

Full Sermon Transcript: Why Forsake Family and Friends? March 18, 2023

Hello. It's good to see everybody. Looking through the songbook here. And seeking direction from the Lord. Because I feel a lot of sorrow right now. I feel the absence of several people. I feel the void where people should be. The reality is that traditional religion has got a lot of people fooled. Amen. Traditional religion has got people thinking that God does not command anything. That God is not a commanding God. That He is not Master or Lord. And that the church is a democracy. That everything in life should be a democracy. That we should take a vote on everything. That pastors should not be demanding. That the church should not be demanding. That there is no requirement to attend worship services. That we should never forsake anyone. Disfellowship from anyone. Never call out names. Never offend.

This is the thinking of the majority of people who think that they are Christians. Traditional churches and pastors read extremely few Bible verses in their sermons. This is sad. People come and go so fast so quick. Not committing to stay in the truth forever. Because there is so much easier to believe in traditional religion that is not demanding in any way shape or form. That is so much easier.

It is the tickle of the ear and the please the human heart, the human mind, the carnality. That is exactly what it is. The doctrine of appeasement, of hyper-grace, hyper-mercy.

I want to make sure that we are still going out over the air because I forgot to check who my internet signal is. But I think we are but for my monitoring to monitor the broadcast I'd rather change the internet signal on that channel. I have the chat room turned off unfortunately just to keep out people that think they know the Bible, think they know God, think they hear from God and want to blab their mouth constantly and never shut up about what they think they know. Because of those people unfortunately I have to close the chat room and unfortunately that does hurt fellowship for the entire church. But I have to watch out for the church. That's my duty, that's my responsibility.

The Bible is very clear on that. The Bible is very clear on all of these things I'm talking about. We back up everything with scripture. Spiritual principles, the principle of love. But the definition of love in traditional religion is never offend and don't be demanding, don't require anything, don't call out sin, don't call out names, all these things. Their definition of love does not match the reality of the words of Jesus Christ and the actions of Jesus Christ and the apostles and the prophets.

So today we're going to go over verses that are specific to distancing ourselves, making a distance between us and ourselves, between the lost people, the sinners, the unrepentant sinners of the world including family and friends, inside the church and outside the church. Why we should distance ourselves from a lot of people, even people that we love very dearly. What does the Bible say about this? We want to know what the Bible says, not what churches say, not what pastors say, not what our parents and our local community and people and friends taught us. But what does the Bible really, really, really say?

Here's what we want in this ministry every week, every sermon is going over a ton of scriptures and using logic and common sense.

What is wrong with that? Why do people not embrace it? If it's common sense and if it is backed up with scripture 100%, why do people have a problem with it?

And it's brainwashing of traditional religion. They won't let go of it because it's so easy in traditional religion, easy. Why would they want to let go of it? Amen. Well, I would want to let go of it because no matter how easy traditional religion is, do what you want, do as you will. That's the satanic motto.

And I would rather be in the real truth that does have commands from God and a strict church administration.

I would rather have a commanding God, the master almighty God, and be in the real truth and have true salvation, rather than the broad way, the wide way of destruction of doing whatever you want to do. Amen.

It comes down to a choice between life and death. Jesus himself said, I set before you this day life and death within those commandments. That if you keep my side and my holy days, and that means attending in person if you have a local deacon, a local leader, a local pastor, a local deacon, a local representative of this ministry as we do in Jamaica, as we do in Algeria, as we do in Zimbabwe and America, that if you keep my commandments, he said, including the Sabbath and the holy days, that includes attendance. Because that's what the Bible says. It says it. Since these are the, specifically about the Sabbath, it is a commanded, a summoned assembly. A summoned assembly. That means summoned just like you are summoned to court. It is a commanded assembly.

And we are not to forsake our true brothers and our sisters. Hebrews 10 is extremely clear on that. To not forsake the gathering of yourselves together. If you have a local gathering, to not forsake it. And it says that this is sinning willfully. And if you sin willfully, there remains no more a sacrifice for sins. We're quoting the Bible. And yet people still won't just do whatever they want to do. Their own will. The easy way out. The broad and wide way of destruction. I don't understand. I understand and I don't understand. Amen.

I understand only because I know their thinking and their reasoning. Because I've seen it my entire life. But I don't understand because how can they put that broad and wide way of destruction of do anything you want to do. The easy way to tickle the ears. How can you accept that when the scriptures are 100% clear in the opposite direction? Amen.

But we're going to get very specific today of why and what the Bible says about making a distance between ourselves and lost people. Including family and friends. That's a hard way. That is a hard way. Amen. But just because it's hard does not mean it's not worth it.

God did not promise us an easy road or easy life or easy everything. Easy, easy, easy microwave mentality. Instant. That's not what He promised us. He promised us difficulty. A hard way of salvation. To work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Not just believing. Not just believing. The Bible is very clear on this. Let's start in Matthew 10 verse 34 page 18 if you have the paperbacks of the Alpha and Omega Bible.

A lot of people want to try to accuse us that we have created our own Bible so that we can preach our own doctrines. That is a false aggravation. And the Bible is very serious about false aggravations.

You have to have evidence. You have to have proof. You have to be able to back it up. It's 100% proof. Beyond any reasonable doubt. You have to have proof to have an acquisition.

It's a very serious thing. The Alpha and Omega Bible is not really a new Bible and it's not my Bible. I hate it when people say that I read your Bible or I received your Bible or I want to order your Bible. It's not my Bible. It's not my Bible. The Bible has been around for thousands of years. It's not my Bible. The Bible has been around for thousands of years. The only thing I did was collect the words and improve the translation into the English language. That doesn't make it my Bible. That doesn't make it my book or my Bible. The reality is back in 2015 before we started the Alpha and Omega Bible I found myself having to say in every sermon this particular word over here in this verse is better translated as such and such in a such and such translation. This one is better than the King James. This one is better than the NIV. This other verse is better translated in the New American Standard. So on and so on. And what I have always seen in life is if you see a need it is our duty, our responsibility to fulfill that need. And there was a need that was very clear, very evident that we needed a Bible that is translated correctly to where we don't have to say this verse is better translated in the NIV but the very next verse is better translated in the New American Standard but the very next verse is better translated in the King James. And whatever. Why not have one Bible where it is a more perfected translation? And we've been working on that for more than seven years now. Seven years and counting forward into, of course we're into the eighth year. And even as the King James and New American Standard and NIV, even as those translations had to be improved and perfected over time so must also the Alpha and Omega Bible. That is the way Bibles go. That is the standard. That is what happens in history. Bibles being perfected over a period of time. That's what we're doing. That's not a sin. That's not trying to make it match our doctrine because the reality is we have changed what we have taught over the years on multiple different subjects because we saw that the Bible said something different from what we were teaching or believing. That's the truth. That's the reality. So it's not us changing the Bible but rather it's the Bible changing us. But traditional religion, traditional Christians, they don't have that principle of allowing the Bible to change them. They find Bible verses that tickle their ears that seem to them to approve of what they want to believe, of what their parents taught them or somebody taught them or a pastor taught them or what they thought they read in the Bible and what they thought they understood and now they want to find Bible verses that continue to confirm what they want to believe, what they already believe. They don't allow the Bible to change them and their thinking.

That we have during the entire history of this ministry, the entire history of this ministry, we have allowed ourselves to change and adapt over time to what the Bible really does say and teach. And I've stood up behind the pulpit multiple times over the years and said I was wrong on certain issues and now we are correcting that because I'm reading the Bible and studying the Bible more and more and more as I get older and therefore we had to change those teachings. That's the way a church should be. That's the way every church should be. That's the way every pastor, every Christian should be. But I've never heard of that ever happening in any other church, to be honest with you. I never saw that happen in the Pentecostal church, the Baptist church, the Lutheran church, the Presbyterian church, the Methodist church, the Jehovah Witness church, the Seventh-day Adventist church.

You can go down the list. Have a pastor ever stood up and said our teaching has been wrong, we're correcting that? I've never heard of the different churches I've been to in person and the videos I've watched and stuff, or I've never heard of anybody say their pastor came out and said that we're correcting something. They're not allowing themselves to grow in the truth. Would you not want to be part of a church, a ministry that is growing in the truth? We should

want that. Every one of us should want that because the Bible is very clear about that too. That we should be growing and including knowledge.

But Matthew 10, starting in verse 34, Jesus said, "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword."

This whole section from here down to the end of this chapter except for maybe just the last verse, most of this are verses that you never hear read in any of the other churches. And people don't like my style of preaching because I point out the faults of the false doctrines of the churches so often. But how are people going to learn why to leave those churches, why to leave the false doctrines, why to leave the false preachers, why to leave the false religion and false Christianity, if we don't point it out? It has to be pointed out so that people can obtain true salvation, true knowledge, true doctrine, correct doctrine. What the Bible really does teach, it has to be pointed out. But everybody thinks that Jesus never offended anyone, never called out names, never called names, never criticized, never pointed out sin. That's the way a lot of Christians think.

But Jesus Himself said this, that He did not come to bring peace but a sword. Have you ever really sit down and really thought about that statement? Because that is a huge statement and it completely contradicts traditional religious Christianity.

Verse 35, "For I came to set a son against his dad and a daughter against her mom and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law and a person's enemies will be the members of their own household."

Again, complete contradiction of traditional Christianity. That you should never forsake anyone for anything, always forgive, no exceptions, always stay together. Their definition of love does not match the Bible's definition of love. Because the Bible's definition of love, first of all, is the first commandment, that thou shalt have no other gods. No other gods. That God comes first in everything. Without exception, God is first. He created us. We did not create him.

But traditional Christianity, even though they say that God created us, their actions say otherwise. Their actions, their mentality is that we can create our own God, a God that is not commanding, not demanding, that doesn't require a lot from us, an easy salvation. Say one prayer, it's done. No other requirements.

