

Full Sermon Transcript:
**Which Family You Love/Prioritize Most:
Physical Flesh and Blood, or Body of Christ?**
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Let's go in prayer.

Lord, Heavenly Father, praise your holy name. Happy New Moon. Thank you, Father, for getting us through these previous five months of the Biblical year.

Thank you that you're faithful to continue to preserve us, keep us, and help us through the storms.

As every storm comes, that you'll give us the strength to endure. Praise your holy name.

Father, we do ask for your special blessing and anointing on these services, your help for me to deliver this message, and for your help for the people to understand better, comprehend better this message, and to apply it better and more accurately.

We ask, Lord, for your help, and we accept it, in your wonderful and mighty name of Jesus, and the Church says, Amen.

You may be seated.

Let's turn to Luke 14. For the people listening for the first time, we're reading from the Alpha and Omega Bible.

Luke 14, verse 26. If anyone comes to me and is not willing to forsake his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

We know that verse is extremely rarely mentioned by any Christian on this planet.

Extremely rare. Because it's not popular, it's not a feel-good, kissy-kissy, as I say, type of verse tickled the ear.

It was very stern, very serious, very demanding, very radical, very extreme. But it's the truth, and it is the words of God Almighty. Amen.

Can I hear amen? Thank you. Christians say, plain, that there are no exceptions, no divorce.

A man should never leave his wife. A woman should never leave her husband. Parents should never forsake their children. Children should never forsake their parents.

Brothers and sisters should never forsake each other. So forth. This verse proves all of that. Totally, absolutely wrong.

We know that Matthew 10 says that Jesus said that he came to cause division within the families.

It's not always Satan. Sometimes it's Jesus that causes the division, and he came to do it.

He came to do that. Think not that I came to bring peace, but a sword. That's what he said. This is extremely demanding and radical.

Jesus said in Matthew 10 that if you're not willing to deny yourself and take up your cross, your death state, then you're not willing to follow. Amen.

The title of the sermon today is, Which Family Do You Love and Prioritize the Most?

Your Flesh and Blood Family or the Body of Christ? Notice how I said the Body of Christ.

The Church, the Bride of Christ, is Christ. His Body. To put God first, the first commandment, is to also put the Church first. Because the Church is the Body, the hands and feet of Christ.

That's radical. That's very demanding. Amen. And let's look at more of the context, going all the way back to verse 15 now.

Luke 14, verse 15. When one of those who were reclining at the eating table with him heard this, he said to him, said to Jesus, fulfilled or serene is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of Theos, in the future, in paradise.

But he, Jesus, said to him, a person was giving a big dinner or a big supper, and he invited many.

And at the dinner or supper hour, he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, Come, for everything is ready now.

But they all alike, all of them the same, began to make excuses. The first one said to him, I have bought a piece of land, and I need to go out and look at it. Please consider me excused.

Another one said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out. Please consider me excused.

Another one said, I have married a woman, and for that reason I cannot come.

And the slave came and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, Go out at once into the streets, go out immediately into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.

These are the people that were outcasts, the people that didn't want anything to do with, that were forsaken by society, the black sheep of society.

These are the people that don't have the houses and the land. These are the people that don't have great riches, fancy cars, a beach house home, mansions. Amen?

These are the people that don't own farms. Amen. Verse 22, And the slave said, Master, what you have commanded has been done, and still there is room.

And the master said to the slave, Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.

Jesus wants the house of God full, paradise full, the kingdom full, New Jerusalem full.

He don't want it to be just a few. He wants it full. He don't want anyone to perish, but for all to come to everlasting life.

Verse 24, But I tell you, none of these men who were invited to taste of my dinner, they didn't show up. Amen.

They made excuses, family, houses, land, jobs, careers, whatever the excuse may be, idols, their gods, those that they prioritized, those that they loved more than God and His kingdom, true salvation. Amen.

This is radical. This is very demanding. Amen. We're going to make some possible corrections that reserve the right to not follow through with these, but these are some recommendations that I will look at later.

Verse 16 and 17, changing dinner to supper. Trying to find the other ones that came to my mind.

