you, changed the word cried, called out after her, called out after her.

And said to her, fetch me, I pray you, a little water in a vessel that I may drink.

And when she went forth to fetch it and Elijah called out again, verse 11 again, called out after her and said, bring me, I pray you, a morsel of the bread that is in your hand.

And the woman said, as Jesus your Theos lives, I have not a loaf, not a loaf of bread, but only a handful of meal grain in the picture, the container.

And a little oil in a cruse, another container, and behold I am going to gather two sticks and I shall go in and dress it for myself and my children and we shall eat it and die.

Very destitute, poverty, and she thought that her and her family was going to starve to death.

She said, I can't give you this food, I only have enough for me and I don't even have enough to live.

Amen, not even enough to live, I'm going to die. Verse 13 and Elijah said to her, be of good courage, go in and do according to your word, but make me thereof a little loaf of bread and you should bring it to me out to me first.

They don't have to be big, a little loaf, you bring it out to me first. Not you first, but me first, the man of God first, the prophet of the Lord first, the administration of the church first, and you should make some for yourself and your children last.

And thus say of Jesus, the container of grain shall not fail and the container of oil shall not diminish until the day that Jesus gives reign upon the earth.

And the woman went and did so and did eat she and he and her children and the container of grain fell to naught and the container of oil was not diminished according to the word of Jesus which he spoke by the hand of Elijah.

I've brought that up many times over the years because it's a very important lesson to follow the instructions of the servants that God has chosen upon this earth to lead his people.

Follow those instructions and to put the administration of the church and other church members, not just me, but other church members, the cause of the kingdom, the gospel first. Amen.

And then you shall live forever, eternally. Amen. Help people, help one another, but especially, as the Bible says, especially those people of the household of faith.

Actually says that too. To do good to one another, but especially to those of the household of faith.

Where to do good to the people in general in this world, but especially of the true church.

Well, that is the message for today and the chat room I don't have available on Mixlr today, but I do want people to reach out to me through telegram and private text messaging that you can reach out now with your contributions.

I do have a poem to read from from Brother John that he did send to me on Parrhesia last night, and I appreciate that.

And I do see a song has come in through email from Brother H. So I'm going to start downloading that right now to get it prepared while everybody else is typing on telegram or in private text messaging.

However, you want to contact me or even email some get this download started from Brother H.

And I got this point I'm going to read from Jonathan.

All right, so this is the poem from Jonathan.

It's called Out of Darkness into Marvelous Light. Here, o Jesrael, the call resounds.

Jesus our Theos in glory abounds. One Lord, one truth, unbroken divine. With all your heart let his love shine. With all your mind and soul's deep breath, love him with strength that conquers death.

A chosen family, a royal decree, a holy nation, his treasure are we. Proclaim his eclipsed seas far and wide.

He called us from darkness where shadows hide. Into his marvelous light we stride, forever in his grace abide.

Upon your hand a mark shall stay, above your eyes his law will lay. A sign eternal, a sacred seal, the power of Jesus we deeply feel.

From Egypt's chains, with a mighty hand, he brought us forth to a promised land. Store these words in your heart and soul, bind them tight, let them make you whole.

In ever breath and ever sight, declare his truth both day and night. For Jesus our Theos reigns above in the endless light and boundless love. Amen.

Thank you brother John for sending that. And of course we know that he used artificial intelligence to create it. But there's nothing wrong with that.

It's a beautiful point. And it's based upon the truth. And it's based upon the words that John entered into the artificial intelligence to tell it the theme, what words to include, what his vision is of the poem.

And then even after it comes out with the words, then he goes through and edits it even more like changing Israel to

Jesrael.

So on and so on. Instead of God, Theos, different things like that as well. Making it his own. It really is his own poem with the help of the artificial intelligence because of using our theology, the truth, biblical doctrine, biblical principles, correct rendering and the theme and the subject and the choice of words that were all inserted, input from brother John. So this is completely, completely acceptable and beneficial, edifying and useful instrument, tool for God's church to use so that we can get a collection of literature, poems, songs for the church's benefit and edification and growth and evangelism.

Perfectly fine for us to use the instruments that we were provided with in this modern generation.

And the end result, the fruit, will be edification, worship, thanksgiving and evangelism that is more effective.

It will have good fruit. Amen.

And I know that some people have supported the ministry financially, and morally, and with their presence, and in many different ways.