They're creating their own version of God. And really their religion is their God and their parents, their children, their brothers, their sisters, their friends, their family.

That is their God because they are putting that God, family and friends, first. Not the true God first. Not the truth first. Not the biblical truth first. But what they want to believe, the easy way, the easiest way. Not forsaking, not offending, not requiring, not demanding, not commanding. Just the easiest way possible.

And that is very unique, actually, to this last generation or two generations. Because of the computer industry, the microwave industry, the TV. Because if you go back to the 1700s and before that, in all of human history, Christianity was demanding and required a lot. It's only when you get into the industrial age of manufacturing the cars, the trains, the big giant ships, airplanes, computers, the internet. Only when you get into the modern industrial revolution and technological, technical revolution that religion now becomes a microwave thing. Say one prayer and that's it. Microwave mentality about religion. But historically, Christianity was much more demanding because they used to read the Bible more. Amen? They used to read the Bible more. Now, instead of reading the Bible, people just listen to a 30 minute sermon or a 30 minute video or two hour video and then that's it. But they don't study the Bible for

themselves.

But here Jesus said something very interesting. He came to bring a sword and that our enemies would be those of our own house, our family. And that Jesus himself came to divide a man from his own dad and daughters from their own mothers. You will never, ever, ever hear that Bible verse, even though it is a Bible verse, even though it is the words of Christ Jesus himself. You never hear that anywhere else because that's not easy. It's not easy. It doesn't tickle the ears. It is the opposite, total opposite of say one prayer and no other requirement. Just believe. But why would Jesus do this? What would be his purpose? If God is love, if God is merciful, if God, if we're in a time of grace, if we're in a new covenant. But by the way, we're reading New Testament and we're reading the words of Christ. So, but why, if God is love, would he do this? Why would he make division with our own home on purpose? He's doing this on purpose. Why?

And the reason is very simple. Love, true love, true love. And love starts with the foundation. The foundation of love is that God is love and He created us. We didn't create Him. He is Lord. He is Master. And what He says goes. That's what the word Lord means. Master. But the typical Christian has no idea what the word Lord means and have never thought about it ever in their lives. They've never really sit down to really think about how deep that word is and how serious that word is. They throw it around like it's nothing. They throw it around the word Lord with absolutely no thinking or meaning to that word. They have really watered down the word Lord. But it means Master. And it means that He has rules and laws and commands because what Master doesn't. Amen? And the thing about a Master is that a Master wants it a particular way.

He likes things done in a very specific way. Perfection, actually. Amen? What Master doesn't demand perfection. If you think about it, in any setting at all, whether we're talking about a Master of pottery or other skill, art, blacksmith, slavery, or God Himself, in any setting where there is a Master, perfection is required over time. Of course, in every one of those settings, in every one of those examples, there is a learning curve. But the ultimate goal in every one is to obtain perfection over time. And that is reality. That is truth.

And God divides within our own family and friends and community and society because not everybody is going to serve Him in the truth. And He wants to know who will and who won't. Amen? God wants to know who is serious about the truth. God wants to know who loves the truth, really loves the truth. Everybody claims to love the truth, but their actions say otherwise. Words are vain. Words are empty if you don't back it up with action. Amen?

Don't be just hearers of the Word, but doers of the Word.

Everybody claims to love the truth, but who really, really loves the truth and will commit to it? God divides people, even as He will, on the final day of judgment. Certain people on the left, certain people on the right. Don't you think common sense is that there will be a division of brothers, sisters, parents, children? Some will be on the left, some will be on the right on that final judgment day. He's going to divide families on that final judgment day because every individual has free will to choose life or death, obedience or disobedience, obedience to God or the easy way. The easy way, the wide way of destruction or the narrow way.

Everybody has free will to choose, rather to serve God in the real truth or to walk away from it. And unfortunately, most people choose to walk away from it because it's so much easier to walk on that broad, wide way of destruction, of doing whatever you want to do. No requirement, no commands, no demands. And you can keep your family, you can keep your

friends, but the end result thereof is eternal death, destruction.

And in the meantime, you're not really going to be happy, even though you've got all your family, you've got all of your friends, you can keep working the type of job you want to work and do what you want to do and not have to keep the Sabbath and make more money on Saturday.

And all of this is the easy way, but you won't really be happy, for the wages of sin is death. And it is a slow death over time because without the truth and without the true God, you're not going to have true peace eternally. When the storm really blows, when the hurricane comes, when the great tribulation comes. Amen? You might think you're happy in false religion and you can smile, you can laugh, and you can joke, but there is a time of repay coming. That great tribulation is coming and even before then, even before the great tribulation, there is a measure of tribulation, trials for every one of us on this earth before the great tribulation. We're all having tribulations and those tribulations are continuing to multiply and multiply. Every month and every year, life is becoming more difficult for everybody, every one, both lost and saved.

But those that stay in and dwell in the truth forever and do not walk away from the truth and will not allow anybody to push them away from the truth, but rather will stay in the center of God's will and actually attend worship services, be baptized, and stay committed to the congregation of Jesus Christ, stay committed to His church, stay committed to your true brothers and sisters and to your true pastor that actually speaks the truth and actually gives you what the Bible actually says and stay committed and in the center of God's will, you will have a greater measure of peace and will see the miracles of God and perhaps even have supernatural protection, supernatural healing, different miracles as we see in this ministry on a constant, constant basis.

The rewards are great on both sides. Everybody will be repaid for what we have done and what we have chosen. On both the right and the left, there is a time of repay and reward for the wicked and for the righteous. Why wouldn't you want to be on the right side? Why wouldn't you want to be on the winning side even if it is more difficult?

Even if you do have to press harder and be more determined and even there are more requirements, why wouldn't you want to be on the winning side of this spiritual war? The Bible calls us the army of the Lord. That's what it calls us. We are the army of the Lord. But what army doesn't have requirements? What army is not demanding? When you are in an army, a military of any type, spiritual or physical, there are requirements and demands. Amen.

And there is test. Amen. There is test.

And it says over here in verse 37, Matthew 10 verse 37, "He who loves dad or mom more than me is not worthy of me. And he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

Why did Jesus say that? Unless He does want us to be willing and able to put God first over and above our own family. And even distance ourselves if need be. If the need arises to distance ourselves from them because they have rejected the truth and they have verbally or physically in one way or another not only rejected the truth but actually fought back against the truth.

I'm not teaching, and Jesus does not teach, and the Bible does not teach that we must completely come completely out of the world, because that would be impossible. I'm not saying that you have to forsake every person you ever meet in life and be totally isolated. I'm not saying that.

But there does come a time for every one of us, for every person that really and truly cares about the truth and really truly cares about God and truly truly puts God first that we must forsake and disfellowship from some people, from someone. And as we continue to get closer and closer and closer to God and the truth and more committed to Him the more we become more saved and more saved and more saved because the Bible does talk about measures of salvation and growing in salvation and that we're not entirely saved until the very end. Those that endure unto the end, those people the Bible says Jesus said in Matthew 24, those that endure into the end shall be saved. Amen. There's a measure of salvation but it's not done in over with until it's done in over with. Amen.

Those that will put God first, that's a true soldier of the Lord. That's a true Christian. A person that commits themselves to Christ and to the truth. That's a true Christian. Verse 38 he who does not take his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. That's a tremendous statement that we must take up our cross and then follow Him. Taking up a cross is not literal. We don't have to literally nail ourselves to a cross or literally carry two beams of wood across our back. Of course it's talking symbolically but nevertheless that is a huge demand. It is a huge requirement to emotionally, mentally, spiritually take up a cross. That shows that there is some type of a heavy burden, a heavy burden, a heavy requirement that we must take upon ourselves as a command from God.

But traditional religion, Christianity is say one prayer, repeat the words after me, come to the altar and it is done and there is no heavy requirement at all. No heavy requirement. Nothing is really heavy like the cross was. They don't teach the Ten Commandments. They don't teach the Sabbath. They don't teach the Holy Days. They don't teach real and true holiness and perfecting holiness. They definitely don't teach. Even those that teach holiness, it's their own version of holiness and not the biblical holiness. Their own commandments, their own rules, their own legalism, their own version of what's sin and what's not sin. It's not the biblical definition of sin in each case.

Of course, we would have a whole lot more members in this church if I was to teach the easy way. We would be able to fill up every one of these chairs in here. We would have a thousand, two thousand, ten thousand, a million listeners. The books that I have written would be on the top ten best sellers list. We would be flowing in the money, flowing in the number of members, flowing in the number of followers and the listeners. Just like Billy Graham, Joel Osteen, Joyce Meyers, and all the other false ministers out there.

But it would come at a cost of my salvation. I would be held accountable for those lies of watering down the gospel, watering down and filtering down to a very weak tickle that your message. I would be held accountable.

So I have chosen not the easy way, but a much harder, more difficult way. Where we only have eight people listening live right now. Only one person standing in front of me, locally in person. Because the truth matters. The truth matters. The easy way is not the best way. The microwave society of microwaves is killing people, poisoning people with radiation all the time. I would never eat or drink anything that came out of a microwave. Never. I did back when I was ignorant, back when I was complacent. That once we learn something we're held accountable for what we learn. We are held accountable for what we hear and read and come to know. Amen. If we hear the truth even once, we are held accountable for it.

Let's go over to 1 Corinthians chapter 5. Page 185 for the people that might have the paperback copies of the Alpha and Omega Bible. The Alpha and Omega Bible being a restoration of scriptures using old manuscripts, ancient manuscripts, looking at those old

codexes, looking at what the Greek actually said, what the Aromatic actually said, what the older Bibles actually said. This is not our own version of the Bible. This is restoring the Alpha Bible. Translating it to the way it should have been translated right from the beginning.