Anybody got any recommendations? Verse 24, the same thing. And verse 21, changing the word, the phrase at once, changing that to immediately.

And then let's keep reading here. Verse 25, we're going to go all the way down to the end of the chapter.

Verse 25 now, Now large crowds were going along with him, and he turned and said to them, If anyone comes to me and is not willing to talk about if and when necessary, if he's not willing to forsake his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life.

Revelation 12, reference needs to be added here to these references. Revelation 12.

And let me get the verse number for you. Verse 11, to add the reference to Revelation 12, verse 11, that we overcome Satan, including by that we love not our lives to the death.

If you're not willing to forsake all these people, even your own life, verse 27, whoever does not carry his own state, his own death statement, come after me, cannot be my disciple.

For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to finish it?

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish all, all who observe it began to ridicule him, saying this person began to build and was not able to finish.

God does care what people say about you. You secure what people say about you. You secure what you look like, what you act like, how you present yourself. Verse 31, or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with 10,000 people to encounter the one coming against him with 20,000?

Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace, so then none of you can be my disciple who does not give up all of his own possessions.

Therefore, salt is good, but if even salt has become tasteless, what will it be seasoned?

It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile it is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear. Amen.

Interesting that he uses that term, he that has ears to hear, let him hear, very reminiscent of the book of Revelation chapter 2 and chapter 3. Amen.

I've said many times before that giving up everything you own and giving up every person in your life, that these are possibilities.

That it's not necessarily that you have to give up everything and every person in your bed, your chair, everything you own, everything for every person on this earth when you first come to Christ, no.

However, there's a time that is coming in which you will have to give up all these things, most of us, and that's called the Great Tribulation.

When the Great Tribulation comes, a lot of people think that they can stay where they're at, keep their houses, keep their families, keep their friends, keep everything and life's just going to go on. You'll just be more poor and have to struggle a little bit, but they don't understand how very radical, how very extreme, how very demanding the Great Tribulation will be. And God during that time. They don't understand these things. They're not prepared for it. They're not told to be prepared for it. Amen.

But in the Great Tribulation, if you think that you can take your husbands and wives and brothers and sisters and parents and children with you just because they're blood relatives, then you are sadly mistaken. Because the time is coming that you will have to forsake and give up everything, most people. Some people are going to be blessed enough to where they might be able to keep their husband or wife or maybe a brother or a sister or a dad or whoever. But it's going to be an exception. And most of the time it's going to be only one family member, not your whole family. Very few exceptions to that. Most of us, if we don't die on the first day of the Great Tribulation or before then, we will be having to give up everyone and everything of our previous life, our flesh and blood families. And having to prioritize God and the body of God, the body of Christ, the church, our spiritual family, our true brothers and sisters and spiritual fathers and spiritual sons that God has given us. And it's time to ask ourselves, prepare ourselves for the future. Who do you love most and who do you prioritize most? Because that final moment of making those decisions will come.

Now look at Luke 9 verse 59.

And he said to another, follow me. But he said, Master, permit me first to go and bury my dad. But he said to him, allow the dead to bury their own dead, meaning the spiritually dead, to bury the spiritually dead, even the physically dead.

But as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom for Theos. Do the work of the kingdom. Another one also said, I will follow you, Master. But first, permit me to say goodbye to those at home. You would think that's a very reasonable request. Even the man that wanted to bury his dad, you would think that's very reasonable.

But Jesus, his response to both of these people was very radical and extremely demanding. Modern day Western Christians would call Jesus spiritually oppressive. Absolutely. Absolutely they would. Your modern Western Christian would say, what's wrong with you, pastor? What's wrong with you, Rabbi? What's wrong with you, Jesus? What is unreasonable about allowing a man to bury his parents, or at least to say goodbye to his wife, to say goodbye to his children? Jesus is radical. Verse 62, but Jesus said to him, no one after putting his hand to the plow and looking back is fit, is worthy, for the kingdom of Theos. It's changed here, because it's not talking about physically fit, right? It's talking about worthy. Although being physically fit is part of it. Absolutely. God is so good. People can use the Scripture to say we must honor our parents. People can use the Scriptures, the Word of God, to say we must take care of our husbands, our wives, that God hates divorce, that Paul said you're not supposed to separate. They can use Scripture to counter all of this against the Rabbi, of what he said.

