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Date of Death Appointed by God?

If I die today or tomorrow, that's God's Will?

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Thank you for your blessing and anointing on these services. In Jesus' name we pray, so be it. Amen. Praise Jesus. Praise God.

Let's turn to the Bible, the book of Psalms, Psalm 139. Page seventy-nine. If you have the paperback copies of the Alpha and Omega Bible.

We are reading from the Alpha and Omega Bible, a restoration of the original scriptures using many ancient Bible manuscripts. Older than the manuscripts that the King James was translated from.

Before we start reading, I will explain the foundation of today's message.

Most Christians think that God has already appointed their time of death.

When they are going to die. Most Christians, the majority of your traditional Christians believe that God has already appointed and pre-designated, pre-planned the day and the time and the manner of their death. And that that is what God has done for everybody on earth, especially the church, the Christians. That's what most Christians believe.

And it goes along with a very popular, very common expression, quote. you hear this all the time, people say this all the time:

"If I die tomorrow, or if I die today, it's God's will."

But is that really true? Is it, according to the Bible?

Is the death and the time and the manner of death already decided by God, and is it God's will every time somebody dies?

Everybody. Is it God's will that they died?

In the manner that they died, at the time that they died, at the date that they died, is that biblical or not biblical?

Is it really God's will, if you were to die today or tomorrow, would it really, really, really, truly be God's will?

What does the Bible say about this? We're going to look at both sides.

That's how you know the truth. You've got to look at both sides of the debate.

If you don't look at both sides of the debate, how do you know?

Because if you don't look at both sides of the debate, then you're only looking at one side of the story.

And that's not true studying of the Scriptures, and that's not true examination of what the truth really is.

You've got to look at both sides to get a true understanding either way.

And when you ask a question of what the Bible really teaches and what it doesn't teach, you need to be willing to allow the Bible to change your mind if you're wrong.

But the problem is, most people think there's no way they could be wrong about something.

That's pride. That's stubbornness. Hard-headedness.

But that's the majority of Christians and non-Christians alike. Amen?

No way they could be wrong. No way.

But we're humans, and we absolutely can be wrong. And so can your pastor be wrong.

They're humans. It happens. Amen?

So we'll first look at the verses that they use to try to prove that God has predesignated the day and time and manner of your death. We'll look at that side of the story first.

But we're going to look at both sides to get an honest examination.

Here in the book of Psalm 139, verse 16, Your eyes saw my unworked substance, talking about when you was in the womb of your mother, before you was completely born yet, your unworked substance or being.

And all men shall be written in your scroll, or scroll of life.

They shall be formed by day, or in the day, and though they shall be there, though there should for a time be no one among them.

Now that's the translation of Sir Lancelot Brenton of the late 1800s, when he translated the Greek Septuagint into English. That is his translation.

Now, the King James Version says, in the same verse, "Your eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect, and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them."

If you look at King James Version, or if you look at Brenton's translation, either one of these two translations, it still doesn't look like, to me, it says that God has appointed the time of your death.

If you look at NIV though, NIV says, "Your eyes saw my unformed body, all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. So all the days ordained for me were written in your book."

That makes it more sound like, in the NIV, that God has appointed time of the beginning, and appointed time of the end, if it's all the days, all the days ordained for me.

If you look at New American Standard, 1995 edition, "Your eyes have seen my unformed substance, and in your book were all written the days that were ordained for me."

But if you look at all these different translations, there's a lot of variations and similarities, both at the same time, in these different translations.

The reality is that this verse is a difficult verse to translate. Difficult.

We can't really use it all by itself to say, absolutely, God has ordained, or appointed, or predestined the date of our birth and the date of our death, both.

I do believe He has ordained the date of our birth, absolutely.

I do believe that, and the time and location of our birth.

But the question today is, has He ordained the date of our death for every person, in general?

To say all the days is, in itself, a very questionable, very questionable translation.

It can't be used all by itself to prove that both the beginning and the ending have been ordained to a specific date.

We have to look at other verses that are more clear, and more evident, and more evident.

We can't base it on this one verse alone.

So we go to the book of Job now, which is before the book of Psalms.

Job 14, starting in verse 1, page 11, if you have the paperbacks of the Alpha Omega Bible.

For a mortal born of a woman is short-lived and full of wrath.

Or he falls like a flower that has bloomed, and he departs like a shadow and cannot continue.

Have you not taken account even of him, and caused him to enter into judgment before you?

For who should be peer from uncleanness, not even one?

If even his life should be but one day upon the earth, and his months are numbered by him, you have appointed him for a time, and he shall by no means exceed it.

So that's very commonly, very commonly, one of the most used verses to try to claim that God has appointed us an exact number of months, an exact appointed time of death.

But is that what it's really saying, if we carefully examine it, rather than only glancing by very quickly?

Or is it saying that man is not mortal, as it says in verse 1?

I mean that he is not immortal, that he's not going to live forever.

Is it really just saying that man's time on earth is short and not going to be forever in the flesh?

That he's not immortal, but rather he is definitely one of these days going to face the day of death. It says his months are numbered by him, and you have appointed him for a time, and he shall not exceed it. Could that possibly mean that the lifetime of a human is not 10,000 years? It's not 2,000 years, but rather that God has appointed a lifespan, an expected lifespan of what does the Bible say? I think at one place it says something like 70-some years, and then another place says 100-some years, something like that. So, it could be saying that. It's not 100% clear that there is a specific day of death that is appointed. It's a little bit generic in what it says. It could possibly be saying that the lifespan of humans is limited, and that you're not going to live forever in the flesh. It's not specific that there is definitely an appointed, a specific date of death, especially if we consider all verses in the entire Bible. We do have to, like I said, examine both sides of the story before we make our final conclusion, if we want accuracy of understanding. If we want the truth, we have to look at all verses related to the topic, and not just one side of the story. So, we have to reserve judgment to finish the conclusion of the matter. Now, I'm not going to turn there right now. Actually, might as well.