1 Corinthians 5 verse 9. 1 Corinthians 5 verse 9. I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people. I did not at all mean with the immoral people of the world or with the covetous and swindlers or with the idolaters for then you would have to go out of the world. So again Paul, just like I said, we're not expecting you to disfellowship and forsake every person you ever meet in the world because reality is the entire world is lost. Revelation 12 verse 9 says that Satan has deceived the entire world. The entire world is deceived according to Revelation 12 verse 9. The entire world, every person, every church, every religion, every denomination, every pastor, every brother, every sister, they're all deceived according to what the Bible says if we believe what the Bible says.

But that in itself is contradictory to what we are taught in traditional religion, traditional Christianity is that you have a billion people saved in that church or a billion people saved in this other church or ten million saved in this other church or five million saved in this other church or fifty million saved in this other church and there's a revival in Kentucky and there's a revival in California and there's a revival in Tennessee and there's a revival in Ohio, there's a revival everywhere but the Bible says that Satan has deceived the entire world, everyone, that we choose not to obey that verse or believe that verse because that doesn't tickle our ears. But I choose to obey it. I choose to believe what the Bible says in that verse. That all those people, everyone, all those churches, all those pastors, all those television evangelists, all of those top ten best sellers and even the top one hundred sellers of books and CDs and movies and Christian movies, that they're all lost according to the Bible. The 1 Corinthians 5 here verse 10 Paul is saying we don't have to leave the entire world, the entire world, you know, we know the entire world is lost so I'm not asking you to leave the entire world but he did say in verse 9 that he had warned not to associate with immoral people. We do have to distance ourselves from someone.

There is a requirement to distance ourselves from some of the lost. We can't distance ourselves from everybody but we can and must distance ourselves from some of the lost according to what Paul himself said. Amen. Verse 11, but actually I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother. Of course that would mean also so-called sisters. For if he is an immoral person or a covetous or an adulterer or a reviler or an alcoholic or a swindler, not even to eat with such a one. Not even to eat with such a one.

So these are people that call themselves Christians. People within your own church or family or friends who think they are saved but yet they are very covetous. Well I've seen a lot of that. I've seen that. One of my cousins, he thinks he's saved. He's gone to his daddy's church but very covetous and he talks about how everybody else is a greedy but he's the most greediest person I ever met in my life. People who think they are saved, family and friends who think they are saved but they're on this list. They're very covetous. They're idolatrous which is people who unfortunately have been brainwashed all their life by traditional religion to observe Easter thinking that Easter is the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

When if you was to read the Bible and read all of it and read carefully and think about what you're reading and allow the Bible to change your thinking then the Bible never ever says that Easter is the day of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and that we must observe Easter, that Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Where do you read that? In the Bible. I know that's what your pastors have taught you. That's what your parents taught you. That's what society believes. But where does the Bible say that Jesus was resurrected on Easter or that

the apostles and disciples or Jesus himself called the date of his resurrection Easter and started dying Easter eggs and started keeping the sunrise Easter sunrise service and all of the traditions that we have with Easter. Where do you read it in the Bible?

When Jesus rose from the dead he continued to walk on the earth for additional 40 days before he resurrected up to heaven. He walked on earth and appeared to hundreds of people according to what the Bible says. 40 days and appeared to hundreds, at least 500 plus people. And yet not one time did he say, hey that day I just rose from the dead that shall be called Easter and you should do the Easter sunrise service and dye eggs and let your children go out and hunt eggs. He didn't say any of that and neither did any of the apostles after that as we continue to read all of the New Testament and we go into 30 and 40 and 50 years and even 60 years when you get into the book of Revelation. That's 60 years after the resurrection.

And during those six decades of the writings of the New Testament, six decades after the resurrection, not one time did Peter or John or Matthew or Paul write in those scriptures, we are observing the resurrection of Jesus Christ anniversary of his resurrection. But you actually read the opposite of that. That we are commemorating the date of his death, the Passover. They commemorated his death because Jesus on his last night that he was alive, he kept the Passover as it had always been done in scripture, in all of human history by the people that served the God of Israel, not just the Jews only, they observed Easter, I mean not Easter but Passover and Christ himself setting the example for the 12 apostles on his last night at the Last Supper saying, this is my blood, this is my body, this you should do, do this. And the apostles continued to do that for six decades and counting to this very day. The observance of the date of His death, for it is by His sacrifice on the cross, His crucifixion that we are saved, not the resurrection.

And there is no record in those six decades of the writing of the New Testament that they observed the anniversary of his resurrection. But rather, they continued even in 1 Corinthians 11, they continued to observe the anniversary of his death, not of his resurrection. But that doesn't matter to the traditional Christian. That doesn't matter to the non-denominational church. That doesn't matter to the Lutherans, the Catholics, the Baptists, the Pentecostals, even the seven-day Adventists. It doesn't matter. Why not? How come the scripture does not matter? How come the scripture does not change their way of thinking and action? Because traditional religion is the easy way, tickle the ear, just follow the tradition of our parents and the tradition of the pastor who is following the tradition of his parents.

And the whole world is lost according to the Bible. The whole world is deceived, and the Bible doesn't really matter what it says, and it doesn't matter what the apostles taught and did and observed. I'm just going to follow tradition. Well, I choose to not follow the tradition of lost Christianity, fake false Christianity, but rather what the Bible says. If the apostles did not celebrate Easter, I'm not going to celebrate Easter.

I'm not going to make it up. I'm not going to add on to what the Bible says, even as the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 12, tells us to not add on to what He has declared.

There's been a lot of the so-called Apostolic churches trying to say that they followed what the apostles did. Bullcrap! When they're still doing Sunday worship and Christmas and Easter and Halloween and these different things, that the apostles did not do any of that. any of it.

And my eyes go directly to as Jesus directs my eyes to this verse that I did not even plan to bring up today, but that's where He puts my eyes right now on 1 Corinthians 5, verse 8. 1

Corinthians 5, verse 8. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 5, verse 8, "Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Here is Paul writing to the new covenant church, writing to the New Testament new covenant church decades after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and he says to the new covenant church, let us keep the Days of Unleavened Bread, which is connected with Passover. He doesn't say, let us observe Christmas or Easter or Sunday, but he said, let us keep this feast, talking about Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread.

But what church do you know of? Is there any Babylonian church in your town? Is there any Pentecostal church, Methodist, Western, Catholic, whoever, whoever, whatever church in your town that you know of that keeps this day that the apostle Paul said to keep? No! For most of you. Most of you don't know of any because in most communities there's not, unless you go to the Jewish synagogue. Because people think it's for the Jews only.

But this wasn't for the Jews only right here. Paul is not writing to a Jewish congregation. He's writing mostly to a Gentile congregation. And yet he's telling them, this Gentile, new covenant congregation, let us keep this feast, this unleavened bread, this Passover, let us keep this. Let us celebrate this feast. But does that matter to your typical everyday congregation? It doesn't matter. Even though they have claimed they have read the entire New Testament. But when they came to this verse, it did not change them. Because it's not taught by the pastor. Therefore, I'm just going to read by that as quickly as I can read past it so I can check it off the list that I read this chapter and I read the entire New Testament. Just check it off the list, but not allow it to change what I believe because it contradicts what the local pastor says. Contradicts what Billy Graham said.

Somebody does. Oh, but this ain't easy, is it? I have to change. I have to change my thinking, what I believe, what I want to believe. I have to be a different religion from my parents and my brothers and my sisters and all my friends. What are they going to think?

Somebody actually said this to me within the past month. Within the past month, somebody actually said this to me, that if I stop going to that church, what am I, what is my family going to say? And I think, and I know for sure what was really in his mind, or they might shut off the money. They'll stop paying for his college. I'm sure that came through his mind. Because God knows that money and job and career and college and family and friends is more important than the truth. More important than what Paul said, what the Bible really teaches, and more important than what God thinks. They have made their colleges, their family, their parents, their job and their future plans for their own career money, money, money. They have made it their God. As far as I know, he's still going to that church and has not committed to Christ. Oh, but I've read your website, and I love it, and I appreciate the truth, and I love the truth.

Bullcrap! If you loved the truth, then you would actually apply what the Bible says into your life and not give a crap what your parents and family and friends think, and put God first and start obeying God, and leave and distance yourself from the false preacher, the false church that doesn't teach what Paul just said. Oh, but they love God. They love God. Bullcrap! If they loved God, then they would be teaching the same Bible verses that I teach instead of their own traditions that the Bible doesn't teach.

Going back to, let's see, verse 12 now. Go down the page here. 1 Corinthians 5, verse 12. Paul says, "For what I have to do with judging outsiders, do you not judge those who are within the church? For those who are outside, God judges. Remove the wicked man from among yourselves."

So, the context here is Paul is saying that we should judge within the church. But what church does that? All the churches I ever went to back when I was going to traditional churches, they would keep allowing, whether it was homosexuals, alcoholics, or covetous people, or idolaters, swindlers, and thieves, and all these different things. It doesn't matter what the sin was, as long as they wanted to continue to walk through the door and give a dollar every time the door was open, put a dollar in the offering plate, well then you're welcome. Just keep coming back. Just keep coming back. Give us that next dollar, and the next one, and the next one, and the next one, and the next one.

It's not much, but it adds up if you keep coming back and keep paying it. But we're certainly not going to tell you, don't go to church. Because the traditional teaching is, oh that's the way they're going to learn, keep the doors open, we're not going to cast them away, we're not going to forsake them, because we're here to help lead them to Christ.

And so every sermon is going to be, come on, give your life to the Lord, come on, come on, come on, come down to the altar, come on, get on your knees, repeat the words after me, and let me put my words in your mouth so that you will be saved. It's my words, but yeah, repeat after me and you will be saved. And that's the only thing you have to do for the rest of your life, you're going to be saved even if you continue in that sin, even if you don't sacrifice yourself, your life for the Lord, you don't become holy, let's just continue in your same sins. But as long as you made this public display of crying out on your feet at the altar and repeated the words after me, you're saved for the rest of your life no matter what. No requirement, it's easy, easy, easy after you do this one little tiny difficult thing.