Acts chapter 4, verse 34.

The situation of the time. The context of the events of what was occurring during that time. It was a necessity for the church to pull all of their resources together for the benefit of the gospel, the kingdom, salvation, the needs of the ministry, and the needs of the members of the church. Any of these members could have said, but I have a poor family member in need. I need to take care of my father, my mother, this person, that person, this person, that person, houses, land, whatever. But they sold them and gave the money not to the poor outside the church, because we know the one verse that Jesus said, so everything you got, give all the money to the poor. But in this context, the poor was the church, and the apostles did correctly in their administration at dividing up the resources. Social distribution would work, that communism believes in, if it was done by godly people, not by Catholics and Eastern Orthodox and other cults, and not by atheists.

If it was done by godly people, social distribution is fine, and a good thing, when done by the right people, trustworthy people, godly people.

Why do some people need so much? I saw a post just yesterday, I think it was, maybe the day before, on Twitter, this man asking, he's like, I'm asking seriously, how many of you think that \$1,500 a week is enough to live comfortably on?

And it was amazing how many people that did not think \$1,500 a week was enough to live comfortably.

Of course, a lot of people is using the excuses, what if you lived in New Jersey or New York or California, but my response would be, even there, if you was to be wise, you could still live comfortably on that \$1,500 a week.

And if you couldn't, then you better get the hell out of there, because that's a hell hole. Amen?

If you can't live comfortably on that much money, something is wrong about where you're living and the choices you've made to live there.

Something is wrong with your thought processes, something is wrong with your brain.

You need a brain transplant if you actually choose to live in such a place. Amen?

God expects us to exercise wisdom. And the more we have, whether it's spiritually, spiritual understanding, spiritual knowledge, or physical resources, the more we have of anything, the more we're held accountable for it, how we use it, whether we're wasting it, whether we're using it for carnal things, or whether we are using it for the kingdom for what really matters long term.

Don't get me wrong, I believe in everybody taking those moments of pleasure, being a human, needing to eat out every once in a while, splurging a little bit, but there should be moderation in all things.

The Bible teaches moderation in all things. You can easily go way overboard in enjoying those luxuries. Amen.

I won't turn there, but we know in the book of Ruth we read just yesterday that Ruth was devoted to her mother-in-law and that Boaz had heard of how that she had left her family and her homeland and was devoted to the people of God. She set us a good example. Amen. And she said to her mother-in-law, we didn't read this yesterday, but it is there in Ruth that she said to her mother-in-law in chapter 1 verse 16, Where you go, I will go, and your people will be my people. Amen.

But Ruth was not of the tribe of Israel and any of the tribes of Israel. She was a Moabite, she was a Gentile, but she was adopted into the tribes of Israel.

She was adopted into that genealogy. Amen. Because she prioritized not her flesh and blood family and where she had come from, but the people of God that God matched her with, that God put into her path that she became part of that new family, her spiritual family. Amen.

I won't turn there, but we know in 1 Kings 17, we know very clearly the story of Elijah telling the woman that had very little bit of oil and bread and she said, I'll fix it for myself and my children and then we all die.

Because she thought there was never going to be any more food from the drought, from the famine.

But Elijah told her, fix what little bit you got and feed me first. Prioritize me, put me, the man of God first.

And she did that even though that she had children and the word is children there, multiple kids.

She could have very easily said, I put my own flesh and blood first. They are poor, they are hungry, they are in need and God has told me to take care of my children.

God holds me accountable for taking care of my children. Taking care of my children is my very high responsibility.

And the man of God could have told her all of that too. But instead the man of God said, fix me food first and you will have enough.

And she obeyed and they did have enough for everyone and even beyond that for multiple days.

Prioritize the body of Christ first, the people of God, the tribe of God first. And also think about Matthew 10.