Let's find the book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3. Ain't that right after Proverbs? Right there, page 104. Might as well turn there, since we're so close to it. Page 104, Ecclesiastes, chapter 3. verse 1,

To all things there is a time, and a season for every manner under heaven, a time of birth, and a time to die, a time to plant, a time to pluck up what has been planted, a time to kill, and a time to heal, a time to pour down, a time to build up, a time to cry, a time to laugh, a time to sorrow, and a time to dance, a time to throw stones, a time to gather stones, a time to embrace, and a time to abstain from embracing, a time to seek, and a time to lose, a time to keep, and a time to cast away, a time to tear, and a time to sow, a time to be silent, and a time to speak, a time to love, and a time to hate, a time of war, and a time of peace.

There's a time for everything under the sun, basically. Right?

But we can't have the same thing every day. Amen? Time changes. Life changes. Amen?

So for a person to try to use verse 2, that there's a time to die, to try to prove that there is a point at a specific time of death, predestined by God, is twisting of Scripture. Amen? Isn't that twisting of Scripture?

Amen? It's not what it's teaching, but rather it's only teaching that there are many events in life, and that there is a time for opposites. Not peace all the time, but also a time for war.

Not life forever, but also a time to die. That's what it's teaching.

It's not teaching that there is a specific, appointed, predestined time for every one of these, or for death, specifically. It's twisting Scripture and grabbing for straws to try to use that, to try to prove a predestined time.

Let's look at some other things. Let's go to the history volume now, the other book, volume number 2, history volume. We're going to go to Page 123. 1 Kings 17.

We'll give everybody time to get there.

It's good to see new listeners as well. We're reading from the Alpha and Omega Bible, the restoration of the original Scriptures, using the Greek Septuagint and the Dead Sea Scrolls and other ancient manuscripts.

And it came to pass afterward, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, was sick, and his sickness was very severe, until there was no breath left in him.

And she said to Elijah, "Why have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come in to me to bring my sins to remembrance, and to slay my son?"

And Elijah said to the woman, "Give me your son."

And he took him out of her bosom, out of her arms, and took him up to the chamber in which he himself lodged, dwelled, and laid him on the bed.

And Elijah cried aloud and said, "Alas, Jesus, the witness of the widow, with whom I sojourn, I dwell, you have worked calamity/trouble for her in slaying or killing her son."

And he breathed on the child three times, and called on Jesus and said, "Jesus, my Theos, let I pray you the soul of the child return to him."

And it was so that the child cried out, and he brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives."

And the woman said to Elijah, "Behold, I know that you are a man of Theos, a man of God, and the word of Jesus in your mouth is true." Amen.

Elijah resurrected the dead, and this was not the only time he did that.

We have other biblical examples, Jesus raising Lazarus, and so forth, of people being raised from the dead.

So let's think about this. Let's use some logic. Amen.

If God is predesigned, predetermined, the specific date of death for every person, then what Elijah did to resurrect the dead is to reverse the decision of God, to reverse what God has already made up his mind.

That boy is going to die, and it's going to be on that date. He's dead.

It's written in stone. It's written in the book in heaven. He's going to die on that day.

Elijah comes and reverses the judgment of God, and says, No, he's not going to be dead, but he's going to be alive.

Some people would say, Oh, but it's appointed only so that Elijah could rise from the dead.

A lot of people would try to twist it like that, because they're grabbing for straws.

They're grabbing for anything that they can think of to hold on to what they want to believe.

To say that God had pointed the time of death only so that Elijah could come later and raise him from the dead, you would have to give me a verse to prove that, because that is an assumption. Amen.

That would be an assumption, and we should not assume things when we're searching for the truth, because when you assume things, you're just grabbing for straws. We want the evidence. Amen.

The boy died, and if you are going to say that the death is appointed by God, that's God's will.

If I die today, if I die tomorrow, that's the will of God. Well then, apply it to that boy.

He died that day, that's the will of God. Elijah comes on and reverses the will of God.

There's nothing wrong with using logic. It's not the same as making assumptions.

Logic is good. Logic is putting your mind to work, your brain to work.

It's common sense, it's intelligence, it's critical thinking. There's nothing wrong with using critical thinking.

Let's go to 2 Kings 20. Please allow me the opportunity to give other verses rather than only one.

If we use only one or we use only two, then we are susceptible to deception.

We want to look at enough verses to make sure we come to the right conclusion, looking at a variety of verses and a variety of points and principles.

Verse 1.

This was absolute. This wasn't, you might die, but rather you're going to die. It was absolute.

And Hezekiah turned to the wall and prayed to Jesus, saying, Lord, remember I pray you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your eyes. And Hezekiah's cried with a great crying.

And Isaiah was in the middle court, and the word of Jesus came to him, saying, Turn back, and you shall say to Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, Thus saith Jesus, Theos of your father David, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears, Behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of Jesus, to the temple, and I will add to your days fifteen years, and I will deliver you and the city out of the hand of the king of the Assyrians, and I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David's sake. And He said, Let them take a loaf of figs, and lay it upon the ulcer, and he shall be well. Amen.

Now notice, God didn't say, I'm just going to wave my magic wand, and you'll be healed instantly. But rather, yes, I'm going to give you fifteen more years, but this is how you do it. You take this remedy, a loaf of figs, and you lay it on the ulcer, the cancer, or the leprosy, or whatever it was. These things are very difficult to translate. So, God used a natural remedy that worked very quickly to heal him. And that's the way God works many, many, many times, rather than just waving the magic wand. He gives us something to heal us, or to perform a miracle with His blessing and His anointing through the tools that He gives us. This is the way He works the majority of time. Amen. Now let's think about this and use logic. The date of his death, or that he was going to die, it wasn't a specific date. It wasn't said you're going to die in ten days, or anything like that. It's just that you're going to die. There's not a specific date given, but the death was absolute. It wasn't a maybe, and it wasn't if you don't repent, but rather just an absolute death sentence. And yet, God changed it. Amen. There's nothing here saying that there was a specific date of death, only that the death was going to be absolute. And there's nothing that tells us that it was a judgment from God, necessarily. It's not specific to that. But God did grant him fifteen additional years. That tells me that your actions, and your requests, and your free will, and your prayers, and your life, and your relationship with God can absolutely make a difference in when you're going to die. Amen.