But here Paul said that we must cast out people from the church who maintain these sins. That's not a popular teaching and they do not apply it very much because then they ain't going to have any members at all. They're going to be just like us, only one man standing here in front of me. They're going to be just like that, they're going to be just like me, only eight people listening live. If you keep casting out all the people who continue to stay in sin, you're not going to be very popular, you're not going to get very much money, and you're not going to have many followers or anything like that. It's going to be pretty boring, it's going to be pretty lonely.

I understand that when a person first is seeking the truth and trying to repent, I understand a time period of giving the person the opportunity and the chance to repent.

I understand that, I'm all for that. Of course, absolutely. Amen.

I understand that holiness and perfection is not obtained in one day or one week or one month even, or even one year. I understand that even when a person truly gets saved, that there are times of people making mistakes and backsliding with the drugs or whatever the sin is, backsliding, making mistakes. It takes time. I understand the reality of life. I'm not ignorant of these things.

But at the same time, there must come a certain point of time when a person sins, if they are not dealing with that sin, if they're not willing to repent, if they're not willing to confess that they are wrong, and they see no need of repentance, then that must be dealt with. That must be dealt with. If a person has a local congregation to attend worship services with, and they just choose to just not attend even though the Bible does absolutely command attendance, and they don't even confess that this is wrong, they just want to do what they want to do, there's no sin here supposedly to them, they don't see that there's a problem with this, then that must be dealt with. It is the pastor's responsibility, the duty given to that pastor by God to call out the sin, and if necessary, even to disfellowship from that person in order to help that person realize the seriousness of their sin.

There's a passage here in Corinthians somewhere, rather it's 1 Corinthians or 2 Corinthians, where Paul said that there was a man in the congregation that they had not disfellowshipped from, that was basically having a sexual relationship with his dad's wife, I believe it was, or something like that, and they had not disfellowshipped from him, but Paul said, when I get there, I'm going to disfellowship from him, I'm going to cast him out of the church. Unfortunately, that local pastor had not done his duty, and the other people in the church had not done their duty to call out the sin and disfellowship from that sinner. But Paul said, I'm going to do it, I'm going to do it, I'll get rid of him.

So Paul was going to exercise his authority as an apostle, which is over and above the pastor, and yet most churches don't even have an apostle. A lot of churches don't even believe in apostles. There's a lot of people, I've seen it over and over and over, there's a lot of people that's totally 100% against believing that there is such a thing as an apostle today, or a prophet today, they're totally against that, and it's ridiculous, because the Bible never, ever, ever says that there would be an end to the office of the church of an apostle or prophet. It never, ever, ever says that those offices would be ended with Paul or John. Never. So again, traditional teaching of what some man or some woman, somebody somewhere has taught in a video or website or church somewhere, and taught it and they believed it, even though it's not really backed up with Scripture.

They try to back it up with Scripture by twisting verses and taking verses out of context, but they can't really back that up with Scripture. There's no Scripture that would support such a doctrine that there's no apostles anymore, or no prophets anymore. Actually, we see the entire opposite of that in the Bible. There definitely are apostles and prophets all the way until the end of time, and the apostle Paul was going to use his authority as an apostle over and above the pastor to do what was necessary to cast out the sinner from the congregation.

Now, let's move forward. Now, Paul here is talking very specifically about judging people inside the church in this particular passage. But I will show you verses that talk about judging people outside the church. But rather, we're talking about inside or outside the church. Your traditional doctrine by most people is that we shouldn't judge anyone. And yet here, we have a Scripture where the apostle of the church is teaching the congregation of Corinth that you should judge. You should judge. And the reality is just common sense, common sense that if you do not judge anybody for anything, first of all, you're lying because you do judge people every day, constantly. Everybody does. And if you think you don't judge people, you have deceived yourself because you do judge. Every one of you, every person listening to my voice, you judge people every time you see somebody, every time you see somebody. It's impossible not to. You're judging them by how they comb their hair, whether they comb their hair or not, what they're wearing, what they're not wearing, whether their shirt is buttoned or not buttoned, how short their shorts are, how short the skirt is, how clean their hands is or is not, what the pastor is saying, what the pastor believes, what the pastor teaches.

And of course, you should judge all of these things. Amen. To some extent. Appropriately and correctly with correct doctrine. Not judging with what you think you know and what you've been taught, but rather judging correctly with what the Bible really does teach and what the truth really is. So that's a problem because most, really most people, hardly anyone actually really knows what the Bible really does teach. So there's a problem there. But nevertheless, common sense is you must judge who to give a right to, who not to give a right to, what church to go to, what church not go to, what pastor to listen to, what not, what book to read, what not to read, whether it's the truth, whether it's not the truth, whether this is a good person

or an evil person. You must judge, and you do judge, everyone. And there's no escape to that. There is no escape to it. It's impossible. A hundred percent totally impossible to escape it.

The reality is that when Jesus was speaking about not judging people, the whole context of what He was saying is very, very, very clear, but people don't read the context. They read one verse and they stop reading. They don't read the context.

But the context of the words of Christ is that we should not judge hypocritically, but rather that we should remove the beam out of our own eye first. And then once we remove that beam from our own eye, once we have removed the larger sins from our own self, then we'll be able to see clearly to help our brother, to help someone else, to help them with their life to get their life cleaned up. But we must first clean up our own life first. So all these people that first come into the truth, that want to start preaching on day number one, got to calm down. Because it takes time to clean up your own life. And you got to do that first before you can start telling everybody else their sins. That's what Jesus was saying. Not that we shouldn't judge anyone for anything ever, ever, ever, because that's totally impossible and God knows that. So here Paul says, judge those within the church and cast them out for their sins, which the churches don't.

But now let's go to 2 Corinthians chapter 6 where Paul talks about judging people even outside the church. 2 Corinthians 6. And we're going to start reading in verse 11.

I'm trying to get my eyes focused here in my bearings.

2 Corinthians 6 verse 11. It says, our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians. Our heart is opened wide. But you are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections. Think about that. I would like for you to underline, in your own affections.

What does that mean? It becomes more clear as we keep reading. But it's talking about love, affections, people you love, people you have affections for, love for, family and friends. You are restrained by your family and your friends.

Verse 13. "Now in a like exchange, I speak as to children, open wide to us also." In other words, hear me out.

Verse 14. "Do not be unequally yoked together with unfaithfulness. For what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness? Or what communion has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or Baal, or demons? Or what portion does faithfulness have with unfaithfulness? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God. Just as God, Theos, said, I will dwell in them and walk among them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate, says the Lord the Master. And do not touch what is unclean, and I will welcome you. And I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Here, he's talking about that light cannot have fellowship or communion with darkness, and the believers with the unbelievers, and the faithful with the unfaithful, and the righteous with the unrighteous, the righteous with the lawless. And this is absolutely the truth. The reality is that if you really do love the true God and what the truth really is, and be truly saved, then you will have the light of God, the true light of the true God inside of you, and that light will resist darkness and detest darkness. And as you continue to grow in Christ and in the measure of the knowledge of truth, as you keep reading the Bible, studying the Bible, hearing true sermons, growing in righteousness and repentance, that the measure of light inside you, the measure of the Holy Ghost of God inside you will grow and grow and grow, and your light will

shine brighter inside of you, and you'll become more and more holy and more and more perfected in Christ, the more that you will detest sin and darkness wherever it exists, whether it's inside the church or outside the church, whether it's strangers or friends or family within your own home and outside your home. Everywhere you go, the more light that you obtain inside you, the more that you are going to detest and hate wickedness. And that should be the truth because that is reality if you really have that light of God in you, if you are truly saved and not dying in your salvation.

If that salvation is not fading away, if you've not fallen away from God, that light will become brighter, the more that you are going to hate wickedness wherever it exists.

And what fellowship would light have with darkness, whether it's inside a church or outside of a church, whether it is a family or friends or whatever the situation is, why would you want to associate with those people? Even though you love them, even though you love your parents and your children, your brothers and your sisters, even though you love your friends, even though you love the people, I'm not saying you shouldn't love them. Of course you need to love them. Of course you need to pray for them to repent, that you pray for their salvation, that you pray for them to see the light, all of these things.

Of course, of course, of course. But how are you going to feel comfortable hanging out with them, talking with them, associating with them? How are you going to feel comfortable eating with them, eating a meal, going out, hanging out with them? How are you going to feel comfortable continuing a relationship with darkness? You're not. If you really love the truth, if you really love God, if you really have righteousness and you really want righteousness and you're pursuing righteousness, then you're not going to feel comfortable with those people anymore.

And that feeling of uncomfortableness is going to increase more and more and more until you can't stand it no more. And you're going to say, I'm sorry, but we can't be friends anymore. I don't want you to call me anymore. I don't want you to email me anymore. I don't want you to come visit me anymore. We can't hang out anymore. Even though I do care for you. Even though we've known each other all of our lives for so many years. Even though I pray for you and I want the best for you.

But the reality is I can no longer condone your false religion, your demonic politics. I can no longer condone or turn a blind eye to you voting for abortion, voting for an illegitimate president, voting for a democrat society that is anti-God, anti-Christ, voting for Islam and homosexuality and transgenderism, which is a mental illness, voting for wickedness, get out of my face, get out of my church, get out of my house, because this is the house of the Lord. Amen.

