

**Sermon full transcript:
Real Jesus Versus False Jesus Characteristics
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2 Timothy 4 verse 1.

"I solemnly charge you in the presence of Theos and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead by his appearing and his kingdom."

Verse 2. "Preach the word, berating in season and out of season. Reprove, rebuke, exhort with great patience and instruction.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires or their own will.

And will turn away their ears from the truth and turn aside to myths."

Amen.

This was the Apostle Paul writing a letter to Timothy and Paul was teaching Timothy how to be a good pastor. He was mentoring Timothy. And notice here that he warns of a time to come when people will not like the truth but rather will seek teachers that will preach to them what they want to hear.

A tickle the ear message, a feel good message that is according to their own desires, what they want to hear. Not what the Bible really says, not what the scripture really says, not what Jesus really said, but according to their own desires, their own will.

And we know that people's own will is the easy way rather than God's way, rather than God's commandments, God's requirements. Amen.

This is something that is a very common verse that you see all across the internet. It's one of the most common memes that you would see. But Revelation 12 verse 9 says that the whole world is deceived.

So it doesn't matter how many people will post this verse on their Facebook, on social media, on Twitter.

Revelation 12:9 says that Satan deceived the entire world.

So you can see this verse being quoted by every pastor in the world doesn't mean they understand it because the Bible says that Satan has deceived the entire world.

Most Christians typically, generally, have a false ideal of what the truth is and a false ideal of what Jesus was like or is like.

Because the false churches and the false preachers, and there is such a thing according to the Bible, as false preachers and false churches.

If we read the Bible, it teaches us that very clearly. There is such a thing. And the whole world is deceived, as I keep saying. That's what the Bible teaches us.

So most Christians typically have a false ideal of what Jesus is like because of the false churches and false pastors who are actually very ignorant of the Bible.

That's just the God honest truth, to be honest with you. A lot of pastors are very ignorant of the Bible.

There are some pastors that know more than other pastors, but in general, typically what I have seen with my own eyes is that most pastors are actually very ignorant of the Bible, of what the Bible says and doesn't say.

So today, I'm going to share several Bible verses that most Christians don't even realize are in the Bible, and which contradict the traditional image of Jesus that they have in their minds.

We're going to read verse after verse after verse after verse, verses that most Christians don't realize are in the Bible because they haven't read the Bible.

Or, when they read it, it went in one ear and out the other ear. They were not reading the Bible to learn. They were reading the Bible to check it off their list, to be able to say,

I've done my deed, I've done my responsibility, I did what I was supposed to do, I'm a good Christian now, I read the Bible today, therefore I'm a good Christian, and they said, check it off the list, but they didn't read it to learn or to examine themselves, to examine their lives.

To learn and to grow was not their reasoning, and that's why most Christians, even if they did read the Bible

seven times, these verses today will seem like they never read them before. Amen?

So, let's go to the book of Matthew now. Matthew chapter 5. Matthew 5, very close to the front there. This is page 10. You've got page numbers on the bottom, if you have the paperback of the Alpha and Omega Bibles. It's good to see brother Hugh, his wife and family. Good to see them from South Africa. And I hope that our friend in Canada is listening for the first time. I hope you're listening.

Good to see AJ in Korea. Good to see everybody. Matthew 5, let's go down to verse 17. Matthew 5 verse 17. This is the words of Jesus. Verse 17,

Do not think that I came to abolish the law or the prophets. I did not come to abolish, but to bring to fullness. For, Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one jot, that means one J letter, one letter or one stroke,

not one of them shall pass from the law until all is accomplished.

That's an amazing, mind-blowing sentence because it goes completely contradictory to what most ministers teach. Most ministers.

Most ministers in this town, in this county, in this state, in this nation, and across the world, across different denominations, the majority of them teach that the law is done away with.

All law and all commandments. But this is the words of Jesus, not your local pastor. Amen. Jesus said, until heaven and earth pass away, that not one letter would pass from the law. Not one.

Now we know very clearly that God did do away with circumcision. Praise God. We know that God did do away with animal sacrifices. Praise God. Because those are part of the law, but those are old covenant law. And we know that the old covenant law was done away with.

So how do we make sense of what He just said then? How do we make sense of what He just said when we know that circumcision and animal sacrifices of the old covenant are done away with, but yet Jesus just said that not one letter will pass from the law?

How do we make sense of this? It sounds contradictory. The way we make sense is we keep reading. That's what pastors do wrong. That's what Christians do wrong. That's what churches do wrong. It's a stop reading. They don't keep reading.

So verse 19 says, whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments. The word commandments there signifies, tells you what law he is talking about. He's not talking about the old covenant law, but rather he's talking about the ten commandments. Even though it doesn't say ten commandments here, he says commandments.

So

we know what the commandments are. Amen? Especially in the context of law. Right? He just said, I'm not going to destroy the law until heaven and earth are destroyed. Until heaven and earth is gone, until this present age is gone and destroyed. Until then, none of the law of the commandments is what he's talking about. The ten commandments. None of those will be done away with.

We see that in verse 21. He talks about committing murder. We see in verse 27, he talks about adultery. So these are the ten commandments that he's talking about. He doesn't list all ten, because he doesn't have to list all ten, because everybody already knows all ten. Amen?

I don't have to give you every verse in the Bible to prove a point. I can give you just a couple of verses to prove a point. So he doesn't have to list all ten commandments. It's very clear that he is talking about the ten commandments in the context of the entire chapter. Amen?

So not one of the ten commandments has been done away with or changed. Not one jaw, not one letter, not one stroke would be done away with. So this is completely contradictory to the traditional doctrine of most pastors in most churches.

Now you may think I'm wrong, but the only thing I did was read the scripture to you and explain it in a way that can't be denied. Right? Can you actually deny this? It's easy. It's clear. It's to the point. If we don't believe it, it's because we're stubborn. Amen?

It's easy to understand. So this goes completely contradictory to the traditional ideal, the traditional image of Jesus that most Christians have in their head, because their traditional image of Jesus in their head is a lawless savior that doesn't require any obedience to any law.

That's anarchy. That's anarchy. That's chaos. When you have no law, a lawless generation, a lawless nation, a lawless society, that's chaos. Amen? God is not the God of chaos.

Look at chapter seven now. Page thirteen. We're going to start in verse five. Matthew seven, verse five. Verse five says,

you hypocrite. This is Jesus talking. He says, you hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Now this is in the context of judging. Verse one, do not judge so that you will not be judged. So all Christians, and even all atheists, they know verse seven by heart. That's the favorite verse in the Bible of every sinner, because a sinner does not want anybody to judge him.

A sinner does not want to be held accountable for his sins. Amen? So that's their favorite verse. And you will hear that verse brought up in every church, every denomination, and every pastor, and yet they're taking it out of context, verse one, because they never read verse five.

And if they do read verse five, they don't understand it, because they don't have the Holy Ghost. Amen? Verse five says, you hypocrite, take first the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your own, out of your brother's eye.

What does that mean in the context? What that means is, you can judge. You can. Because once you have cleaned up your own life, once you have removed the log, which is symbolism for a larger sin, a larger problem than the person that you're judging, by comparison of verse one and verse five.