The date of Hezekiah's death was changeable. It wasn't written in stone. Amen. It was changeable depending upon Hezekiah's reaction to the news, and whether or not God would hear his prayers positively. Amen. Because we know that the Bible says repeatedly, not in one place, not in two places, but in repeated places, repeatedly the Bible says that God will not answer the prayers of the sinners. It says here in English, but that's not a good translation. That's not an accurate translation. We know that God hears everything. But rather it should say that He does not positively answer the prayers of sinners. So if Hezekiah had been an evil man, a demonic man, the prayer wouldn't have done anything without repentance. Amen. And it doesn't say that Hezekiah repented. He only prayed, cried out for more life. So very clearly, very obviously, our actions, and the way we live, and the way we treat God, and the way we talk to God, all these different things, our free will and our relationship with God absolutely can and does make a difference about when we're going to die. Many times. Amen. Many times. It did in His case. Amen. He changed the date of His death by asking God for more time. It was not written in stone. And there's nothing here saying that the date of His death was appointed before the foundations of the earth. It doesn't say that. It doesn't hint to that. Amen.

Now we're not going to turn there, but everybody knows about David and Bathsheba, and how David lost it after Bathsheba, and Bathsheba was already married. Think about this for a minute. You remember that? How many of you remember that? You remember that, buddy? Okay. Everybody remembers that, right? What did David do to get Bathsheba? He commanded the murder of her husband. Ain't that what he did? To send him out to war and put him on the front lines to make for sure that he died. That was basically murder. And God was very angry about that. God was very upset about that, and even killed David's son. Amen. So the man that died in war on the battlefield because of David's unrighteous, sinful command, was his death appointed by God? Of course not. Of course not. God was angry about it. God didn't want that innocent man to die on the battlefield, even though it was war. He didn't want him to die. It was a setup. He was framed.

It was not determined by God. It wasn't part of God's plan. The date of his death, nor the manner of his death. Neither one was planned by God. It was planned by David.

That's two different opposite things. Amen.

God was angry about it. That right there all by itself would completely disprove that God has a predetermined date of death and manner of death for every human on earth.

Amen. Just a little bit of logic right there. Absolutely proves the truth on that issue.

Let's go to the book of Leviticus over in Leviticus 10, page 137. Leviticus 10, starting in verse 1.

This is talking about the sons of Aaron. So in verse 1 it says, the two sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abiud, they took each one of his censer and put fire therein and threw incense of their own and offered a foreign fire, or a strange or heathen fire, before Jesus, which Jesus did not command them. And fire came forth from Jesus and devoured them, and they died before Jesus. So in this situation, and also in the sons of Eli, how they died when they offered strange fire. In both cases, these boys died because they did something evil.

Was that predetermined by God? Of course not. They did wrong. They committed a sin, and God brought punishment upon them and judged them. And they were workers of the temple.

So you could say that they were appointed to be in the temple. They were appointed for the work of God. They were appointed for the kingdom. They were appointed to be even within the royal family of a priesthood. And that's right. All of those things, I think you could accurately and correctly say that they were predestined for their positions in life. Of what family they would be born into, what child they would be born into, what generation they would be born into.

But when it came to their death, it was not caused because God had already written in a scroll in heaven, on thus and thus a day, these boys are going to die. No. You can't say that. Because the cause of their death was their own sin, their own free will, their own choices, their own decisions, their own actions, their own foolishness, their own lawlessness, their own rebellion. Free will. Amen.

It all comes down to free will. God has given all humanity, both Christian and non-Christian, chosen and non-chosen, the elect and the people that are not the elect. We all have free will to either serve God or not serve God, to live a righteous life or not a righteous life. And what you decide to do is going to affect tomorrow and today. You make the decision whether or not to drink and drive. You make the decision rather not to walk down the road drunk. You make the decision rather not to stop at the railroad crossing. You make the decision rather to obey the stop sign and the red light and the law, or to live lawlessly and chaotically, to live in chaos, which results in an earlier death, does it not? Amen. Your own decisions, your own free will, what you decide to do with your life, how you live your life, and what kind of mentality you're going to have, will absolutely affect whether you continue to live past today. Either one of us could get an evil mentality to us and say, I'm just going to not care, and I'm just going to go out here and live recklessly and run the stop sign, kill ourselves, commit suicide, whatever, would we be able to say, that was God's will.

And if I die today, if I die tomorrow, it was God's will. It wasn't my will. That would be pretty stupid to say it was God's will when actually it was your own decision. Amen.

And we make decisions every day that affect the longevity of our life. Whether we take a vitamin or not, whether we exercise or not, whether we have a proper diet, what we eat and what we don't eat. We make decisions every day, whether you're chosen or not chosen, whether you're Christian or not Christian. Every one of us make decisions every day that will affect our health, our mentality, our attitude, and the rest of our life. Many decisions.

Free will. It's not predesign, it's not free will. And those decisions will absolutely affect the length of your life. You can change the time of your death, absolutely, by your own actions. Foolishness or wisdom. Amen.

Deuteronomy 30 verse 14.

"The Word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart and in your hands to do it. Behold, I have set before you this day, life and death, good and evil. If you would listen to and obey your Theos, your God, to walk

in all His ways and to keep His ordinances and His judgments, then you shall live."

Notice it doesn't say you're going to live no matter what, right? It doesn't say you're going to live no matter what because I have predetermined it. But rather it says if you listen to and obey and keep God's law, then you will live. It's conditional.