When are you going to stand your ground? Oh, but I love them. Bullcrap. If you really loved them, then you would set them the example of showing them what holiness really is. If you really love somebody, the more that you love them, the more that you would take a serious stand against the evil that is destroying them. If you see a blind man walking toward a cliff and you know that if you don't stop him, he's going to fall off that cliff, you're going to scream, you're going to shout, you're going to run after him, and you're going to do whatever it takes to do to keep him from falling off that cliff. So why are you turning a blind eye to these people that you say that you love and you claim that you love, but you're not pointing out their destruction? What is killing them? What's causing them their misery?

What's causing them their difficulty? What's going to cause them their death? If you really love them, then first you need to clean up your own life so that you do not be a hypocrite.

So do not be a hypocrite. Clean up your own life first. Commit yourself to God first. Obey God first. Surrender to God first. And then tell those people that they need to clean up their life. And until they clean up, until they clean up their life, you can't associate with them anymore. Because their filthiness, their nastiness, their insanity, their evil, their wickedness, their sin is contrary to the nature of God that dwells inside of you. Amen.

And every person who is responsible for witnessing to their own family, their own friends. Now let me get this clear, that if they don't accept the truth, but neither do they fight the truth, then I'm not saying that you have to disfellowship from them or forsake them yet. There are people that I have personally witnessed to and tried to lead to Christ that I was unsuccessful in, but they did not fight me back. They heard me out, they let me talk, they didn't interrupt me, they let me share the truth with them and they were kind about it, friendly about it, patient about it. They did not tell me that I was lost or deceived or wrong, but they just simply listened but did not repent. In such a case, you could continue a friendship and continue to pray for them and long suffer and being patient and long suffering.

The Bible talks about patience and long suffering and teaching and kindness and love. I understand and embrace all of this. I believe in this, I teach this.

But if a person that you witness the truth with actually fights back against the word of God, against God Himself, against the truth and says to you that you're deceived or you're wrong and they're not going to change their mind and they're not going to consider these Bible verses that you're giving them, but you're just flat out wrong. This is not the way it is. They're holding on to tradition, they're holding on to the lies and the deceptions and it doesn't matter what you say, not only will they not repent, but they will verbalize their resistance to the word of God, then that person is deserving of disfellowship.

Deserving of disfellowship because not only are they not repenting, but they're fighting God verbally or physically in some way or form, fighting God. That makes them worthy of disfellowship.

Jesus Himself said that He had taught His disciples when He was talking to His disciples, He said, you know, go into these towns, evangelizing, go into these towns and find houses where they are worthy of your words, of the teachings. Go in there and stay in that house and teach and witness, but if that city or that house does not accept your words, does not accept this truth, then you are to leave that house, that you are to remove your blessing from that house, and that you are to shake the dust off your feet, which in Middle Eastern culture meant to cast a curse against that house, those people, or that city, whatever the case may be.

And yet you never hear that taught in the churches, ever. You never hear them teach that we should actually curse a person, to cast a curse against a person. You should never do that, that's witchcraft, or that's wrong, or that's evil, or that's unloving, because Jesus said do it. Jesus said do it, to shake your dust off your feet, and it's easy research, you can look that up, it's a curse.

And in addition to that, there's the example where Jesus saw the fig tree, and He was hungry, the Bible says, and He went up to the fig tree, hoping there would be fruit there, because it did have leaves, and the nature of a fig tree is that the leaves and the fruit grows both at the same time. It's unique, because other trees, you would have the leaves first, and then later on the flowers, and then later on the fruit. But the fig tree, the leaves and the flowers and the fruit all are present at the exact same time. If there's a leaf on it, there should be some fruit. And so He sees the leaves on it, and it goes up expecting fruit, and there's none. So it's a hypocrite tree. It represents hypocrites, Christians, people who think they are saved, but they

have no fruit to show for it, no repentance, no commitment, no surrender, no carrying the cross. Amen.

And what does He do to that tree? Now He could have, He could have snapped His finger or said the word and brought fruit on the tree, but He didn't do that. Instead, He cast forth a curse upon that tree and killed it to where it withered and died right in front of everybody's eyes, right in front of their eyes. He killed the tree. He had the power to give it more life. He had the power to fertilize it with the word of God. He had the power to make it bear forth fruit immediately, even as He did bring forth water from a rock. Amen.

But He didn't choose to do that. Instead, He chose to cast a curse of death upon this hypocrite tree. Why would He do that? He did it as He did everything to set an example as a teaching for us. Everything He said, everything He did is an example for us that we can and should at times in special situations cast forth a curse upon the wicked.

The Bible is filled with such examples that the traditional churches turn a blind eye to because it doesn't match the tickle-to-ear message.

Here in 2 Corinthians 6 verses 11 to 18, Paul is very clear that light has no fellowship with darkness. What partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Lawlessness is breaking the commandments of God. Amen. Breaking His commands, His must-dos. This was easy. We are to judge people inside and outside the church. What fellowship have faithfulness with unfaithfulness or believers with unbelievers? I understand we cannot depart from the entire world. We need some human interaction. We cannot disfellowship from everyone. We cannot, should not. So again, that difference. Some people hear you out, but not protest. And you can continue friendship with those people. But if they fight, if they fight back against the Word of God, the truth, then they are not worthy of mercy, grace, or long-suffering.

And you should disfellowship from those people. And even as my responsibility, not only as a pastor, but also in the office that God chose, that God gave me as an apostle, that I did not choose of my own accord, but that God gave, which has been proven here today.

It's been proven here today that that is my office. If you think about it, it has been proven. And if I have such an office, then what's wrong with exercising it? I have the duty and responsibility to exercise it. If you don't exercise the authority God has given you, then God will take it away. What good is a manager that will not proclaim that he is a manager and exercise the authority thereof? People don't like it, and people have even left this church because that I disfellowship from people so often. Hey, I don't like it either. I don't like it either. I don't like to disfellowship from people. I would rather have more members, of course. But I'm not going to have more members at the cost of having a church full of hypocrites, or the church being led the wrong direction, or compromising with sin. That's a heavy cost. Amen.

People don't understand that not only do I have the responsibility of a pastor, but also the responsibility also of an apostle, which is a higher responsibility and more demanding of what I must do. I have to be more stern. I have to be more stern, and more serious, and more passionate. The pastors did not cast out that man in that biblical example, even though they should have. But the apostle did cast out that man. He had to be more stern, Paul did, than the local pastor.

And look down in the next chapter, verse 1, 2 Corinthians 7, verse 1, Therefore, having these promises, Beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Every word of that verse is significant. Every word. That is such a significant verse.

Perfecting holiness. Notice how we have that highlighted. Perfecting holiness. Not just being holy, but perfecting that holiness. That is an ultimate goal that takes your entire lifetime to reach that goal. But nevertheless, it is a goal that you should have, that you need to set, that we all must have. And it really is a lifetime. Because it takes a lifetime to get rid of all the brainwashing of false religion, all the carnal thinking, the false thinking, the false assumptions, and the sins. It takes time. I understand that. We're not demanding that people are perfect from day one. We give people time. But there also is a time that sin must be dealt with.

And especially people that have been in the church for a long time, that have known the truth for a long time, that have listened to literally hundreds of sermons. Those people must be held to a higher degree of responsibility. Amen? Absolutely.

And it says, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Now, in the original scriptures, there was no chapter divisions. That was not originally a different chapter. It wasn't. They added the chapter numbers and verse numbers much later on in history. So originally, verse 1 here would be in the same context as the previous verses as to not have fellowship with people who are walking in darkness, to not have agreement with the unbelievers, the unfaithful, the lawless, the sinners. That's both inside and outside of the church, and in general, every area of life. To disfellowship and to come out and be separate. To come out and be separate.

And notice in chapter 6 verse 17, do not touch what is unclean. Now, when we talk physically, as a symbolism for the spiritual, the unclean is disease, dirty, nastiness, and you would not want to touch the unclean. Because the unclean spreads disease. It spreads the germs. And a lot of those germs are invisible. You can't see the germs themselves, but they are present. But there's a sign of it. There's a symptom of it. There's dirt that you can see. But the germs are even more abundant than what the eye can see.

And as we've said, as that old saying goes, if you give the devil an inch, he'll take a mile. And the reality is, if you give the devil an inch, the devil will take 10,000 miles. That's the reality. If we see the dirt in our family and friends, and we turn a blind eye to it — we don't talk about it, we don't bring it up to them, we don't try to correct them, we don't try to help them, we don't share the truth with them. And if we don't ever, ever, ever set down a line of separation, of demand. Then we are allowing those germs to grow and not only pollute that person, but also contaminate ourselves and our own lives.

If you associate with sinners, you will become more sinful yourself. The more you talk with them, the more you hang out with them, the more time you spend with them, whether it's on the phone, or the internet, or in person, either way. The more that you associate with unrepentant sinners, then the more you will be contaminated in your thinking and actions. You can't help that, because that is reality, and that is human nature. And that's the way the spiritual realm works. That the closer that people are, the better germs can spread, right? If you're hugging them, if you're shaking hands with them, if you're eating with them, the more that you associate with them and the closer that you are to them, the more that you love them, the more that the contamination of germs and filth and false religion and false ways of thinking and bad politics and demonic energy is transferred upon you. Absolutely. Amen. Bad company corrupts manners.

Let's cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Chapter 7 verse 1, 2
Corinthians 7 verse 1.

Now flesh and spirit, let's think about this. The flesh is humans. And the spirit is fallen angels. We must cleanse ourselves from the defilement that is being caused by other flesh, the

defilement that that is coming from other humans, family and friends, and spirits — fallen angels. We must cleanse ourselves from these people.

How are you going to do that? It just told you how to do it: come out from them.

In chapter 6 verse 7, come out from their midst, come out from them and be separate and do not touch — do not touch, that's do not shake hands, do not hug.

There must come a time when you love a person enough to make a stand against their own wickedness that is destroying them and is a danger to your own soul.

We should not allow ourselves to be used by people, therefore we must disfellowship from some people that want to use us. We should not allow people to mistreat us. Therefore we must disfellowship from some people that would mistreat us, even family and friends.