If we compare the verses and take the whole context, then Jesus is not truly saying don't judge, but rather He's saying clean up your own life first, get the sin out of your own body first, and then you will see clearly to help somebody else, to judge them and help them, and to lead them in the Scripture after you've cleaned up your own life first. Amen?

So this goes completely contradictory to the false image of Jesus that people have in their mind, of where Jesus does not allow us to judge anybody for anything. Think about it for a minute. Use logic for a minute. If you're driving a car, and you see somebody on the side of the road hitchhiking, and it's really cold or it's raining, or something a really hot summer day, you would feel sorry for that person on the side of the road. Of course, by the nature of the law of God that's in us, that's written in our hearts, to love people, to care for people, we'll feel sorry for that person, of course.

But we have to judge that person about whether they look safe to allow in the car. Same thing if somebody comes to our door and wants to come in to sell us something or talk to us about something. We have to make a judgment about that person.

The way they're dressed, the way they talk, the way they present themselves, their character, their personality. Everything about that person we have to take into consideration of whether to trust them to allow them in our car or to allow them in the house.

When you go to a new church for the first time, you have to judge that pastor. And let's be honest with ourselves, everybody judges everybody in the church. Let's just be honest with ourselves.

How many times in my life when I went to the Baptist church and the Pentecostal church and different types of Baptist and different types of Pentecostals and worldwide church of God that I would then later on in the parking lot or in their home or in their house or on the internet or text message or phone call the next day or a minute later talking about one another.

Or saying I don't like them because they're not friendly enough. You had to have judged that person to have made that decision that they're not friendly enough or they don't preach the truth or they don't worship enough or they don't have the truth.

You have to make a judgment about a church, about the congregation, about the pastor, about a Bible translation, about strangers, about family, about friends. If you do not judge people, you're a fool and you will end up dead.

You have to judge to survive, to know who to associate with, who to pick to be your best buddy, your best friend. You have to judge people to know whether they're going to be a good friend or somebody you should stay away from.

You have to judge people. You have to and there's no escape from that. Jesus is teaching, if you read the whole thing, that you must clean up your own life first and then you have the right to judge the other person and to help them clean up their life. Amen.

Complete opposite of the fake image of Jesus that we receive in the traditional churches. Notice in verse 5, he calls these people a hypocrite. You hypocrite. That's an insult, is it not? Don't you think so? That's an insult, isn't it?

And yet, how many people have I heard over and over and over in my lifetime that have said, Jesus never insulted anyone. He never offended anyone. He never called out sin. He doesn't get angry. He's just nice, nice, nice, nice, nice. Love, love, love. Kiss, kiss, kiss, kiss.

But here, he is using an insult. That goes completely contrary to your traditional image of Jesus that they teach in the churches. And notice verse 6 now. Read along with me in verse 6.

"Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, for they will trample them, your pearls, under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces."

In the context, he's talking about trying to help other people clean up their life once you have done that yourself. Amen? But he says here that some people are dogs, some people are swine, so he uses three insults here. Hypocrite, dogs, and swine.

That word swine, you know that it's talking about pigs. It can be translated either way. You can translate that as pigs without any problem, without adding to or taking away from the Scripture. It is a way that you can correctly translate it. That's what a swine is. It's pigs.

He uses three insults right after another, one after another. That's completely contradictory to the traditional image of Jesus by a traditional Christian.

And not only does he insult certain people, but he also says basically in different words that these people are not worthy to receive the truth because he's calling them names.

He's calling them hypocrites, he's calling them swine, he's calling them pigs, he's calling them dogs. So he's basically in different words saying that there are some people that you might try to help to clean up their life and point them to the truth and help them to come to Christ.

There are certain people that just ain't worth it. They're unworthy. There is actually a verse in the Bible that says pray that you be killing it worthy. Amen. To escape these things. Not everybody's worthy to escape these things. Some people have to receive the judgment. Amen.

There's another verse in the Bible that talks about that we may be failed worthy of our calling. There's a lot of verses in the Bible that you don't hear in the churches. Amen.

But there are certain people that just won't accept the truth no matter how much you preach, no matter how many Bible verses you give them, no matter how many fliers or gospel tracts you give them. Even if you sit down and read the Scriptures with them very gently in a loving, kind, and gentle way, they still will not accept the truth.

And when they do that, they are treating the Word of God as trash. They're not showing any respect for the Scripture. They're hard-headed, stubborn, rebellious, and sinful.

And that is why Jesus rightfully says that some people are dogs and pigs. And that we don't even need a witness to those. We need to judge them. Notice this is in the context of judging or not judging. Amen.

We have to judge about whether or not somebody is a dog or a swine. Because if we make the right judgment and determine that they are a dog, then we don't need to be wasting our time witnessing to that person.

Amen.

Let's read something else here. It sounds like to me that he had even a little bit of anger in his voice. A little bit. I mean, he's using insults. Right?

You hypocrite. Don't give

what's holy to the dogs. What's holy is your witnessing, your truth. The truth that you're trying to share.

It seems like he's a little upset here to me. And that's something else that is contradictory to the traditional image of Jesus.

Is that he never gets upset. He doesn't get angry at people. It's all love, mercy, and grace. And nothing but love, mercy, and grace. It's not anger. It's not punishment. It's not wrath. The only gentleness.

But he's a little upset here, I guarantee you, because he calls them a hypocrite. Amen.

We don't have to turn there right now, but we know that Proverbs 9 verse 10, we know this verse. Everybody knows this verse. You might not know where it's at in the Bible, but everybody knows this verse.

That Proverbs 9 verse 10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Amen. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Everybody knows that verse, but they don't believe it, a lot of people.

A lot of people don't believe it, even if they know that verse by heart. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

A lot of people have read a million books, went to college, have a high IQ. They think very highly of themselves. They have a lot of pride about their knowledge, their education, what they think that they know. Amen.

Just like a lot of preachers that went to seminary, went to a Bible college, and they will brag about it all the time. I've seen this over and over and over and over. I know what I'm talking about here. I've seen it over and over.

They're proudful of what they think they know. Amen. But they don't understand, or they don't believe, and they don't apply it into their life. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

True wisdom begins with having a reverent fear. This ain't the wrong type of fear. This ain't like being afraid of spiders or something like that. But rather, this is a reverent fear, an honorable fear. That's the type of fear, and there's nothing wrong with this type of fear.

God does not require you to be afraid of Him in the same way you might be afraid of mode or a virus or a spider or a snake. Of course, God doesn't want you to fear Him in that way. A lot of people misunderstand that.

A lot of people hate the word fear in the Bible when it's coming to God to fear in God. I've had people tell me, I don't know how many people have told me in my life, that that can't be right. That must be the wrong word.

"Somebody put that in there. Somebody inserted that."

No, they didn't!

They did not insert the word fear. It's there. It's part of Scripture. It always has been part of Scripture. But it's not the wrong type of fear. It is a reverent fear. It is the same type of fear that you would have for your parents that you love when you are a child living at home, and you know that your daddy's going to spank you when he gets home.

You love him, but you have a reverent fear of your dad knowing that if you did wrong, he's going to spank you. It is respect. Amen.

And that is the type of fear we need for the Lord. But people don't have that if the preachers are teaching that you don't have to obey. It's just mercy. It's just love. It's just grace. And it doesn't matter what you do, according to those preachers, you're not going to suffer the wrath of God.

Because He doesn't call out sin. Because He doesn't insult. This is the false picture they get. That this proves them wrong.