"Then you shall live and shall be many in number, and Jesus your Theos will bless you in all the land into which you should go to inherit it." Verse 17. "But if your heart change or your free will or your mind changes and you will not listen to and obey, then you will go astray and worship other gods and serve them. I declare to you this day that you shall utterly perish, die, and you shall by no means live again, live alone, unto the land, onto the land into which you go over Jordan to inherit it."

So these people had been chosen by God to enter into the wilderness, amen, to be part of the called out ones from Egypt, amen. These people had been called out of Egypt by the hand of God, chosen to be delivered, amen. Chosen to be delivered out of Babylon, out of Egypt, out of a sinful culture and a sinful nation and captivity. Chosen to be delivered, called out. But they were not promised a specific date of death or that they would live prosperously without condition. Their own free will would determine that. That if they choose to obey God and live righteously, which would be the way of wisdom, intelligence, critical thinking, right decisions, then they would live longer and be prospered and blessed by God. But if they chose by their own free will to disobey God, then death would come earlier. They was all going to die sooner or later, amen. They wasn't going to live for another 6,000 years. They wasn't going to live for 6,000 years. Their days were numbered.

Their months and their years were numbered in the sense that they wasn't going to live all the way up to the time of Christ's return. Amen. They was all going to die sooner or later. But they could not make that claim that Christians try to make today when they want to have an excuse to be stubborn. We've all heard it over and over and over and over.

"If I die today, if I die tomorrow, it's God's will."

Bullcrap. Bullcrap. What that person is really saying is, "Leave me alone and let me sin in peace."

Amen. That's what they're really saying. They're saying, I don't want to change. I don't want to repent. I don't want to eat healthier. I don't want to exercise. I don't want to obey God. I don't want to change my lifestyle. I just want to keep on doing what I'm doing now in my stubbornness, in my rebellion, in my hardheadedness. I don't care the advice you're giving me. I don't care the direction that God is trying to stir me. I'm not going to change. Period. Argument over.

Ain't that what they're really saying? Amen. And you hear it all the time. You also hear that all the time where they say, only God can judge me. And it's the same mentality when they say only God can judge me. The mentality is, I don't want to change and I don't want your advice because I want to stay the way I am. I don't want to repent. I just want to stay in my stubbornness. It's the same mentality. Amen.

Now we're in the book of law, and we don't have to turn there, but we know Exodus 20, the Ten Commandments says, Thou shall not murder. Thou shall not murder. But if somebody were to come and murder somebody that we know or don't know today or tomorrow, was it God's will? Was it written in stone? Was it written in a scroll in heaven? That on that particular day, this person is going to be murdered because this is God's will. If I die today, if I die tomorrow, it's God's will. How do we know that? How do we know it's going to be God's will? Is it God's will that somebody break into the house and chop your head off or blow your brains out? The Bible says don't murder, and yet when somebody murders somebody, oh, God's will. God's will. News flash. There is such a thing as personal responsibility and a fallen world. Amen. We do not live in paradise.

God doesn't control every little thing that happens in this world and in your life. He doesn't. Now of course, He does try to give us direction because He loves us. We have God's instruction book for life, and He's given all of us common sense to some extent. Yes, He is involved in our lives, absolutely. But He does not control every little thing or even every big thing in our life. He doesn't. We make decisions of our own free will in this fallen world, and He gives us free reign to go and come as we want. We can choose to live by His Word and His

guidance, or not live by His Word, and to ignore His guidance and the counsel of His servants. Amen. We can say to people when they give us advice and direction, we could say that makes sense, and that's logical, and that's true, and I'm going to change, or we can say, I don't give a shit. If I die today, it's God's will. Which decision are we going to make? Amen. To take the direction where God is trying to stir us, or just clamp down and be stubborn. And what direction we're going to take in that is our own free will, because we're not robots, and God does not want us to be robots, and He doesn't treat us like robots. He has given us free will so that we may choose to serve Him or not serve Him. And He says, "I give you this day both life and death." He's given us a decision.

Amen. It's a decision whether we live long or not live long. By our righteousness or stubbornness, or good health decisions, or bad health decisions. All of it is part of our free will. The Bible says, Thou shall not murder. That's very clear to us that it's not His will for a certain woman or a certain man to be murdered. It's not His will.

Now let's go to the New Testament. Acts chapter 4. Page 132. Acts 4 verse 32.

And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. And with great power the apostles were given testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all. And there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of

land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales, and lay them at the apostles' feet. And they would be distributed to each as any had need. The apostles would distribute the resources.

Now Joseph, a Levite of Siberian birth, was also called Barnabas by the apostles, which translated means son of encouragement, and who owned a tract of land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Chapter 5 verse 1, And a man named Ananias with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and kept back some of the price for himself with his wife's foreknowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Ghost and to keep back some of the price of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, it was not under your control. Why is it that you have conceived this deed, this work, this action in your heart? Have you not lied to mankind? Not only to mankind, but to God, to Theos."

Verse 5, And Ananias heard these words, and he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. And the great men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him. Now there he lapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price. And she said, Yes, that was the price. Then Peter said to her, Why is it that you have agreed together, the two of you, to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out. And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last.

And the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Amen. This man and woman, they died not by the predestined date of their death, but they died because they made a decision to be greedy, to be secretive, and to lie to the church and to the apostles. Amen. Everybody else in the church that owned property, they sold and gave all of it, not just ten percent, but all of it to the church because of the situation in the church at the time is that it was a necessity situation, a necessity in that particular situation for all the resources to be poured together and let the apostles make the decision about who needed what. That was the right thing to do in their situation.

That was the decision of the apostles, and the church agreed to do it. And everybody, they didn't have a need because it was distributed correctly. Nobody was acting out of greed. The apostles were not acting out of greed to just get rich or anything like that. There was nothing wrong with this.