We should not allow people to steal from us. So even if they're family and friends, there comes a time when you say, "You're not allowed to come back into my house because you're stealing from me." And you must judge a person because of that. Because they're using you, or stealing from you, or mistreating you. Even if you love them, even if they're your own children, family, or friends, there must come a time that you wake up and smell the coffee, and say "Get lost! You're not a true friend if you're stealing from me. You're not true family.

You're not a true brother or sister, if you are mistreating me, using me, or stealing from me."

We should not allow people to endanger our soul. Amen. We should not allow people to endanger our lives.

Now, we can't allow people to endanger our lives. There are certain people that you need to stay away from, drug addicts and so forth, if they're not going to repent. I understand about giving them time to repent, but there must come a day that you set down the red line and disfellowship if they're not going to get rid of the drugs.

And we can't allow people to steal the peace of God from us or steal the truth from us.

We must safeguard our minds and hearts and safeguard the truth. Once we have found the truth, once God has brought you into the real truth, then you should never let go of that. And not allow family to interfere in that.

We've had people where they got baptized and then an hour later, or even less than one hour after they were baptized, their sister talking on the phone or in person, whatever it was, their sister talked them out of it and left the church and lost their salvation 30 minutes after they got saved. 30 minutes after they got saved, they lose their salvation. Because some sister, some big mouth demonic sister, convinces them that this ain't the truth. How can that happen?

That's ridiculous.

That is insanity. That's just stupid. That's just plain stupid. Let's just say it the way it is. People don't like it when I use that word, but there's no better word for it than stupidity. Because would you not listen to several sermons and would you not study the Bible and read the Bible and pray before you got baptized, before you committed to Christ, before you decided whether this church is right or wrong? And if you had took that time and took that energy to make the right determination, then why would you be convinced and turned away from the truth with only a 30 minute conversation from your sister or your brother or anybody else?

Why would a 30 minute conversation tear you away from God and His truth after weeks of examining what the truth is? It doesn't make no sense. But it actually occurred. And some people it's the next day or the next week or the next month or the next year. But it's the same situation. Why would you allow anyone or anything or even laziness or sickness?

Why would you allow anything to separate you from the center of God's will where God has brought you to the knowledge of the truth, the real and to God to honest truth? It doesn't

make any sense. There's obviously demons involved. Obviously.

Let's see here. Well I want to point something out here because God really showed me something last night and it was a miracle. And we see miracles almost every week, every week, every week, every week, just about every week almost without any exception we see miracles. But yet people still want to leave the ministry. It doesn't make no sense.

It's obviously demons influencing people. A lot of times it's demons that are in the mouths of their parents, family, friends, sisters, brothers, somebody that's influencing them or a pastor down the street or a church down the street influencing them or some website or video influencing them. It's ridiculous. But chapter 6 verse 18, is that where it says 2 Corinthians 6 verse 18, it says, I would be a father to you and you should be sons and daughters to me. Well that's a quotation in some sense, a partial quotation of 2 Samuel 7. So let's go there because I wasn't expecting this last night. I wasn't expecting this.

Oh wait a minute. If you've not turned the page yet, I just noticed some. If you want to flip back to Corinthians real quick. I did not notice this until right now. This is a miracle itself as well. Notice that in 2 Corinthians 6 verse 18, I'm saying to you that this is a partial quotation and I want you to write down at the end of this verse where it is quoting from. I want you to take an ink pen and write this down. That it is quoting from 2 Samuel 7 verse 14. 2 Samuel 7 verse 14. And then I want you to notice that the very next chapter in Corinthians is 2 Corinthians 7. And yet we are about to turn the page to 2 Samuel 7. 2 and 7 in both cases. 2 Corinthians 7 and 2 Samuel 7. Now even though those chapter divisions were not originally there, nevertheless I believe that sometimes God uses little tricks like that to help confirm the message. Confirm the message I believe. Now, now let's turn to 2 Samuel 7 in the book of history. The history volume.

Page 83. Page 83 if you have the paperback, Alpha, and Omega Bible publication. Page 83. 2 Samuel 7. Oh Lord. Where is this? There it is. Verse 14. Verse 14. 2 Samuel 7 verse 14. I will be to him a father and he should be to me a son. Now, what Paul said is that he should be to me sons and daughters. So it's a slightly different wording. And we have to ask ourselves, why is there a slightly different wording?

Now there's two possibilities. And one possibility is that the Apostle Paul having in his day and time, in his lifetime, having a more perfect copy of the Bible, that perhaps he actually saw the words sons and daughters in this verse. And the verse has been corrupted here in Samuel. That's only one possibility. And I'm not saying that that's absolutely what occurred. But it is a possibility that his copy of the Bible, in 2 Samuel 7, actually said sons and daughters. We cannot prove that. There's no evidence of that in any ancient manuscript that I know of. We can't prove it. It's only a possibility. Because we do know that there are corruptions in the Bible that we have not yet discovered. There is constantly, as we continue to work on perfecting this translation of the Alpha and Omega Bible, there's been many, many different times that we eventually later on learn of something that will help us improve the translation and fix the wording closer to the original. But at this particular point we don't have any evidence to prove that the book of Samuel is corrupted in this verse. But it's a possibility because he words it different. The Apostle Paul words it different. The second possibility is that Paul is ad-libbing and adding on to it because he wants to include the women in the conversation about salvation and repentance and chastisement, which is the context. So perhaps he just includes the women, even as I do, even as all pastors do. When we're talking about sons, we very often will say, and of course the women too.

So Paul could have been doing that. He could have been doing that. But it seems more like to

me that he was directly quoting. So maybe he did have a manuscript that had some wording difference. I believe possibility number one is probably a stronger possibility than number two, but we can't prove it either way. But anyway, Paul is quoting from this verse. It seems that he's quoting from this verse partially and adding the word daughters and actually turning son into sons and daughters. But then this verse continues in verse 14. And when he happens to transgress, then I would discipline him with the staff of men and with the stripes of the sons of men.

Now that's very important to today's sermon. And I was going to include that, but God pointed it out to me last night. As I was studying and preparing for today's sermon, this verse came to me on an entirely different topic and stood out to me as 100% directly related to today's topic. So that was a miracle from God right there. How and when he gave me this verse. So he's quoting, Paul quoting it in 2 Corinthians 6. And yet it is talking about God disciplining people. God disciplining people. But how does God disciplining people in this verse? With the staff or the rod of men and with the stripes of the sons of men. So this is a very severe chastisement. Very severe. So there are times that God deals with people with mercy and grace and long suffering and patience. But there are also times that God deals with us, every one of us, more seriously. With a greater threat and or a greater punishment. Absolutely. Absolutely. There are times when God lays it down. There are times that God brings out the big paddle. Because the little paddle and the little talk didn't work. There are times when the disobedient child needs a harder spanking. And God is the ultimate judge. But not only is God the ultimate judge about what the punishment is, but He also chastises and punishes the people inside and outside the church both through the rod of His messengers. The rod of Moses. The sword of Samuel. The stone of David. God uses His servants to bring punishment and chastisement and correction.

And it's not always what you could call a very gentle word of correction. It's not always that. Although many times it is a gentle word of correction. But sometimes it is not always a gentle word of correction. It can be a harsh rebuke. If you're a true friend and you really love someone, there are times when you must tell your buddy or your best friend, hey that dress is ugly as crap. And just say it the way it is and not worry about hurting their feelings. If you're a true friend and you're close, if you have a close relationship, you're not going to get upset when your friend says that shirt is ugly as crap you need to throw it away. Well then you take the shirt off and you throw it away because you value your opinion of your friend. And you don't get upset because you have a close relationship and you appreciate their honesty. It should be the same thing with the pastor. We should appreciate and want and desire the correction from the pastor and from God. And sometimes that discipline is disfellowship.

When the apostle Paul said that he was going to cast out that man from the congregation because of his adultery, he said, I'm going to cast this person and give him over to Satan so that his soul may be saved in the time of the Lord. Talking about the second resurrection, the hundred years after the millennium which none of these churches teach hardly. Almost none of the churches teach it. But that's amazing words. Where is that verse? Brother Jared, Kareem, somebody? Give me that verse.

We've got to show this. I know the congregation have heard this verse over and over and over but we need to get it into our minds where this is at because this is so tremendous. This is such a tremendous verse. And you will not hear it read in the churches, traditional Christian churches because it goes completely contrary to traditional doctrine. Your traditional

Christian doctrine is that your family and friends and you and everybody on earth must get saved before they die because there's no second chance, there's no other life in the future. You have to be saved before you die or else. Or else you're going to go to hell as soon as you die. That's traditional doctrine. But Paul says something completely different in this verse. I know it's in Corinthians so let's start turning over there in Corinthians.

We're going to find this verse. I keep pointing to it in today's sermon so we have got to see it. We'll find it here in a minute. Please pardon us while we find this verse.

What was in 1 Corinthians 5 the chapter we were reading?

1 Corinthians 5? It was in the chapter we were reading? Well that's a confirmation.

That's a miracle right there. I didn't even know that it was in the very chapter that we were reading. 1 Corinthians 5. That in itself, you know, you know I'm not lying.

You know I didn't know where it was. And it's right here in that chapter we were reading.

1 Corinthians 5 verse 1.

"It is actually reported that there is immorality among you and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles that someone has his dad's wife.

You have been arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who has done this deed would be removed from your midst. For I on my part though absent in body but present in spirit have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

In the authority of our Lord Jesus when you are assembled and I with you in spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus I have decided to deliver or give over such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh."

That means that he will die. The destruction, if you destroy your body, that's death. Common sense. Destruction of the flesh.

"I'm delivering this sinner to Satan for the destruction of his flesh so that his soul may be saved in the time, the day, the era of the Lord."