Let's stay in chapter 7 here and go down to verse 21. Chapter 7, verse 21.

Jesus is still talking, and He says this, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven. But he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter."

Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name? And in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles.'

And then I would declare to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from Me, you who work at transgression of the law.'" Amen.

These are Christians because they're calling Him Lord. Amen. And it says that they cast out demons, and they prophesied in His name.

And they did many miracles. That's not an atheist. Have you ever heard of an atheist prophesying in the name of the Lord?

Casting out demons in the name of the Lord, performing miracles in the name of the Lord? Of course not. It's not talking about atheists. It's not.

It's not talking about people that don't believe in Christ. The context and the words is very, very, very clear. That these are people that think they know God. They are Christians. They call in the name of the Lord. They prophesy. These are even church leaders. Amen.

These are church leaders, prophets and prophecies. These are deacons and pastors who are casting out demons and performing miracles.

Can you deny that? Can you deny that this is Christians? I think it's very obvious. Amen. Very obvious.

And yet these Christians, these church leaders, Jesus says to them, I never knew you. I never knew you. I never did know you. Amen.

Depart from me, you who work at transgressing the law. Amen. This goes completely contradictory to the doctrine of as long as you have prayed to God, you're saved.

And there's nothing that can remove your eternal salvation from you. As long as you prayed, as long as you believe in the Bible and God, as long as you have faith, by faith alone, you are saved.

These people had faith. They were casting out demons. They had faith, great faith. You've got to have great faith to be able to cast out a demon. Amen.

You've got to have great faith to even prophesy, because if you don't have great faith, you're going to be too timid about prophesying. You have to be strong and courageous and have great faith to even try to prophesy. These are people with great faith, and they were confident that they were going to enter heaven. But instead of entering heaven, Jesus said, get away from me. Depart from me. I never knew you. You've been breaking the law.

Even though they had great faith and they were church leaders. Amen. Completely contradictory to the traditional image that is painted by most preachers. Amen.

Now let's go over to Chapter 10, verse 11.

And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it. That takes judging, doesn't it? Inquire who is worthy. That takes judging people.

And stay at his house until you leave that city. And as you enter the house, give it your blessing. If the house is worthy, again, that takes judging the people that live in that home.

If the house is worthy, give it your blessing of peace. But if it is not worthy, take back your peace. What? But I thought all the preachers said, you have to live at peace with everybody forever.

With no exception. Always be at peace with everybody. That's what most preachers teach, isn't it? But he said, this is Jesus here. This ain't Paul. This ain't Peter. This is Jesus.

He said, take back your peace if they're not worthy. That's very interesting. This is Scripture. I'm just reading Scripture. That's all I'm doing, reading Scripture.

And look at verse 14. Read along with me in verse 14. Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words. This is in the context of evangelism.

Going into a town or a house or a city or a village to witness to them. Context of sharing the Word of God. If they do not heed your words, if they do not believe the truth, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet.

Shake the dust off your feet. What does that mean? You can look that up in some old encyclopedias, the internet, different places, books. You can research that, and you would determine that there is a Middle Eastern curse.

That is the culture. Even to this day, it's not just only an agent custom, but even a modern custom that still exists to shake the dust off your feet to curse that person.

And this is Jesus saying that you should do that for that person, for that house or that city, whatever situation it is, that does not accept the truth.

He says take back your peace and curse them. Very different from our traditional image of Jesus.

Verse 15, it says, "Amen, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Solomon and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city."

Think about those words. That's some real heavy words. That's heavy, dude. That's heavy. That's some heavy words right there. It's going to be more tolerable for the homosexuals than it is for these people that heard the word of God and did not accept it.

Amen? That sounds like God is warning about judgment. Right? Can you deny that? That Jesus is warning against judgment?

Yes, God is love. But a good dad will absolutely spank his children when they deserve it. And if he doesn't, he's not really a good dad, no matter how much he loves you.

If he's a good dad, he's going to spank you when you deserve it. In the appropriate manner, of course. And God is the ultimate judge, the judge of judges, who judges fairly.

He's not a God up there just waiting to punish no one. I'm not trying to paint that picture. He is loving. He is merciful. He is full of grace.

But he also reaches his point to where he gives up on certain people. I've seen that before over and over and over. Amen? I've seen people, multiple people, where God was talking to them and I could see that.

I could see God talking to them and they would just ignore it, not repent, and just keep on doing what they want to do, their own desires. And sure enough, the punishment came.

God is love and mercy and grace, but he also is a good dad that will absolutely punish people when they deserve it. That's his character. He doesn't just kiss your feet all the time. He also spanks your butt if you need it. Amen?

Because

he's good and he's fair. Amen. Some people think that my image of Jesus, my ideal of Jesus is only wrath and anger. Not at all. I'm the perfect example of incredible grace and incredible mercy.

I believe and I live in his mercy, even the sure mercies of David. Amen. And I love God for that, but I also love God for the times that he punished me, that he set me straight because I needed it.

Once we get older, we can respect our dad for what he did. We didn't enjoy it at the time. Nobody enjoys the whooping, the spanking when it is occurring. But as we get older and grow up, then we can look back and say, I deserved it. Amen.

And we love him for it. Amen. Now let's go down to verse 34. Chapter 10, verse 34. Fasten your seatbelt, because this is another one of those verses. Amen. Look at verse 34.

It says, "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I came to set a man against his dad, 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.

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."

Amen.

That's very different than the traditional image of Jesus painted by most preachers! Amen.

Verse 34 again. This is Jesus talking. Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

To set a man against his own dad. To cause division in your own house.

A lot of people blame the devil when there is an argument between a man and his son, or a woman and her daughter.

They would say, Satan did it. Satan's causing problems. Satan's causing problems. But guess what? Jesus said He is doing this in some cases. I know it's not always God.

Sometimes the devil does bring division in the family. But sometimes, according to what Jesus said right here, not me, but you can read it with your own eyes.

Jesus said sometimes it is Him, God, Jesus, causing division in their own family. Why? Why would God do that? He's God of love. He's God of mercy. He's God of grace.

Why did He come? Not to bring peace, but He came to bring a sword and to cause division in a family. Why? I'll tell you why. Because not everybody is worthy of going to Heaven.

If it was as easy as saying one prayer and just believing in God, well heaven would be full. Amen. It's not that easy. According to this right here, according to chapter 7, where they say, Lord, Lord, we've cast out demons. We prophesied in Your name. And He said, get away from me. I never knew you. It's not that easy. Not everybody is worthy of heaven or of paradise.

A person's got to be worthy. He even said, when you go into that town or that house, see who is worthy.

Amen. And if they're not worthy, take back your peace and even curse them. Not everybody is worthy.

God is love, but He is also a righteous judge. That's part of His character too. It's not right to paint Jesus as being only love and leave out the part about Him being the righteous judge.

We need to consider everything the Bible says and all the different characteristics of God. Not just part of it. If we want to know God, then we should know all of God. Not just the parts that we want.

We should read all the Bible and not just the parts we want. We should seek out a preacher who will preach the Bible what it really says and not just a feel good message all the time.

Because we shouldn't be babies. We should be grown up and be able to handle the harder meat, the deeper meat to make us better, to make us stronger, to help us pursue God.