But this man and woman decided that it belonged to them, and they were going to keep part of it. They would

go along with the church's decision as far as on an outward face of what they could see, but secretly they would hold back a portion of the money. They made decisions that determined their own fate by their own free will. We cannot say that the date of their death was written in heaven. Now they were part of the church, right? They were believers. They were in the midst of the apostles.

The apostles and disciples and the rest of the church had not cast them out. They had not been disfellowshipped. They were part of the church. And yet, the date of their death was not written in stone, but rather would be determined by their own free will and their own decisions and choices. Whether they would be stubborn, which they was, their stubbornness is what killed them. Their greed and their stubbornness and their lies. Multiple things involved there that killed them rather than the will of God. It wasn't the will of God if they died that day.

Now, of course, God can and God does sometimes protect people from death, thereby delaying their death. Even in my situation the other day where I got caught up in a tornado when I was out on the road in my car the other day, two or three days ago, that I could have died that day. Amen.

The winds were fierce. It looked like to me the winds were over a hundred miles per hour. It was extremely frightening. It really was very, very, very frightening. I could have died that day. My car could have been picked up by the tornado or blown and flipped several times. Very easily, very easily that could have occurred. I do believe that God prevented my death and my injury because of how quickly it settled down after I pleaded for God to calm the storm and to protect me.

I do know that tornadoes come and go quickly, but the timing of my plead and the quickness and timing of the calming of the storm I believe was not coincidence. And the fact of how many times I have been in tornadoes previously and other situations.

I do know that many of you can also testify of times that God delivered you from death in many different ways and manners. I know this. I know that God can deliver us from death and delay the timing and date and manner of our death. I am not in any way, shape or form trying to lessen or discredit God's ability of control, His power and His authority. I know that there are some people whose lives are more involved with the hand of God. That God's hand is active in some people's lives more than other people's lives. I know that. Amen. I know that some people live a life where God is not very present in their life, whereas other people, God is extremely present in their life every day. God can save and deliver. He can also bring judgment. He can also bring death early to a person based upon their actions, their blasphemies, their abominations, and their own free will. I know that God does sometimes kill people out of punishment or even end their life out of mercy. That's in the Bible as well.

The Bible is clear that God does kill some people out of punishment and the Bible is clear also that He lives, some people die out of mercy. The Bible is clear that He protects certain people from death like Daniel in the lion's den. But none of this proves that there is a predetermined, predestined day of our death. Now, of course, He does know when we're going to die. He does know that.

He does know in the future when and how we're going to die. But that doesn't mean that you're going to die at a time that God has made a decision that you're going to die. It only means He knows about it. He knows about it because He saw the end from the beginning. Amen? He saw the end from the beginning, so He even already saw World War III, and who's going to be the next president, and who's going to attack who and when that's going to occur, and who's going to die in that war, who's going to die in that nuclear blast out of your own decision, where you're going to live, where you're going to travel, and what you're going to do in the Great Tribulation. Whether you're going to prepare for the Great Tribulation or not prepare for the Great Tribulation.

And all these things, He knows all of that. But it doesn't mean that you're going to make the right decision about when to flee and where to go, and that your death or your life is going to be based upon the will of God. Because that's your own decision about whether you're truly going to follow His direction for the Great Tribulation, about where you're going to be. All that is up to you, even though He knows what you're going to do. There's a difference between saying He knows when I'm going to die and saying it's God's will.

He might know that there's a woman or a man that's going to be murdered tomorrow, but that doesn't mean it's God's will that they be murdered tomorrow.

So, when we think back to Job 14 and Psalm 139, those verses could be referring to what God knows. Having seen the end from the beginning, that we have a certain number of months, that our time is limited, it doesn't mean that He has made the decision regardless of our own free will. I think those verses could very well be referring to His knowledge rather than His will. And there is a difference.

In the coming weeks, I believe, based upon what I can see coming in society right now, when I watch the news, when I monitor world events right now, what's happening in China, what's happening with COVID, what's happening with the virus epidemic. When I look at these things in the world right now, it leads me to believe that in the coming weeks, that things could and probably will be drastically different. That we're in for a drastic change soon in the coming weeks ahead. We know that the Bible, in the book of Revelation chapter 6, talking about the seven seals of Revelation, we know that it says in the fourth seal that there would be disease, that there would be plagues, death, in huge numbers.

A lot of people have become extremely complacent with the virus because they're tired of hearing it every day for three years now, I guess, two or three years, that you've got to social distance, and that the virus this, and the virus that, and the virus this, and the virus that. So we've been under this for a long time, so it makes people complacent. Amen?

So I know that's easy for people to be like, I don't want to hear nothing about the virus because I've been hearing about the virus for two years or three years. And people don't like to be told what to do. That's human nature. That's their nature of rebellion. Amen.

I want to follow my own free will. I want to do that. I want to follow my own free will.

And God let them. Amen? God let them have their own free will, but it brought death into the world. And it is man's own actions, and man's own decisions, and man's own free will that brings death at our doorstep. Amen?

Even though we don't like to be told what to do, and even though we like freedom, and we like to be able to come

and go as we want, go anywhere we want, do anything we want, the reality is that the Bible says, not CNN, not Fox News, but the Bible says that there is a time coming when there's going to be a great epidemic, and lots, and lots, and lots of death, and sickness, and disease. Not a fake virus, but a real epidemic. This is what the Bible teaches us. I don't care what they say in the news, this is what the Bible teaches us. Amen? And what does the Bible teach us about when a disease comes into the camp? It says, isolate that person, send them out of the camp, have them go and wash themselves, and have them go and separate themselves from the rest of the congregation, and let them be isolated. That's what the Bible says to do. You don't have to believe me, look it up for yourself if that's what the Bible says or if that's not what the Bible says. Of course, I'm fair of phrasing and using different words, but that's logic, isn't it? In my 20s and in my 30s, they wouldn't go to school, they would stay home. Amen?