Think about that. What a tremendous statement. He's going to not only disfellowship from the sinner in the church, but he's also going to even allow Satan to take complete control over that person so that person will die in their sins but yet still be saved in some future time that he is calling the era or day of the Lord. And the only time that he could possibly be talking about is the same period of time that Revelation 20 talks about. That Satan will be cast into a prison to deceive the nations no more for a thousand years. But after the thousand years is finished that Satan will be released upon the earth again to deceive the people again in that short period of time after the millennium. Which Isaiah 65 verse 20 identifies as 100 years. 100 years after the millennium when there is a second resurrection of the dead. Revelation 20 says that all the rest of the dead, those that had not risen in the first resurrection, will rise in that second resurrection.

I just had a fool the other day to try to say that the Bible never uses the word second resurrection, therefore there is not a second resurrection. And I pointed out the verse and I said, does not Revelation 20 use the word first resurrection? And does that not obviously, clearly, logically, does not that mean that there is another resurrection? And his answer was yes, but there's not a second resurrection because the Bible doesn't ever use the word second resurrection. What a stupid idiot. Stupid. And you can get upset with me all you want to for using the word stupid, but there's no better word for it. If I present you the verse that it says the first resurrection, and I also said, does it not say that the rest of the dead do not rise again until the thousand years are finished? Is that not a second resurrection? Yes, but there's not a second resurrection. When you look it up in the dictionary, the word stupid, that

man's picture should be there. Because if you answer yes, but no, then you're contradicting yourself.

You just stabbed yourself in your own heart. You just stabbed yourself. Yes, but no. Yes, but no. That's crazy.

I don't understand why it's so difficult for people to give up false traditional doctrine. If there's a Bible verse that completely, completely and totally disproves that traditional teaching, then why wouldn't you want to immediately, as soon as you read the Bible verse, as soon as you read the Bible verse, why would you not immediately repent of the deception that you have embraced your entire life? I don't care whether you're 16 years old, 12 years old, 10 years old, 7 years old, 5 years old, 100 years old, 80 or 90 or 94 or 60 or 50, I don't care how young or how old you are, if you read a Bible verse that totally, 100% proves that what your parents taught you and what the pastors taught you and what the churches taught you, that it's all wrong, then why wouldn't you immediately repent and say, well this Bible verse is clear as day. This Bible verse is the truth. This Bible verse proves all of those people wrong. And repent and start believing the truth.

Why wouldn't you do that? I don't understand why people are so stubborn. Stubborn, stubborn, rebellious. And that measure of stubbornness is nothing short of sin.

We're held accountable for what we read in the Bible. Amen. Once it has been pointed out to you, once you learn that this is what the Bible says, then you're held responsible for it. Yes, but no. That's stupid. So here Paul says that he's going to deliver this person, the sinner, over to Satan so that he can repent after his sin. Amen. It can't be true. It can't be true. It can't be true.

The Bible, Hebrews chapter 12, verse 1. Hebrews 12, verse 1.

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every weight or burden or hindrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

Amen. Now, of course, the false Christians, the false churches and pastors like to use this verse to try to prove that there's a cloud of witnesses of dead people watching us, that there are dead people or people alive in heaven. But notice it doesn't say, in heaven. It doesn't say, in heaven. Amen.

And it doesn't say that they are watching us, either. So, to teach or to believe that is talking about people in heaven watching us is inserting words it does not say. And the context does not prove it. Amen.

Because it says later on in this chapter that all these people that it's taught, well, actually chapter 11, chapter 11, it says all these people died, that it's talking about, that they're all dead, that they all died. They're not living, according to chapter 11.

And we know that the book of John says that no person has ascended up to heaven except for the Son of Man that came down from heaven. We know that the Bible says that. Of course, most people don't know, do not know that verse because the Bibles do not teach because Christians, churches, and pastors do not teach that verse. But the Bible says it. The Bible says it.

John 3:13. There it is. Okay. So John 3:13 says no one has, that says that no one has ascended up to heaven except for the Son of Man that came down from heaven. No one. Not Moses, not Elijah, not Noah. No one. No one, no one, no one. I know that completely contradicts everything you've been taught. But what the Bible says actually does matter.

And the book of Acts says that David is dead and buried. It doesn't say that he's in heaven.

And you can search the entire Bible and never find any words where the Bible says that Noah is in heaven, that David is in heaven, that Moses is in heaven, that Elijah is in heaven. It doesn't say it. But it says no one, no man, and it says no man that includes sons and daughters both, that they have not ascended up to heaven. Bible is clear on that.

So when we talk about cloud of witnesses, it's just a phrase meaning that we have lots of examples in history. It's kind of like the iCloud. The internet cloud, if you upload pictures or audio, your files that you're saving to a cloud of the internet, you don't see it. There's not a literal cloud in heaven. And it's not talking about people in heaven when you say you're uploading to the cloud. This is what, even though this is not internet, I'm not saying that. Of course, I'm not crazy. I'm not crazy. I'm not saying it's talking about the internet. But it's a perfect example that a cloud is not always a literal cloud. Amen? This is talking about that we have lots of examples in history that it just gave us a list of in chapter 11. That's all it is. It doesn't say anything about them being in heaven or that they're watching.

It's just that we have a lot of examples in history. Therefore, because we have all these examples, let us lay aside everything that hinders us. Everything. That includes people and sin and flesh and spirit. Whatever it is, whether it's humans or angels, let us distance ourselves from those things that hinder us when we are trying to run our race.

We're running a race. We're trying to win this battle. Amen?

Verse 2, "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the gladness set before Him endured the cross, despised the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin. For you have forgotten the preaching which is addressed to you as sons, 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproofed by him. For those whom the Lord loves, he disciplines. And he scourges,' that means he whips, but it's talking about a specific type of whipping, where it's more severe. So he scourges, or very severely whips, "every son whom he receives,"

Every son, every son whom he receives. If we are truly children of God, we truly belong to God, if we are truly saved, then we should be receiving at some point of our salvation, a very severe discipline from our master. Amen.

Okay, so here, a very severe chastisement.

The chastisement from God is not always gentle. It's talking about in Hebrews 12 verse 6 of scourging, every son whom he receives, every son whom he receives.

And yet, how many of you could testify and confess to yourself and to God and to us that you have received at some point of time after he was truly, because this is after he received you, after he had been truly saved, that God gave you some type of a very severe and harsh correction. If not, then either you're very young and you've not been baptized very long, you've not been in the truth very long, or else you're holier than any of the rest of us, or you have not recognized the chastisement from God. You don't recognize his hand, his arm, his chastisement, his correction, which is something to pray about, or you're just not confessing it to yourself that it was God, because I guarantee you, even as it says, he will, he will absolutely deal with every person that belongs to him in not only tender ways at times, but also harsh ways at times.

God is a very demanding master, and he even words it in relationship to how a slave would treat, I mean, a master would treat his slave. It is the wording, because the word Lord, it

means master, and scourging is very severe, it's a form of whipping.

And then it continues in verse 7, "It is for discipline that you endure. Theos deals with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?"

You know, the discipline of a father and the discipline of a mother are a lot different. Amen. Although there are some women that are bitches, that just say it the way it is, I don't care who that offends, there are some women that are modern-day Hitler's. But nevertheless, if we speak in general terms, most women are too soft.

Most women just simply, even when they try to be more harsh with their children and try to be more disciplined of their children, they still don't go far enough in discipline, they're just way too soft most of the time. Whereas a father, a good father that is, a good father will not only discipline the children, but even deal even harsher with the boys, of course, absolutely. A man will be even harsher with his sons, and he will be definitely harsher than what the mother would be, because that is the nature of masculinity, and that's not a bad thing. It's not evil, it's not wrong, it's just the way that God made men, is that we are tougher, we are more demanding than what a mother would be.

And that's good, that's the way it's supposed to be, that's nature, that's the way it's supposed to be. And that's why every boy needs a father, and of course every daughter, every girl needs a father, and both boys and girls both need both parents.

But the thing is, a boy needs his dad more than he needs a mother, and a girl needs her mother more than she needs the dad. That's the reality, that is the reality. And there's too many women divorcing their husbands just because their husband is looking at women.

Too many divorces for that, just for that, just for looking at them. Too many divorces.

When the Bible does not command that once a man marries, that he must cut his balls off, and no longer look at any woman for the rest of his life. That's not what the Bible teaches, and that's not what Jesus said. It's not what Jesus said, and it's not what Jesus taught. People twist the Bible constantly.

Many times the truth sounds wrong because it's completely contradictory to traditional thinking of traditional religion.

But the chastisement of the Lord is real, and we should expect it. We should expect it, even desire it, even want it. Because it says in verse 6, "Those whom the Lord loves, He will discipline." If we seek the love of God, we should even seek correction.

But people hate correction, people hate discipline. Amen.

Verse 7, "It is for discipline that you endure." Verse 8, "That if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. So then we truly had dads of the flesh to discipline us, and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the father of souls, and live?" Verse 10, "For they disciplined us, our earthly fathers disciplined us, for a short time, as seemed best to them. But He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful. Yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it pays forth the peaceful fruit of righteousness." Amen.

So people need to understand, it's not a pleasure for me disfellowship anyone, and it's not a pleasure for me to chastise and correct people, or to call people stupid, or to call people fools. It upsets me to have to do this, but I do have to do this, because the people are deserving of harsh discipline when they're being stupid, when they're being crazy, when they're being stubborn, when they're being rebellious, when they're being unrepentant.

So that concludes the matter. That concludes it.

Tough love is serious, and it's deep love. Tough love is not a bad love. People hate tough love. But tough love is very needful.

And people have an addiction to false religion, and complacency, and laziness. It's an addiction. And the addiction to the Sunday churches, addiction to Christmas, Easter, do it your way, my way, my will, my religion, my tradition, tradition, the easy way, tickle the ear way, the broad way. They have an addiction to all of that.