But there are certain priorities that weigh more heavy than other priorities. Money, even though money is important for the Gospel, is nothing compared to actually tending to somebody's emotional needs and mental needs, and being there for them, and prioritizing that first over and above your own needs, the real person rather than just the outward finances.

Finances is nothing compared to more heavier needs.

And Sister Amelia said early this morning that she read Luke 9, from verse 57 through 62.

I'm going to turn there. Actually, you've got it here. I will quote it from where Brother Simon posted it on Amelia's behalf. But from Luke 9, verse 57 through 62, says, As they were going along the road, someone said to him, I will follow you wherever you go.

And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, and the birds of the air have nests, for the son of mankind has nowhere to lay his head.

And he said to the master, Follow me. But he said, Master, permit me first to go and bury my father.

But he said to him, Allow the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of Theos.

And another also said, I will follow you, Master, but first permit me to say goodbye to those at home.

But Jesus said to him, No one after putting his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the kingdom of Theos.

So that's also a confirmation, powerful, divine confirmation, of the sermon, because I had quoted, I didn't know where it was in the Bible, so I had quoted part of that, about Jesus, the son of mankind, having nowhere to lay his head.

And Amelia, Sister Amelia, had read that this morning. And that was a quote in the sermon. Amen.

And it's very relevant about what it truly, truly, truly means to follow Christ, because these multiple people in that passage have excuses.

One person had an excuse to bury their dad, and people normally, false Christians to typical Christians, and people in general would say, but that's a true need.

That's a true need, and it's a serious need. And why would you, as the pastor of the church, or why would Jesus, or why would anyone, deny somebody the ability to take care of themselves, their own health, their own finances, their own needs, their own family, their own parents, to go and bury his own dad that had died?

Why would the pastor of the church, Jesus, or anyone deny somebody these real and true serious needs?

And the reality is, we're not denying anyone their needs, but we're saying, but first, the kingdom, the church, the will of God, and if there's time left, you can take care of those needs, or else God would take care of them for you. Amen.

If we're people of faith, which we're supposed to be people of faith, then we should believe that God would take care of your needs if you put others first. Amen.

She says, the sermon today touched her heart, especially in Matthew 25, verse 43.

She realizes and sees that we need each other as brothers and sisters. And we must show it with our actions. Amen.

I thank Jesus for the message of love we receive today. It's so true. It goes along with what we talked about with Simon, that we have to take care of one another as brothers and sisters, such as reaching out by phoning, calling one another, and especially for Brother Jonathan who's in prison. Amen.

I'm glad you understand it's not about prayer or feelings, but more about showing our love, showing our love with action. Amen.

And Brother H says, from Sister D: I also want to share a verse that I read this week that also goes with today's message, which I also shared with my husband on Thursday, and it's found in Hebrews 13, verse 13. It says, quote, And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices Theos is pleased. Amen. That is very relevant, and that was on Thursday that D shared it with her husband H. Hebrews 13, verse 16. Do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices Theos is pleased. People always want to quote a Bible verse that says that a sacrifice is not what God wants, when the context of that verse is talking about animal sacrifices. Amen.

But this verse in Hebrews says that God does want sacrifices, amen, but just not animal sacrifices. So that's a confirmation from the sermon as well. So again, we get multiple confirmations of the sermon. Amen. Thank you for sharing that, D and H. And he even sent a picture of that text message that she had sent, his wife had sent him on Thursday.

So he even sends proof of that. And that's a miracle. We're seeing miracles. Amen.

We are seeing miracles. And this is how you know that this isn't just me and my opinion and the way I look at things, but rather we're receiving multiple confirmations from God himself that this is the way we are supposed to function.

You can have tremendous love in your heart and in your mind, but you have to show that love. Amen.

And put others first and sacrifice so that others can be first and the kingdom can be first. Amen.

John says, Rejoice in the Lord always, Philippians 4. Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say rejoice.

Okay, so my wife says that yesterday that she was thinking of this song. But I can't actually play it because it's got some words that we don't want to use.

But nevertheless, it's a confirmation of the sermon because part of the words or it's based upon, I'm not for sure if this is part of the words, but it's definitely based upon Matthew 6 verse 33 that says, Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things which be added to you.

So even though I can't play the songs because it has the hallelujah thing within it, it's still a divine and powerful confirmation that particular song came on my wife's heart just yesterday.

So we praise Jesus for her contribution of sharing that testimony that she was thinking of that song yesterday.

Okay, I'm going to play Brother H's song now. And it's called Give Thanks to Jesus.

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