Let's turn to Matthew 10 right now. Verse 21. Brother will betray brother to death and a father and his child and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

And you will be hated by all because of my name but it is the one who has endured until the end who will be saved. Amen.

Jesus predicts that in the times of tribulation, not only in the final great tribulation but even in his day and time, in the time that was coming during the times of the Apostle Paul, but also yes even in our time in the great tribulation, all these different time eras, the same situation would occur repeatedly throughout time in different generations.

That our families and carnal friends, lost friends, they're going to hate us, they're going to persecute us if we're not

keeping our mouth shut.

If we are speaking the truth, if we are telling them that Christmas is pagan, that Easter is pagan, that Sunday is pagan, that the Catholic Church is demonic, that Democrats are demonic, so on, so on, so on.

Of course we want to do it only one subject at a time and only at the right time and in the right context.

But nevertheless, if we are speaking the truth and not keeping our mouth shut and not hiding our light, people are going to hate us.

And they have forsaken us. If we don't forsake them, they have forsaken us. It's only a matter of time. Amen.

Light and darkness does not mix. But family right here in verse 21, parents and children and brothers and brothers, so we know that's true also for sister and sister, we know that's true also for husbands and wives, common sense.

They don't have to say it. Amen. People are going to turn against each other in the Great Tribulation. We need to make up our mind right now.

Who are we going to prioritize in the Great Tribulation? Who are we going to prioritize even before then with our finances, our tithes, our offerings, our gifts, and our excess, if anybody has any excess of money and resources, how are you going to use that?

Are you going to prioritize lost people? When Jesus said, let the dead bury the dead, he's talking about lost people.

Let the lost people take care of the lost. The church should take care of the church.

Lost people, they've got all kinds of government and false churches to take care of them and organizations and United Way, and there's an endless list of people and organizations to take care of the lost.

But the church should take care of the church. Amen. Praise Jesus.

Finally, let's go to Revelation 12, verse 14, talking about the Great Tribulation in those final days of the church, the true church, fleeing to hide, for refuge, to escape the Great Tribulation, even though you can't escape the Great Tribulation, they're still going to suffer the Great Tribulation, but they're going to safer locations.

Verse 14, two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman to the church so that she would fly into the wilderness, safe places to her place where she was nourished, taken care of by God, fed by God, nourished for a time and a half a time, that's three and a half times, that's three and a half years, from the presence of a serpent, Satan, as divine protection.

But it's also the church taking physical steps of fleeing and even preparing that place ahead of time, supplies, prepping, absolutely.

Verse 15, and the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman in the church so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood, but the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened up his mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth, and the dragon was enraged with the woman and went off to make war with the rest of her children, the church, who keep the commandments of the Theos and host to the testimony of Jesus.

Nor all of the church will flee, but some of the church will, the true church, amen.

But the true church keeps the commandments, that's very clear here, amen. But at that time, when that fleeing occurs, we'll have to forsake family, jobs, houses, lands.

When that time comes, that verse will be very true of what Jesus said, that if you're not willing to give up everything, then you're not going to be worthy, amen.

That verse is going to come to complete fulfillment, and many people will be tested in that way.

At the same time, there are some that are left behind, that will suffer being beheaded and so forth.

I believe that some of these that are left behind are those people that don't believe in the fleeing, even though it's not against God's will, it's meant for the fleeing to occur, amen.

God protects them, helps them, amen. But it could also be that God tells certain people to not flee because he has certain plans for them.

It could be a mixture of reasons there. But I know what God has called me to do. I know what God has called me to do. I know what all the different parts and pieces of my ministry is, amen.

So that's the sermon for today, and we're going to put on a song. We'll be back with your testimonies, your questions, your comments, anything that you would want to say or do for the Lord for today's worship service as your contribution to the worship service.

And I believe that every person has a duty, a responsibility to the Lord and to the Church to say something at every worship service, to contribute to the worship service.

I do remind you that Feast of Tabernacles is coming up in October, and the Trumpets is one month away in the biblical month.

Today is the first day of the sixth month. Trumpets will be the first day of the seventh month.