It's a very serious and deadly addiction. It's just as deadly and more deadly than drugs, because this is the ultimate death, the second death. It's a very serious thing.

It's a very serious thing, and so serious that we need to draw the line, a line in the sand, and say, okay, that's it, I've had enough.

There comes a time with family and friends that you say, I've been patient with you, I've been patient, but this is it, no more.

And that's true for husbands and wives both.

There comes a time when even though a wife has been loving and kind and gentle and compassionate and praying and fasting for her husband, that there comes a time when the wife eventually must draw the line and say, "You know what, I spent so many months or so many years, whatever the case may be, praying for you, seeking for your salvation, but I'm growing in the light, and the light of God is growing in me, and I love the light, and I love the truth, and I'm going to keep the Sabbath, and I'm going to keep the Holy Days, and I'm going to travel for the Feast of Tabernacles because this is the commandment of God, and I'm not going to condone my children being raised in pagan religion, and I know that you might take my children away in court and tell all kinds of lies against me, but I'm just going to have to take that risk because my own soul, my own salvation is more important than the temporary life of my children."

It is. Women don't like to leave their husbands and take the risk of losing their children because children come first, but if you're going to put your children first, or your husband first, then you are not worthy of the Lord. That's what God said, that's what Jesus himself said, that we must be willing to forsake anyone, anything.

Look at one last verse, Luke 14 verse 26. "If anyone comes to me and is not willing to forsake his own dad and mom and wife and children and brother's ancestors, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Cannot be. He can't be. It included the word wife there, but the truth is the spiritual principle of what he is saying, and these are the words of Christ. The spiritual principle of what he's saying is, is anyone, anyone, anyone, that would include husband, anyone is the spiritual principle of what he is teaching, anyone.

So it doesn't matter when sometimes it says sons that leaves out daughters, or wives that leaves out husbands, or husbands that leaves out daughters, it don't matter.

Because the truth is the truth for both male and female. Amen. The truth is the truth for both male and female. Amen. If men are required to be willing to give up wives when necessary, then so must women also be willing to give up husbands when necessary.

I know what Paul said. I know what Peter said. I've read it. But I also read what Jesus said. Amen. And the words of Jesus are with more authority than what Paul said.

More authority. Jesus said you must be willing to forsake basically anyone.

When you get into paradise, there will be no male and female at that point. Amen.

Once you get into the spiritual realm, whether it's the first resurrection that you turn to spirit, or

the second resurrection at the end of that hundred years, whenever it is that you are turning to spirit, you are no longer going to have the gender sexual parts of your body. You will not have that flesh anymore. There will be no longer male or female in his kingdom at that point. Of course there is until that point. But after you reach into the spirit realm, no more male or female. And that's what we're most concerned about is are you going to have eternal life or will you have eternal death? Because the Bible does call it death in more than one place. Death. And death is death. Death is death. It's not just separation from God. Death is death. And it says that you will die and that God will destroy the soul, both body and soul, both. Both body and soul, both will be destroyed in that lake of fire. That's what the Bible teaches over and over and over, even though these verses have been hidden from you by your traditional pastors, churches, and Christians. The Bible says what the Bible says, it matters. Amen.

This is not a joyful thing. It's a big burden. It's a burden to have to leave your husband or your wife or to be having to let go of your children and risk a nasty divorce. It's bad. It's not a joyful thing. But we have to set priority of your eternal salvation. Are you going to be in paradise or not? Are you going to be alive or dead a million years from now? That's what matters more than anything else.

And if you set the right example for your children, they're going to remember it rather than seeing this life or the next. They're going to remember that you set forth a very strong example of holiness, that you stood your ground for what is right, what is true. You have become another member of the cloud of witnesses. Not that you're in heaven because you're not going to heaven except for only the marriage supper and that's it, according to the Bible. Amen.

That you've become another member of the cloud of witnesses, that means of the history of examples, of people that fought the good fight. God did not promise us an easy road but rather He promised us that we would have to fight. He didn't come to bring peace but a sword even within our own families. We are promised that we will have to fight because we are warriors.

We are the army of the Lord, and if you're a member of the army then you have to fight. The first rule of the kingdom of God is that you must put God first and that includes fighting. Fighting for God because when David heard the mouth of Goliath blaspheme God, David was not shaking in his boots. David did not lose his flip-flops but rather what David did was said, how dare you blaspheme the Lord? How dare you blaspheme the God of Israel? And he killed the giant. He took the risk. He could have been killed himself and his family along with him and his entire nation along with him. He took the risk.

He took on the heavy burden, the danger of death to draw a line in the sand and said I will not tolerate this. I will not condone this. I will not turn a blind eye to this. Now he had seven brothers that were all taller and older than him but he didn't let his size hinder him. He didn't let his small size, how small he was and how short he was hinder him. He wasn't afraid of getting a scar on his face. He wasn't afraid of getting some battle scars and getting his hands dirty or bloody. David was a man of courage and a man after God's own heart and a man with many multitudes of wives and concubines and God told him that if he wanted more women all he had to ask for it. He had given him more women. That's what the father said.

The people are like this. Oh but that's Old Testament. That's grown with. That's not God today. The father says God is the same today, yesterday and tomorrow. He changes not. He's the same God of the Old Testament. He's the same God of the New Testament. Amen.

God is good. Amen. Praise Jesus.

We don't need preachers that are going to be afraid to speak. Amen. We don't need preachers that water down the message. We don't need preachers that are afraid to use strong language.

We need preachers that will lay it down on the line even if it offends you, even if it steps on your toes. If your preacher never steps on your toes then something's wrong.

You should expect it. You should need it. You should want it because that's the way you're going to grow. That's the way your character is going to be perfected. That's the way your salvation is going to be perfected. For the one that the Lord loves he will chastise even through the hands and even through the rod of his servants.

God is good. Amen. Praise Jesus for this message. Praise God for the confirmation and the miracles associated with the sermon. Amen. It's been a wonderful day. Amen. Praise Jesus.

Reminder, Monday. Monday is New Year's and the biblical calendar but it's not a holy day. It's not a Sabbath nor a holy day. It's just the first day of the year. That's it.

But then we come to Wednesday and that would be the first day of the first month and the Bible does talk about gathering together as a commandment of the Lord, our Master, our Lord, God Almighty, Jesus Christ is his name. First day of the first month. Wednesday, March 22.

Wednesday, March 22. See you then. Don't be late. Don't be absent. Let's gather together by the commandment of the Lord desiring to be part of his church, desiring to be part of his body, desiring to surrender all unto him. Amen. God is good. Passover coming up April the 4th followed by a Night To Be Much Observed and seven days of unleavened bread.

That Night To Be Much Observed. We need to do it up this year. We need to spice it up and we need to have a good time on the Night To Be Much Observed.

Please go ahead and start planning it somehow, some way to have an extra meal, have extra food, a special meal, not a normal meal. You've got time to prepare.

You've got time to borrow 20 bucks. Tomorrow doesn't take much money to have one special meal. Doesn't take all that much. It really doesn't.

And you can sell a few aluminum cans. Sell something you don't need.

Sell one of your treasures that you don't want to let go of because the more you own, the more it owns you. Amen. The more stuff you own, the more stuff you have in your house, the more that you are owned by your property.

Great tribulation coming up in another year or two, I believe.

And we need to prepare for that, get ready for that. So if there are things in your house that you have not touched for like three months or more, I would recommend that you try to sell it or get rid of it in any way that you can to get it to lighten the load.

Because of great tribulation, you're not going to be able to hold on to those treasures that are getting away in your closet, closet, attic, basement, under the bed, whatever. And you think you need it, but you don't. You've not touched it in three months, you've not touched it in four months, you've not touched it in a year. And you say, oh, I'm not going to throw it away, I might need it. No, you don't. No, you don't. Unless it's ordinary supplies, of course. If it's supplies for the great tribulation, then of course you need to hold on to it. But you need to lighten your load and turn that stuff into money so that you can buy the stuff you really do need for survival, or good coffee of the Bible, or to help somebody in need, to help somebody that you love and care about that doesn't have enough groceries, or to buy your own self a special meal for the Night To Be Much Observed, whatever the need might be. But please go

ahead and start planning the days of Unleavened Bread, and Passover, and the Night To Be Much Observed. Let's start planning that, and let's have an extra special Night To Be Much Observed, more special than ever before. Somehow, some way, maybe you go camping that day, maybe you camp out that night, and maybe go to a fancy restaurant and treat yourself, and spurge a little bit. Because, well, no, actually the first night to be observed, you can't go to a restaurant. That just came to my mind. The Night To Be Much Observed is a sabbath, so you won't be able to go to a fancy restaurant. But you could buy some extra groceries and fix a nice feast for yourself. You can do that. You can definitely do that.

And the Night To Be Much Observed is not for baptized members only. You could have family, you could have friends over, as long as they're not the type of family and not the type of friends that would criticize you for observing the biblical holy days and having the Night To Be Much Observed. As long as there's a person that you would get along with and that would not criticize you for it, not pipe it down for you, not condemn you for it, then yes, you can invite lost people for the Night To Be Much Observed and introduce them to God's holy days. That's perfectly fine. That's the night after Passover. So, you can plan that.

All right, I'll let you go. And I'm sorry for the technical problems with the audio. I don't know how to fix it. I have no idea how to fix it. Not two different problems, but two different actions. It is what it is. We're under a lot of spiritual warfare.

I do apologize for any technical problems. I hope that one thing or another will work better than the other one for you. Either get the browser or try to talk to you or something. I hope something will work better for you. I really don't know what we could do to improve it.

So, I'll see you Wednesday for the first day of the month.

See you then. God bless. Until next time, and God bless you in amazing ways. Amen.

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