I remember that. People don't do that no more. I remember that. People don't do that no more because they don't care about anybody else but themselves. People today, they're like, yeah, I got the flu, and I got these germs, and yes, somebody might get infected, but I want to go to the store without each other no more for that. Back in those days, they would stay home, go to the store, they would put a mask way before COVID. It was way before that. Or masks, that decency and respect. Amen? That you don't want them to get sick or you didn't want them to get sick. Cure and love for each other. But now it's just love for each other. But now it's just every man for himself. I want to do it, so I'm going to do it. I don't care. Amen? That's the mentality we're living in today in this very wicked generation that we're living in now. A very selfish generation.

I think you all know I'm speaking the truth. Amen? The times that are coming are going to be more drastic, according to the Bible. There's epidemics, real and true epidemics, that are going to bring an increase of death. And I know that the fake vaccines are greatly responsible for a larger portion of the number of deaths that we're seeing right now. That it's not all disease, but rather the vaccine. I'm not ignorant of this. But I'm also not ignorant of the Bible's predictions of disease and sickness that are going to come. And I know that it is God's will that we have love for people. Amen? Isn't that what all the commandments are based on, is love for God and love for your fellow mankind? Love and cure and consideration and respect for other people. And for yourself, for your own livelihood, for your own longevity, your own health. We are to love ourselves, too. Absolutely. That's not an evil thing to love yourself. You have to love yourself to take care of yourself.

Amen? Our bodies are the temple of the Lord. But not only is our flesh important to God because it's a temple of the Lord, but even our mind, our spirit, our soul, all of these things are important to God, either, also. And we have to protect all of that, too. We have to protect the whole body, the whole mind, the whole soul. The Bible says to love God with your whole mind, your whole body, your whole soul. Amen? To love God with your whole being and seek Him out with your whole being. Amen? We need to be in this all the way, not just one foot. Amen? Too many Christians try to serve God with a one-foot mentality, one foot in the church door. And as long as I have one foot stuck in the church door, I'm okay. I'm saved. I'm going to heaven. And if I die tomorrow, I'll go to heaven because I've got a foot in the door. I know the pastor. I'm in. Amen?

We need to serve God all the way, but also to take care of our temple and our mind and our body and our spirit and our soul. We're facing a drastic change ahead. We need to prepare for that because that's common sense. The Bible says that the wise man will prepare. Amen? It says, consider the ant, how he prepares his food for the wintertime while there's still food in the summer. Amen? The Bible says "Awake, O sluggard!", that means don't be lazy. Don't be complacent. Get serious because there's a great tribulation coming. The Bible doesn't say it's a weak tribulation coming. It doesn't say there's a little tribulation, but rather it is a great tribulation coming. Wisdom declares and prudence and logic and common sense and the nature of self-defense that God has given every one of us. It says to us, awake, O sluggard, and get ready and prepared for your life to be different. You can't live the same way you are now forever because there is danger at the door. It's time to get on the armor of God. And sometimes the armor of God is more than just a mentality, but rather wisdom of putting on shoes if you're going through mud.

Amen? Put on a raincoat when it's raining. Put on a winter coat, a winter hat. Put on gloves when it's freezing outside. We have to, based upon the situation, and getting around to, and I believe it's already here, that we need to begin wearing masks when we go out and about inside public buildings. I'm not talking about walking down the street.

Of course you don't need a mask walking down the street if there's nobody around you. I'm not talking about we've got to be stupid. I'm not saying you've got to wear a mask if you're the only person in the car. I'm not saying we've got to be stupid. I'm saying a time is coming, and I believe it's already here, because of this new virus. A new virus.

I don't even think it's COVID. I think they have created a brand new virus, or at the very least greatly modified, engineered the COVID virus, and have greatly changed how deadly it is. I believe that it is the prudent thing to take precautions, and not only masks and gloves and hand sanitizer and washing our hands and social distancing, but also being restrictive about where we go. Because nobody else is being careful, for the most part, here where we live. Where we live is a very conservative, very free state, and I praise God for that. Amen? I praise God for the freedom we've been able to enjoy these last three years, compared to somewhere like California or New Jersey or somewhere else, those liberal states, where communism has already taken control, and they've not had freedom for the last three years. I praise God that we live in a free state right here where we're here right now, and that I've not needed to wear a mask for the last three years. I don't like masks better than anyone else. I hate those things. I do. I hate a mask. I've not been wearing one for a long, long,

long, long time. But when I see a new virus, a new threat that is more deadly, that is more powerful, that's already in America now, that has come over from China, and I read the Bible, and I read the news, and I watch what's going on in the world, and I see the Great Tribulation coming closer and closer and closer, there eventually needs to be a time when I say to myself, times are changing.

The situation is changing. The situation is becoming more dangerous. We're closer to the great tribulation, and take necessary precautions, rather than saying, "I don't care. I don't like a mask. Masks don't work." Let's use some logic here. Let's use some logic, okay? Not only did doctors and nurses and everyday people wear a mask for precautions before COVID was ever heard of, which is something to think about, but not only that, but isn't it logical that if you put a piece of fabric around your mouth and strap it on there, as long as it's tight enough, as long as it's not extremely loose-fitting, that it's going to restrict the flow of air? Isn't that logic? And you say, well, yeah, I can't breathe.

Amen. It's restricting air. And if it's restricting air, you're not going to be breathing in as much of whatever is in the air. That's logic. And I don't care whether you're talking about smoke or dust or a virus. The same thing. If the air is being restricted and you're not breathing in as much as that air, then you're not going to breathe in as much dust, as much paint. Do not people wear a mask when they're working on a building and they're painting? And it helps. That paint, when they're spraying it, I'm talking about spray paint, or when they're sanding and they wear a mask, does it not stop those air particles, that aerosol spray, and those microscopic particles of dust, which are extremely tiny? It stops it, for the most part. Amen, to some degree.