Even as Jacob wrestled with God all night long and wasn't letting go. Jacob understood that he didn't have to just say one prayer and then just sit on his couch all day long all the time.

Jacob understood that we need to pursue God. That we have to wrestle with God. And that God is a man that will wrestle with you. Amen. He won't just shake your hand. He will wrestle with you.

God is an Alpha. He's the Alpha and the Omega. An Alpha male is a rambunctious male. Amen. The people's pictures of God in their mind is very feminine. A very feminine weakling who never insults, who never calls his name, that never points out sin.

A very soft Jesus. Feminine Jesus. But the truth is he's the Alpha male. He's the Alpha God. Amen.

And notice verse 37. He who loves dad or mom more than me is not worthy of me. He who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Again, not everybody's worthy. That's God's own words right there. Amen. Not everybody's worthy.

So, if you think about this verse, if you love your parents more than me, or if you love your children more than me, you're not worthy of me. I've seen that. I've seen that. Amen. I've seen that over and over and over.

People that love their parents or love their children more than they loved God.

Yes, you're supposed to honor your parents, of course. That's one of the Ten Commandments, isn't it? But, there's a time and there are situations where the parents are not worthy of honor and respect.

What if your dad had been Hitler? What if your dad had been Joe Biden? Obama? Stalin? Mao? The world is full of evil people. Not just those national leaders.

But, in every town, in every town, there are some really extremely wicked people. Every town. Extremely

wicked people. I'm not talking about just lost people, but extremely wicked people.

With 666 on their forehead or their arm or their back. Or some other, they're doing seances, witchcraft, something else. And witchcraft is very common. Extremely common. And that, in the Bible, it says that witchcraft is an abomination.

And yet, there are witches that claim to be Christians. There are. There are witches that claim to be Christians, but the Bible says that witchcraft is an abomination unto the Lord.

Those same witches that claim to be Christians, they say they know God. They say they serve God. They pray. They read the Bible. They go to church. But they practice witchcraft, which is an abomination to God.

Are they going to heaven? No. He's going to say, get away from me. You're filthy. Amen? He does not accept vain worship. God is holy. God is holy. He doesn't accept people worshipping Him as a hypocrite. Amen?

If we worship Him, we must lift up holy hands, as the Bible says. Lift up holy hands. If you're lifting up dirty hands to God, that's not pleasing to Him.

We need to have a clean heart, a clean mind, a clean life. But when I say clean, I'm talking about biblically clean, not the false image of clean. Of what they say, everything's a sin, everything's a sin. I'm not talking about that. Because the reality is, not everything is a sin.

But I'm talking about biblically correct doctrine. Amen? And let's keep reading. Let's turn the page here. Verse 38.

Verse 38 says, "And he who does not take his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for my sake will find it."

Think about this. These are heavy words. If you do not take your cross and follow Him, you're not worthy. What does that mean? A cross is heavy and painful. A cross is not a decoration. A cross is not something you hang from the mirror in your car.

The cross was not made out of gold or silver. It's not a decoration. The cross was bloody. It was painful. It was heavy. He's saying to serve Him is difficult.

That's what He's saying. To serve Him is difficult. And unless you're willing to do difficult things, because He's not saying you have to be crucified, right? He's not saying you have to be crucified.

So the cross here is a symbolism for a heavy load. That it is a lot of responsibility to be a true Christian. To be truly saved. It says, He who has lost his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for my sake will find it.

And that means when you get truly saved, your life will change. Your life will change. If you got saved and your life did not change, then I hate to break the news to you, but your salvation was not real.

Because Jesus here says that if you don't take up your cross and follow Him, then you're not worthy. He who has lost his life will find it, and those that will find it will lose it.

In other words, you must change your life. When you come to God, you won't be the same that you was, because you will be obedient to Him if you really did come to God.

You will be obedient to Him. You will have a reverent fear of Him, so that you don't keep doing the same sin over and over and over.

You will repent and be baptized, as Acts 2:38 says. Repent and be baptized. A lot of preachers don't like that verse, but that's what the Bible says. Repent and be baptized!

It does not say repent and say a prayer. It says repent and be baptized. Preachers don't like that, but that's what the Bible says. Amen?

Let's go over to the book of Luke 14:16

"But he said to him, A man was given a big dinner, and he invited many. We know that this is symbolism for the marriage supper. And at the dinner hour, he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited,

Come, for everything is ready now. And they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, I have bought a piece of land, and I need to go out and look at it. Please consider me excused.

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

Another one said, I have married a woman, and for that reason I cannot come. And the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry.”

This is talking about God!

“He became angry and said to his servant, Go out at once into the streets and the lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.

And the servant said, Master, what you have commanded has already been done, and yet there is still room.

And the master said to the servant, Go out into the highways and along the hedges and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you that none of those men who were invited should taste of my dinner.”

There's a lot of people that have been invited, that God was talking to them, that God was trying to save them, but the people used every excuse in the book!

“I got to work on Saturday. I got to follow the traditions of the family. If I don't serve God in the truth, if I do serve God in the truth, my mom or my dad might disown me.

My wife might disown me. My husband might disown me. My children might disown me. If I choose to serve God in the truth, if I was to keep the Sabbath, if I was to keep God's biblical holy days rather than Christmas and Easter, then my whole family would think I'm strange.

They would think I'd join a cult. They won't talk to me. My wife would divorce me. My husband would divorce me. It's going to cause family problems.

I got to work on Saturday. I can't do without that.”

They use every excuse in the book to not be obedient to God. Therefore, they won't be there at the marriage supper.

They have chosen their own desires, their own will, their own doctrines, their own teachers, their own pastors. They have chosen their own denominations.

They have not chosen to put God first, and they really don't appreciate what the truth really is. They don't even want the truth.

They're too satisfied, too comfortable in the Babylonian churches, the everyday traditional church. They're too comfortable in not having to change, not having to surrender, not having to repent, not having to change their life.

They're too comfortable being a baby. They're too comfortable with only the milk of the Word, the feel-good message. They don't want the harshness of the message. Amen.

They don't want the deep things of God. This is your traditional, everyday Christian. Amen.

And look at verse 26 now. Read this with your own eyes in verse 26.

Because I don't want you to think that this is just me. I want you to know that this is what the Bible says. Verse 26 says,

"If anyone comes to me and is not willing to forsake his own dad and mom, and is not willing to forsake his own dad and mom and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple or my follower." Amen.

This is what Jesus himself says. This ain't me. This is Jesus. His own words. We must be willing to, if it came to it, if our wife or if our husband, if our children, if somebody, it doesn't matter who it is.

If somebody hindered us from serving God in the truth, from keeping the Sabbath, from keeping the biblical holy days, from paying our tithes, and avoiding paganism, and avoiding the demonic things, then we must be willing to give up that person, regardless of who it is. But your traditional minister, your traditional minister would say,

there's no reason for divorce, ever, unless it might be adultery. But Jesus said, completely opposite of that in this verse,

that you should be willing to give up anybody, even wife, husband, child, parents, anyone, if they are hindering you. That's what is hinting at. Amen.

If they're hindering you from obeying God, we have to love God first. We have to love God first. We have to love God more than anything else in the world. Amen.

Now, the King James, and NIV, and New American Standard, and all the other Bibles, for the most part, almost every Bible that you can find,

actually uses the word hate, rather than willing to forsake. But it can't be hate.