So that's coming up, and I need to be preparing for that. I'm sorry, Decypher, I believe that noise you hear is that the fan is running on me because I'm so hot that the fan has to be blowing on me, so that's probably what you're hearing on the noise, and I do apologize for that.

So I'm going to put on a song, and then we'll be back with your questions and comments and testimonies.

I guess we'll play "Sabbath Day", song number 42. Of course I realize this ain't the Sabbath, but it's still good to practice that song.

Okay, so I'm backing up up here to the pulpit now. And I'm going to be looking, don't see any comments yet on YouTube.

And I'm thinking now that S had a great testimony the day before yesterday on Facebook where he had posted that he was trying to find a post of the ministry talking about the Old Covenant and the New Covenant, the Ten Commandments, what's still required, what's not still required.

He couldn't find that post as he started to write about it on Facebook. But Facebook pulled up, as it does, it will pull up memories of the past.

And it said two years ago that date, two years ago on that same date of August 22nd is when that was posted, what he was looking for.

So Facebook brought up exactly what he was looking for and it had been posted two years ago on the exact date of August 22nd, two years ago.

So that's a miracle, that's powerful, that's amazing, that's mind-boggling, that's mind-blowing.

That is exciting. I mean, that is so exciting it should make us feel like we're going to be like a rocket, shoot to outer space, shoot to Heaven, amen.

That is amazing, absolutely amazing, amen. Absolutely incredible. So I do encourage everyone in the church to write it down. And I had posted it on Telegram and Facebook to where you can see exactly what S had said in that testimony from the day before.

I encourage you to look at that and write it down in your Journal of Miracles that you see and eyewitness, amen.

Hey Sister B, come right on up here and say something that the Lord has done for you at any time in your life.

And everybody else can be preparing yours or typing yours in because I know that God has done more than one thing for you.

I know that God has done more than two or three or four or five things for you, amen.

It should be easy, it should be easy to think of something that God has done for you at any time in your life.

Come on up here. Name something God has done for you.

(She said "God gave us a home.")

Gave you a home, amen. Praise God.

It was a miracle that we got approved for this place. It really was, absolutely. It was a miracle. Praise Jesus.

Thank you.

Brother D says: "I'm grateful to know that I am hated for not celebrating birthdays, but that is nothing and it doesn't matter if I'm cut off from relationships because of it."

amen. Praise Jesus, amen.

Okay, Brother R: "I'm grateful that God showed me someone somewhere who was actually teaching the truth and not a whole bunch of lies."

Amen. That is extremely rare. There is a famine of the Word of God. Ninety-nine point nine nine percent of church is keeping Sunday, for example.

Yes. Amen. Amen. Thank you, Brother R.

Brother J says: "I am thankful to be able to listen to the sermon even though I have to work."

He's able to listen. So that's awesome. Praise God.

And Brother S says: "I thank Jesus that there's no bad news.

That's where we're hearing about all of my family and Christ Jesus. I praise Jesus for the confirmation.

I posted it in groups that I am in on Facebook.”

He posted it in some groups on Facebook. That's good. Amen.

I appreciate that you're doing that. And amen. That there's no bad news today.

That there are actually improvements. Amen. Praise Jesus. Awesome.

Some good news from Brother Jonathan in prison is that his current new roommate is interested in studying the AOB with him.

So we don't know how long that Jonathan or his roommate, either one, will be at that particular facility because that's just a temporary holding facility.

So both of them will be shipped out eventually. We don't know who will be shipped out when or where.

But eventually they'll both be going on to other places. We don't know. It would be very unlikely for them to be sent to the same place. Very unlikely, although that is possible.

I'm sorry I don't know his name, but we need to be praying for his roommate and that he will truly grow in the truth and listen to Jonathan and help Jonathan teach him for as long as possible.

And even after they are separated and they go on to their other places, that this guy will continue to read the AOB and grow in the truth. Amen.

And stay in touch with us. Let's be praying for that. Let's be praying for this move, this transition of Jonathan and his roommate about God's will, about when and where that transfer will be. Amen.

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