I'm not saying that a mask is going to work all the time for every person in every situation. I'm not saying that. I know that they are not effective a hundred percent. Nobody is saying that they are effective a hundred percent, not even the CDC. Nobody is saying that they are effective a hundred percent. But what I am saying is that they do restrict some of what you're going to breathe in. And we already had scientific studies years ago, two years ago.

Because I'm going to tell you what, I know that not all of science is correct, that we can use some common sense. Amen? Can we not use just a little bit of common sense, just a little bit? Amen? Can we not use a little bit of common sense, that people were protected from viruses and bacteria and germs, from a mask, for years and years and years and decades and decades and decades. We don't have to trust everything science says, but we can use logic. Amen? Amen, we can even use our own science sometimes. Amen. We don't have to be a scientist, and we don't even have to turn on the news or read the news to use a little bit of logic. But people don't use logic today, and they don't use critical thinking today. What they do is, they go over to a conservative website and believe everything that they listen to, everything Alex Jones says is the Word of God. Everything they see on YouTube

is the Word of God. Everything they hear their pastors say is the Word of God. People, they don't use logic anymore. They don't use logic. They think it out. Amen?

What it really comes down to, that's what. Amen? I don't have to be a scientist to use logic. If I die today or if I die tomorrow, that's God's will, is a very carnal, sinful mentality that says, I don't hear, and I'm not going to change. That's exactly. Amen.

I tell you what, the time of judgment is coming quickly, and God is going to root out not only the people on the left, but also the people on the right.

God is going to root out the legalistic, religious Pharisees that say that we shouldn't even go into a church building. Okay? I'm going to tell you something. If you want to worship God in a living room, that's fine. But it needs to be the appointed place for worship, because the Bible does talk about the appointed place, the place where God has set His name. Amen? It does need to be the appointed time for worship, because the Bible does talk about the appointed time for worship. But if God has called a particular man to serve Him and to gather together people for worship at the same time and the right, the same place, then is it wrong to enter a church building? No. As long as you're going to listen to a true pastor and hear correct doctrine, and you're going on the right day of the week, and as long as you're making the right judgments, which you absolutely

have to do, you have to judge that pastor. You have to judge the other members of the church, but you also give the other members of the church time to grow and time to repent. A lot of people go into a church gathering, a gathering, and they judge the people, of course, and they see their sins, of course, and they say, I'm never coming back. What about your own sins? And what if everybody else in the congregation had said, I'm not going to go back, because that person came to church that day. Amen? The congregation needs to get their eyes off each other as much and on to God and on to themselves. Amen? And if God has chosen that man to lead that congregation and has blessed that congregation with a place that they can gather out of the wind, out of the rain, out of the snow, well then praise God for that church building.

We all know that the building is not the church. We know that it's the people that are the church. But there's nothing wrong with having a building to meet together and putting a sign on it saying services are at a certain time. There's nothing in the Bible that says do not, do not do this, thou shall not do this, do not do this.

And I know that there are a lot of bad doctors out there that have made wrong decisions about how to take care of the sick. But that does not mean that there are no good doctors out there. And it doesn't mean that the virus is fake. And it doesn't mean that there's no escape from the virus. Amen? Everybody wants to point toward what has been done and done wrong by the medical establishment.

But they never want to point toward the time that the doctor saved their lives. When somebody stabbed you and you had to go to the emergency room or you fell off the ladder and you went to the emergency room. Or you had a car wreck and you went to the emergency room.

What about those times? Those particular times that the doctors and the nurses was anointed with knowledge from heaven as they went to school and they went to college and they studied and they studied and they studied because they cared about people. Because they chose to live a career as hard as that career would be. As many hours and long, long, long, long hours of 12 and 15 hour shifts. And they knew this. They knew that this is what they were signing up for. But they cared about people and they loved people and they said, I want to be a doctor, I want to be a nurse, I want to help people. And then you had a car wreck.

I tell you some of you people, you need to be in a car wreck so that you can thank a doctor for their witchcraft. Amen? Pharisees calling all the medical establishment witchcraft. It's lunacy. It is not witchcraft to put a band-aid on you. It's not witchcraft to take a vitamin. It's not witchcraft to say, doctor, somebody stab me. Please, that's not my body. Please do a surgery on me. That's not witchcraft.

People don't know what in the world they're talking about. They think they are experts on the Greek language because they looked at Strong's occurrence or read, they read some website or they watched some video. Oh, I'm a language on the Greek. I know it says witchcraft. God says don't do it. You can't go to the doctors. All witchcraft. These people need to get a brain. You know what witchcraft is? It's using a Ouija board. That's what witchcraft is. Amen?

I'm sick and tired of religious Pharisees that think they know it all and yet never use their brain. I'm laying it on the line. I'm saying it the way it is but somebody's got to say it. Let's use some logic. I know there's some wicked sciences out there. I know there's some wicked sciences out there. Amen? Doctor Fauci and a whole million more.

But I have also met some men of God that were doctors that really cared about their patients and really helped their patients. And what about Luke that was in the Bible? He was a doctor and he was one of the, well he wasn't one of the disciples but rather he came later that he was chosen of God and served God. He was a great companion to the Apostle Paul. And yet we never read in the Bible that the Apostle Paul said to Luke, you've got to end your doctor practice. You can't be a doctor no more. You're practicing witchcraft. That conversation never occurred. Amen? It's not witchcraft to take an aspirin.

It's not witchcraft to go to the doctor and say, hey take my blood pressure. It's not witchcraft. Amen? And if a person needs insulin for their diabetes, that's not witchcraft.

It's medical help. Sometimes they give us the wrong medicine. But that doesn't mean witchcraft just because

there was one doctor that didn't know what he was doing. But some people would never change and it doesn't matter if I preach all day and all night because they're stubborn and hard headed and there's nothing going to penetrate it. They just want to believe what they want to believe. They're already sold their soul to the devil and there's nothing I can say to change that. Some people are just stubborn. Amen?