God doesn't require you to hate your parents, just because they're sinners, just because they are not worthy. But only separate yourself from them. Amen. Only separate yourself from them.

As it says, what is it, 2 Corinthians 6, maybe? I think that might be where it's at, where Paul said, "What fellowship does light have with darkness?" Amen. He warns about being unequally yoked together with unbelievers, with the unfaithful.

So God is not requiring us to hate the sinners, the lost people, but just to realize that they're not worthy if they are rebellious against God,

if they don't want the truth, and to separate ourselves from such people. That doesn't mean you hate them. It just means you've got to watch after your own salvation, and not allow anybody to lead you to damnation.

Amen.

That's all that means. But this is a perfect example of how the Alpha and Omega Bible is more accurate, because those other Bibles say that you must hate those people. That's not biblical. That's not biblical.

But rather, be willing to forsake them if necessary, which is confirmed in 2 Corinthians 6, where Paul said that we are to separate ourselves and come out from their midst. Amen.

We should separate ourselves from rebellious sinners that won't repent.

Now let's go back over to Matthew. Matthew 15.

I like going through a lot of Scriptures so that you understand that I'm not picking and choosing just one verse, just two verses,

just the ones that I want you to hear. But I want you to understand that there's a lot of verses in the Bible, lots and lots and lots of verses in the Bible that confirm what I'm saying.

That's how you know the truth, is by reading a lot of the Bible. Amen.

If a pastor gets up and preaches a whole sermon on one verse, you need to never go back to that church, ever. Because they preach a sermon on one verse, that's easy to get deceived if they're not reading much of the Bible. Amen.

If we read a lot of the Bible, then we can be sure of what the truth is.

In Matthew 15:6, "And thereby you invalidated the word of God, the word of Theos, for the sake of your tradition. You hypocrites! Rightly did Jesaias (that's Isaiah) prophesy of you.

This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far away from me.

But in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of mankind." Amen.

Again, that's completely contradictory to the traditional image of Jesus.

Because the traditional image of Jesus says that you can worship God any way you want, even with pagan Christmas trees, even with pagan holidays.

And we can just take those pagan holidays of Christmas and Easter, and just put the name of Christ on it, and just say it's Christ's birthday, even though it's not.

We can lie about it, which the Bible warns about lying.

Come on now. Does the Bible not warn us about lying?

So the traditional pastor says, yes, the Christmas holiday really was pagan thousands of years ago,

but we're going to clean it up. We're going to put Christ's name on it,

and we're going to lie about it to say it's Christ's birthday,

and that makes it okay because it's fun.

And it makes your children happy. Does that sound right?

People making up their own doctrines and their own commandments based upon tradition.

That's what Jesus said in verse 6, invalidating the word of God for the sake of tradition. Amen.

Verse 9, in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of mankind.

Christmas is a commandment of your traditional church.

Your traditional pastor and your traditional Christian says,

if you do not keep Christmas, you're not a good Christian.

And that's why they say, if you don't keep Christmas, you're not a good Christian.

They're going by lies, they're going by traditions,

and making their own commandments as if it was the commandment of God.

And they're taking something that is dirty and filthy,

that originally worshiped Zeus and other false gods,

and saying, we're just going to clean it up and claim it's Christ's birthday,

and this is completely acceptable. It doesn't make sense.

We ought to exercise logic.

It doesn't make sense to take a filthy rag and say we're going to worship God with it!

Can you take a Ouija board, which we know, I hope everybody knows a Ouija board is very satanic.

Demons, real demons, are associated with the Ouija board.

Can you take that Ouija board and just put the name of Christ on it?

And say, we're going to bring this into church, and we're going to hear the word of God,

and we're going to just move it around and receive God's direction for your life using the Ouija board?

Of course not! That wouldn't be logical, because God is Holy, and He does not accept unclean things (to be used to worship Him, or to use in church or by Christians)!

Christmas tree being an unclean thing. Christmas holiday being an unclean thing. Amen.

All you've got to do is look in the encyclopedia. It's not hidden. It's there.

All you've got to do is look in the encyclopedia. It's easy to learn this.

And it's undeniable. It really is undeniable.

Can anybody show me any words in the Bible where the Apostle Paul kept Christmas?

Or Peter? Or Matthew? Or Mark? Or Luke? Or Timothy? Or John?

Can anyone in this room raise your hand and tell me where in the Bible that one of the disciples of Jesus Christ, one of the apostles, or anybody that wrote a book of the Bible, celebrated the Christmas holiday?

Can I see any hand of anybody that knows a Bible verse where they kept Christmas? No one.

Can anybody give me that in the chat room? Can you give me a Bible verse in the chat room, anybody, where one of the disciples or apostles, or an author of the Bible, where they celebrated Christmas?

Of course, people want to point out to the Magi, and the wise men, and the shepherds, that came when Jesus was born.

But that wasn't Christmas. That wasn't Christmas.

So, to try to use that, to try to validate their pagan worship, is in vain.

God does not accept that, because that wasn't Christmas. Amen?

And what does the Book of Deuteronomy say?

Let's turn over the book of Law now.

Deuteronomy 12:29. And if Jesus your Theos, ...

now this is Old Testament,

if you was to look at any other Bible, it would say the Lord, but it would be in all capital letters.

But, yeah, all the other words in the same verse would be small letters.

So why would you see the word Lord in all capital letters, but not any other word?

And if you look it up, it's undeniable that they put the word Lord in all capital letters,

because that is to signify, to let you know, that the name of God was there originally.

The name of God was there originally, and they replaced it with the word Lord. That's why it's in all capital letters.

So we say Jesus, because we know that Jesus is the Lord. There's only one Lord. Amen. Only one God.

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(The verse continues...) And so if Jesus your Theos shall utterly destroy the nations to whom you go in there to inherit their land from before you, and you shall inherit it and dwell in their land.

Verse 30. "Take heed to yourself that you seek not to follow them after they are destroyed before you, saying, 'How do these nations act toward their God? I will do likewise.'"

Don't do that, God says! Don't do that! Don't look at what the pagans, the heathens, the Gentiles, the lost nations, the lost people, the lost families, don't look at how they serve Zeus and say, "I want to do the same thing to serve Jesus".

God does not accept that!

This is proof that you cannot Christianize pagan worship that worshiped Zeus. It was the birthday of Zeus. You can't just add Jesus' name and lie about it in order to validate your pagan worship.

Remember that the priest Eli, his sons, presented a strange fire to worship God.

And God killed those boys. But they were sacrificing to God. They were worshipping God.

But it was not an acceptable sacrifice. It was unclean sacrifice.

It was unclean fire that they had taken fire from a pagan altar.

And God said, Even though your intent is to serve me, I'm going to kill you because you've taken the fire from a different altar and used it to worship me. I don't accept it.

You can't take something that is dirty, that is defiled, and worship a holy God with it. It's not logical.

Amen.

Verse 31, "You shall not do so to your God, for they have sacrificed to their gods the abominations of Jesus, which He hates."

He does hate sin. And He does hate abominations and pagan things. Amen.

He hates pagan things. He hates... What is the first commandment?

The first commandment is that you have no other god before Him.

That when we take a holiday that is the birthday of Zeus, what are we doing?

We're really breaking that first commandment because we're taking the worship of Zeus and lifting up our hands.

What did they do with the golden calf? The golden calf when Moses came down from the mountain.

They said, We've made this a holiday to God. That's what they said. You can read it later.

We've made this a festival to God. We've made this a feast to God.

But they wasn't truly worshipping God. They were using a pagan golden cow, bull, ox, whatever it was.

God does not accept the traditions of man and pagan customs and the customs of the Hebrew nations and just say, We're going to worship God with it.

Look at this verse 32.

"Every word that I command you this day, it shall you observe to do.

You should not add to it, nor diminish from it, or take away from it."

What God has commanded us at how to worship Him, the Sabbath and the biblical holy days, the way that He commanded us to worship Him is the way that we must worship Him because He's God.

People treat God like a fast food drive-thru window. They do.

People think they can order it their way. Give me onions, leave off the tomato, add mustard. They treat God and the worship of God as a fast food drive-in restaurant where you can pick and choose how you want it. But God says, The way I have commanded you, that's the way you must do and not add to it and not take away from it. Amen? And yet He never commanded the worship of Christmas or Easter, either one. Never commanded it, neither did Paul, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, Timothy. None of those ever said, Hey church, let us come together on a certain day and keep Christmas or Easter. Can anybody give me an example where they said that to the church?

They did come together on Pentecost. Amen? They did come together on Pentecost even 50 years after Jesus went back to heaven. Now I know Acts 2 was only 10 days after He went back to heaven. But there's other verses in the New Testament where it was decades later and they were still keeping Pentecost. And not only Pentecost, but even the days of unleavened bread. Even the Apostle Paul said to the church of Corinthian, he said to them, he wrote this like 20 or 30 or more years after Jesus went back to heaven. Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, Let us keep the feast. And then the rest of it, he said, you know, not with the unleavened bread or the leavened bread of malice and greed, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity. Amen. So even 20, 30 years after Christ went back to heaven, Paul was teaching the observance of the biblical holy days and was gathering the church together for the biblical holy days. And he said, Let us keep this feast. He said, Let us keep this feast. And yet it was decades after Jesus went back to heaven. So how can we say that Jesus removed the law of the Sabbath or the law of the holy days? How can we say that he did that? When the church, the New Testament church, the New Covenant church, I should say, that's more accurate, the New Covenant church was still observing the holy days even decades after he went back to heaven. Amen. And you can find these verses when we get off the internet here because I'm recording this. We're doing a live broadcast. People are listening all over the world. So after this sermon juggle with, if you want to find these other verses I'm talking about, you're free to do that of your own heart, of your own mind, to study the Bible more and read the Bible more. I encourage you to do that. I encourage people to read the Bible and to study it. When you read the Bible, don't do it to just check it off that you did your good deed for the day. But rather, you need to read the Bible to learn and to examine yourself and to grow in God, to pursue God, to wrestle with God, to find God, and to find God's true and acceptable will. And not just what you want, not your desires, but what God really wants and how God really wants us to serve Him, that we may be accounted worthy. Amen.

Now let's go over here to Matthew again. Matthew 19. Let's go down to verse 16.

"And someone came to him and said, 'Master, what perfect thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?' And he said to him, 'Why are you asking about what is perfect? There is only one who is perfect, but if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.'"

Amen.

And notice how Jesus did not say, Keep the commandments until I die.

He didn't say that. He didn't say, Keep the commandments until I am crucified.
He didn't say, Keep the commandments only for the next one year or two or three.
But just simply, keep the commandments. Amen.
In verse 18, then he said to him, Which ones?
And Jesus said, You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not commit murder or adultery.
You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness.
On to your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
So, he's basically saying, The Ten Commandments is what I'm talking about.
Now, he didn't list the Sabbath, but he don't have to list the Sabbath,
because we know the Sabbath is included in the Ten Commandments.
If I was to teach you that you need to keep the Ten Commandments,
then I have to stand here and read all ten.
I think we pretty much already know all ten, especially in that day and time.
The people knew all Ten Commandments. Amen.
Jesus did not say, Keep some of the commandments.
And didn't he say in chapter 5 of the same book of Matthew,
that not one letter of the law would be removed, talking about the commandments.
He said not one letter and not one stroke, not one jot would be removed from the law,
and he was talking about the commandments.
So, a lot of people try to point out that he didn't mention the Sabbath.
But he lived in a day and a time when the Sabbath was much more well known
than what it is today.
They knew the commandments. They knew the Sabbath.
They were good at keeping the Sabbath, even in a very legalistic way.
What they were not good at was loving people, honoring the parents, avoiding murder.
So that's why he listed these.
But we know that we can't go by only one verse by itself.
We can compare this to chapter 5 where he said not one jot, not one stroke would be removed.
So yes, it does include the Sabbath.

In verse 20, the young man said to him,
All these things I have kept, what am I still lacking?
And Jesus said to him, If you want to be perfect, go and sell your possessions and give it to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven, and come and follow Me.
But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving,
for he was one who owned much property.
And Jesus said to His disciples, Amen, I say to you,
It is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.
Again, I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle
than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of Theos, of God. Amen.
It's not impossible, but it's very difficult. Amen.
This goes against the traditional image of Jesus that most people have,
because it shows requirement.
More than just praying, more than just faith, more than just believing.
This man was required by God to sell everything he had.
And I'm not saying that everybody has to do that.
But what I am saying

is that Jesus did tell this one man that he had to sell everything in order to go to heaven.

So that does prove my point that it's not just faith and belief.

You have to also have obedience of whatever he tells you to do as an individual.

And different people have different callings.

Different people supposed to live in different states, different nations, different things, different jobs, everybody's different.

But if God was to tell us to do something, then we can't use the excuse, I said my prayer, I believe, and I have faith.

That rather, God actually requires us to be obedient to what He has commanded us. Amen.

It also shows us, in combination of chapter 5 or chapter 6, whichever it is in Matthew, we said, lay not your treasures upon the earth, but up in heaven.

Amen.

But that verse and this verse, and over in Timothy, to be content with what we have, and it warns against rich people there.

If you take all these verses and other verses as well, then we get an understanding that God would rather for us to be a minimalist, a person that lives a very minimalist lifestyle, a person that doesn't need a lot to survive, a person that doesn't have a lot of treasures upon the earth.

We should try to live more humble.

Amen.

We don't have to wear the most fancy clothes, shoes that cost \$300.

We don't have to drive a car that's worth \$100,000, \$200,000, \$300,000.

God would rather that we own a car that's worth only \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000.

I have never in my life owned a car worth more than \$1,000 or \$1,200 or \$1,500, except for only one time when I was financing a car and had no other choice, and I have no idea, no memory of the cost of that car.

But it was a small, very humble, affordable, and cheap car.

So I don't know if it was \$6,000 or what it was.

But other than that one case, all the cars I've ever owned in my life was \$700, \$800, \$1,000, and \$1,200.

And I'm not a young man, so I've owned quite a few cars.

And those did me fine.

I've had people get in my car and in different ways tell me that I should have something nicer or whatever.

I'm like, why? Why should I have something nicer?

This is getting me where I'm going.

I don't have to be flashy.

I don't have to be driving a Cadillac in order to go to the store, grocery store.

Hey man, as long as it will run, that's all that matters about a car.

I really don't even give a hoot if somebody scratches it.