Well, what gets me is people that want to keep listening even though they disagree because they want more evidence against me. They want to hate me more. That's not enough. It's not enough to already be arguing with me and already have everything that they want against me.

It's not enough. They want more against me. They want to know what other doctrine that they disagree with. They want to know how else they can argue because they are of the devil. Amen. I tell you, people just blew my mind how wicked they are. We should be able to learn and grow as a Christian and as a person. We need to be able to change our mentality. To wake up and realize what the truth really is rather than what somebody said on the internet. What the truth really, really, really is. Even when we don't like it. Even if it completely changes our life. We need to be willing to step out of our comfort zone and realize and confess that we were wrong about something. That is actually possible that we were wrong about something. And change our lives for the better and start using wisdom, intelligence, and critical thinking. Amen?

And having more respect for other people. Their lives. There's a lot of old people, elderly people out there that their immune systems are not as strong as a young person. So if we get sick and we keep going to the store without a mask, we could very easily pass that on to somebody that's 80 years old that the immune system is already half of what somebody else's immune system is and they get sick. I tell you, in that situation, their blood is on our hands. I tell you what, God is good. Amen. God is very good.

Brother Jared, you got anything to add?

"Well, there's a very easy example against this doctrine that the date of death is appointed: all the aborted babies."

Amen. Excellent point, brother. All the babies that have been murdered in abortion. Can you say that's God's will? Of course not. Some of those babies, surely because there's been millions and millions and millions of babies that have been murdered in abortion, out of that huge number, surely you could say that some of those souls would have grown up to be Christians. Bible-believing Christians. And yet, they still died by murder, which is not the will of God, on that particular date that they would have been murdered.

Excellent point. Anything else?

"What's written in stone isn't the date of death, but 'Thou shalt not murder.' This topic is one of fatalism or determinism versus free will. There's people who say that there's no free will, that everything's just a computer simulation or a machine machine. It's a demonic belief. A person who thinks like that does whatever they want and thinks they can get away with it because they did it."

Amen. Okay. Thank you to the people that have listened for the purpose of growing in truth.

Brother Edward, his one-year anniversary of baptism is coming up Wednesday on the 18th. Brother Robert, does that say four years? On Thursday. So we congratulate Brother Robert for his four years in the truth, coming Thursday, and Brother Edward in Scotland for one year in the truth. We appreciate both of these brothers for all their contributions to the kingdom of God, their faithfulness. They're willing to grow. They're willing to change.

They're willing to use critical thinking and examine themselves and test themselves and grow in the truth and mature in the truth and devote themselves to the Lord. Amen. So, congratulations,

Brother Edward and Brother Robert.

The first day of the 11th month is coming up on the 22nd, so that means next weekend we're going to have services both on Saturday and Sunday both. Amen. Saturday and Sunday both next weekend, because we always have services on the first day of the biblical month, not the Roman month, because we know that we're using a Roman Catholic calendar, unfortunately. But when you look at God's calendar and how there's a first day of the month and the new moon, the Bible does talk about gathering together for worship on the first day of the month, so that we do that. And it's not a Sabbath. It's just a day of gathering together to hear the Word of God. So that's next Sunday, not tomorrow Sunday, but the next weekend. Saturday and Sunday both next weekend at 11 o'clock in the morning Eastern Time.

God is going to separate the people in this coming epidemic. People that want to continue to live in foolishness, without care, without love for other people. Those people that want to continue to live in a careless, loveless way of foolishness, and not taking any precautions in public. A lot of those people will be wiped out, and I praise God for it. And you can write it down, and you can tape record it, and you can publicize it all over the place that you use against me, because I know that's your purpose of listening today. But the truth is the truth, and when all of you are dead and gone, the truth will still be standing. Amen. You cannot hide from God, and His hand will search you out and destroy the enemies of the Lord. In Jesus' name it is so. Amen.

I'm not here to make friends. I'm here to preach the truth, and to get people to wake up to how they have been programmed and brainwashed, not only by the leftist, communist New World Order, but also by the communist New World Order implants in the conservative websites, in the conservative video channels, the conservative churches, and the conservative speakers, how that those people, just like the left, are programmed and brainwashed on both sides, the extreme left and the extreme right, both sides, stubborn, hard-hearted, hard-brained, resistant to the Word of God, resistant to logic and common sense, that God is going to move His hand of judgment. And I do not pray for that day to be delayed, even as Jeremiah and many other men of God prayed for the judgment to come. That's what the church needs to be doing, rather than God bless America and God save America, and God change this people and God change this government. What we need to be praying is, God, I'm sick and tired of millions of babies being slaughtered. I'm sick and tired of all the deception on both sides. I'm tired of all the brainwashing and all the lies and all the deception and all the sickness and evil. Lord, please bring an end to all of this and bring Your kingdom, for it is Your kingdom that I seek, not the revival of the United States.

We need to give up on this nation that has already fallen from God and realize that the judgment of God is what we need and is what we need to be pleading for. Amen. Once we get that into our heads, then we'll be delivered of a lot of the bull crap that's coming out of Hollywood that we call Washington, D.C. and realize that Trump is not going to save any of us because he's part of the New World Order himself. Amen. He's the one that brought the vaccines upon us, and yet people act like that never happened, that Trump is not the one that brought the vaccines upon us. How can we forget that? How can we ignore that? Every time we hear the name Trump, it should come immediately to our heads. He's the one that gave us these demonic vaccines. Why would we want him to be president again? He's the one that gave this to us. He's not Jesus Christ. He's not coming back. He's not going to save us. There's no political hero that's going to save us. We need to put our mind on the kingdom of God and the scripture and the truth and on ourselves, cleaning up ourselves. You can't save a nation until the person himself changes. It starts in here. It starts with the individual. Amen.

Alright, for those that are willing to learn, God bless you, and I look forward to seeing you again. All of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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