Some people will park their car all the way down to the other side of the parking lot where nobody parks just so that nobody will scratch their car.

How vain is that? Very vain.

And if they got scratched, they will go crazy.

It's ridiculous. It's just a chunk of metal. It's just a car.

The way some people act, I think they're going to get buried with their car.

It's ridiculous. It's not going to hurt anything for a scratch to be on that car.

It won't hurt nothing.

And even if somebody dents it with their car door and makes more than a scratch with an actual dent, you know what I have done?

I said, no problem. No worry.

Why would I get upset over a dent in a car?

It's not Heaven. The car is not Heaven.

If somebody put a dent in my salvation, I would be upset.

But a dent in my car, I don't care. Keep going!

You don't even have to stop and apologize. It's just a car.

That's all it is! Amen.

People have treasures on this earth.

Treasures.

And they are heaping up for themselves more treasures and more treasures and more treasures.

I love to watch Home and Garden, television, Love It and List It and the Property Brothers.

But it's disappointing when I'm watching those shows and every person on there, every person thinks that the only stove and refrigerator that they are willing to have in their home is stainless steel.

It has to be a stainless steel refrigerator. It has to be a stainless steel stove.

You have to have a real nice big vent over the top of your stove.

Those are nice, those vents, those vent hoods over the top of your stove. Those are nice.

But they wouldn't be able to live without it.

They've got to have it. Even if it makes them go over their budget, they've got to have it.

Even if it means that two years from now they will lose their home because they're not able to pay their mortgage, I've got to have it.

It's ridiculous. Absolutely ridiculous.

People are very carnal minded. Extremely carnal minded.

And I guarantee you these same people on that TV show think they're going to Heaven.

When they would not be able to live without a stainless steel refrigerator.

I think when they get to heaven they won't find one. Will they move out?

Will they move out when they get to heaven? That might sound like I'm really far stretching it.

But I think I'm not really stretching it at all.

There are certain people that will only serve God only if God blesses them.

That's reality.

Certain people will only serve God only if God makes them rich or gives them a new car or a job.

And if that doesn't happen, goodbye God, why should I obey you? You won't give me a new car.

Some people are like that actually. You might not believe it, but some people are like that.

And that mentality is fed by these money preachers on TV, like Kenneth Copeland.

He's a big money preacher.

And all these television evangelists in Africa are really bad about it.

And that evangelist, last name of Dollar, and other people are really bad about it.

These are not prophets of God, but rather they are prophets of money. Amen.

And they don't preach the Bible except for only the verses that you want to hear that will tickle your ear and make you feel good.

The milk of the word. Only the love. Only the mercy. Only the grace. Only say a prayer.

And make me rich and God bless me.

And that's it. It don't go any deeper.

That is actually a very common type of church these days. A very common type of church these days.

“Bless me, Lord. Bless me.” “Bless me, Lord. Bless me.”

God will not bless the unrepentant!

The Bible says that He will not hear the prayer of sinners.

That's in several verses in the Bible. Isn't it, Brother Jared?

Several different verses in the Bible says He will not hear the prayer of the sinner.

Now we know He hears everything when we're talking about your ears working. He hears.

But what it means when it says that is He doesn't answer.

He doesn't answer those prayers. That's a problem with translation.

We know He hears you when you pray. But He will not positively, He will not positively answer your prayer if you're not willing to listen to Him. If you're not willing to obey Him.

That's logical, isn't it? That's logical.

Will a parent continue to give you your allowance every week, every month, every year?

Continue to give your allowance and let you use the car and give you all the privileges that you want, everything you want, if you're not obedient to them and not respectful to them?

Of course not. God is no different than your parents.

That being the good parent, being the Heavenly Father, He will not positively answer your prayer unless you show Him honor and respect and obedience because He's the good Father. Amen.

And let's go to chapter 21 verse 12. We're almost done. Bear with me. Chapter 21 verse 12.

You know, we are living in the end times, the last generation, as evidenced by the vaccine, the epidemics, what's going on in Iran and Syria, Biden. The list is endless.

An extensively long list of evidences, proofs, that we're living in the end times.

And if we are living in the end times, we should get really, really serious about our relationship with God and examine ourselves. That is the meaning of Passover.

Passover is the time, which is coming up in just March or April, it'll be here before we know it, but all the holy days, not just Passover. We examine ourselves to see if we are truly in the faith.

The Bible tells you to do that. It actually says that, to examine yourself to see if you are in the faith.

Why would it say that if all you have to do is assume that you are in the faith, in the faith as in you are in the church, that you're truly saved.

We can't just assume. We have to get serious about our salvation.

And what does the Bible say about that? It says, work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

If the Bible says work out your salvation with fear and trembling, then I think that is complete opposite of this mentality of thinking that as long as you have faith in God, you're saved.

Because there's no fear and trembling in that. Amen?

If it was that easy, if it was that simple of just believing in God and saying one prayer, there's no fear and trembling in that. Amen.

We've got to live by everything that's come out of the mouth of God.

Every word that has come out of the mouth of God, and we've got to live by all the Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. We can't throw half the Bible away.

We've got to live by the whole Bible. Amen.

But here in Matthew 21 verse 12.

Everybody's very familiar with this. Verse 12 says,

And Jesus entered the temple, and drove out all those that were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.

And He said to them, It is written, My house, be called a house of prayer, that you are making it a robber's den. Amen.

In other words, they were treating the sanctuary as if it was not holy.

Like if it was just a marketplace. They were not showing a reverent fear of God.

Amen.

To treat the sanctuary in a very light manner. They were not showing any reverence and fear of God.

They were not working out their salvation with fear and trembling. Amen.

And Jesus got angry here. Extremely angry.

He overthrew, it says, the tables and the chairs. Both.

And another place in the Bible, it says that He even made whips and used those whips to chase the people out.

And it says here that He did chase the people out.

Jesus went into a mad fit. He went into a rage.

If you look at this, and

you look at all the verses,

and we looked at a lot of the Bible today. Amen.

Not just one or two verses.

It paints a completely different picture of Jesus being the traditional wimp that never offends, never gets upset, never, did He not point out sin in this verse?

Absolutely He was pointing out sin.

They were treating the sanctuary of God as unholy,
and He went into a mad fit.

And yet, if I was to go into a mad fit,

a lot of Christians would say,

you're acting unholy.

You're not acting like a Christian.

Are we not to copy Jesus?

Are we not to have the mind of Christ?

Come on now.

It's completely acceptable to have righteous anger.

Completely acceptable to have righteous anger.

The Bible says that we were made in the image of God.

But if you think about it, does God have a penis?

Of course not, except for when He walked on earth in human flesh.

But other than that, up in heaven, does He have a penis?

Of course not.

Did He have one in Genesis 1?

In Genesis 1, when He recreated the heavens and the earth,
did He have a penis at that time?

Of course not.

He did not even have hair on His head at that time.

Even though John saw Him in the book of Revelation having woolly hair,
that was only because God manifested Himself to us
in a way that we can relate to.

God is not flesh and blood.

Therefore, God doesn't have skin follicles.

God doesn't have hair follicles.

God doesn't have pimples and oily skin or dry skin.

Testicles.

He doesn't have hair.

Even though John saw Him with hair, He doesn't have hair,
because God is not flesh and blood.

Amen?

But God appears to us in a way that we can relate to,
even as He did to Jacob as a man that he could wrestle with.

God appears to us in a form that we can relate to,
but that's not who He really is,
because the Bible says that He is a consuming fire.

That's who He really is, is a consuming fire,
not a six-foot man with woolly hair.

Come on now. He's God. Amen?

But it says here we just read about Him getting extremely angry.

This is the opposite of the traditional image of being a wimp
that never points out sin, that never offends,
that never insults, and has no requirement to repent,
and no requirement to be obedient,
and no requirement to have a reverent fear of God.

When I have shared Scripture after Scripture after Scripture after Scripture
after Scripture after Scripture today,

I hope that now you have a more complete picture of God.

Yes! Including the mercy.

I'm not erasing that. You can't erase that from God.

Amen?

Including the mercy, including the love, including the grace,
but also including a righteous judge,
and righteous judgment, and righteous anger,
and righteous requirements, and righteous commandments.

This is the full God, the complete God,
rather than a very narrow-minded picture of God.

Let us honor God for everything He is,
just the parts that we like the best. Amen?

Let us honor God, and worship God, and love God for everything He is
because I want to serve a God that is a righteous judge
that will judge the wicked. Amen?

We want a God that will judge the wicked.

Every day that we live, we should despise and detest the wicked
even more than the previous day.

Because look at what they're doing to our nations.

Look at what they're doing to our town.

Look at what they're doing to our churches, our schools, our children,
everything that's in society today.

The wicked deserve judgment,
and I'm not going to ignore that part of God.

We love God for everything that He is,
including being a righteous judge. Amen?

And let us look at Revelation 19.

Revelation 19, over there, almost the very end of the New Testament.

It's good to see Brother Sergio from Mexico.

Good to see you too, brother.

Revelation 19, verse 7.

This is the people at the marriage supper in heaven.

It says, verse 7,

Notice how it does not say God made her ready,
but it says the bride has made herself ready.

Is that not what it says?

Am I changing the words?

Am I twisting it?

Does it say the bride made herself ready?

That's the opposite of God doing everything for you.

That's the opposite of God waving the magic wand
and making you clean.

That's the opposite of God making you clean.

The wife, the bride, made herself ready.

The bride took a shire.

The bride put on a fancy bridal gown,
you know, a white dress.

The bride made herself ready.

She wasn't lazy.

She did what she was supposed to do
to get ready for the marriage supper
without using excuses.

Verse 8.

It was given to her to clothe herself,
not God clothed you,
but she clothed herself in fine linen,
bright and clean,
for the fine linen is the saint's righteousness
or holiness according to the law.

Whoo!

Think about what that says.

It doesn't say the righteousness according to mercy or grace,
but it says the righteousness according to the law.

That's what it says here.

You can read it with your own eyes.

You don't have to believe me.

Is that what it says right here in Scripture?

And yet these preachers would say,
you can't be righteous,
and if you are righteous,
God will do it for you.

Here, just wave the magic wand and make you righteous.

Or they say you can't be righteous,
whichever according to what denomination you go to.

And yet this proves both of those denominations wrong.

Amen?

We have to be obedient.

That's our two-way street.

God says do it and we do it.
God says jump and we say "How high?"
Amen?
Because He's God. He is God. Amen?
He says do it and we do it.
We are His servants. We are His followers. We're not God. He is.
Amen?
And our righteousness according to the law. That's mind-blowing.

Verse 9.

Then He said to me, right, blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb.
And He said to me, these are the true words of the Theos.

Then I fell at His feet to worship Him.

Let's go on down to verse 11.

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He, that's Jesus who sat on it,
was called faithful and true. And in righteousness, He judges and wages war.

Verse 12. His eyes a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns, and He has a name written which no one
knows except for Himself.

So we do know that according to Acts, that neither is there salvation in any other,
for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4 verse 12.

We know His name Jesus, but He also has a secret name that nobody can know, at least yet.

And it doesn't matter what preacher, what teacher, what website, what YouTube video, what cult that you join,
nobody knows that name.

And you can research day and night and day and night all the rest of your life and you still will not find that
name.

Nobody knows that name.

But we know the name of Jesus that He has given to us because He manifests Himself in a way that we can
understand.

He gives us a name that we can use
and is the only name that we can be saved by.

We don't need the other name because the name of Jesus is what we're saved by.

And it says in verse 13,

"...clothed with a robe soaked in blood."

And His title is called the Word of God.

When Jesus comes back,

His robe is soaked in blood.

Think about that.

Jesus is not coming back in a clean robe, but rather His robe is soaked in blood
and is not His own blood either.

How do I know it's not His own blood?

Because there's a Bible verse,

I don't know if it's,

here it is, Isaiah 63 verses 1-6.

We won't turn there right now,

but you can write it down at home.

Isaiah 63 verses 1-6

that talks about Him returning in the blood of the wicked people.

In the blood of those people that He is killing while He is coming to the earth.

It is the blood of His enemies, not His own blood.

He's coming back with a robe that is soaked with the blood of human beings, of the wicked people.

It says that He judges and wages war.

When Jesus comes back, He's not coming back shaking hands or washing feet or kissing people on the cheek.

He's coming back with great anger.

Did you know that?

Some people have never heard that before, even though it's right here.

A lot of Christians, I would say your typical everyday Christian, if you were to ask them what would be the mentality on the day that Jesus comes back? As we see Him in the air, what kind of mentality is He coming back in, ... peace?

Is He coming back in anger? Being upset?

Or is He coming back in peace and happy and joyous?

Or will He be upset?

And when you ask them that question, I guarantee you almost every person that you would interview, every one of your family members, every one of your pastors are going to answer that question in complete contradiction to what the Bible says.

"Oh, He's coming back happy. He's coming back in peace."

But what I'm seeing here is He coming back judging and waging war with His robe soaked in the blood of His enemies!

He's got the right to be upset.

He does.

Look at how many babies that the people have killed, murdered by abortion.

It's in the millions. Millions and millions and millions and millions.

Look at the homosexual pride parade in Tel Aviv and in Jerusalem even.

And look at the transgenderism and the vaccine and the release of biological warfare.

And the list is endless of all the abominations.

Pagan worship, strange fire, the lies.

He has a right to be angry.

Amen.

Now, of course, He's going to reward the saints with goodness, with peace, with eternal life, with joy and happiness.

Praise God for that.

That He's going to treat the saints as a beloved bride.

But for the other people, He ain't going to treat that way.

The other people, He's coming back in anger and upset and killing the wicked people.

The Bible says that in that final few months that there's going to be blood in the streets of Jerusalem all the way up to the horse's bridle.

It's like this tall, deep.

And that's hard for us to imagine, but it's not impossible.

When you have armies gathering from many different nations all in one spot, it's entirely possible. Anything is possible with God.

Amen.

And who do those armies gather to fight?

Him!

Those armies are going to gather in the valley of Megiddo outside of Jerusalem to fight Christ!

And it's not going to be just a hundred men.

It's going to be thousands and thousands and thousands, perhaps even millions of men and perhaps women too and children.

If you think of how the Muslim nations will have even children fighting, it's going to be a lot of people gathered at the valley of Megiddo to fight Christ.

And when you fight Christ, you deserve for God to fight you back!

You fight God, He's going to fight back. He's not a wimp!

Amen?

You fight God, He's going to fight back!

They will deserve what they get.

The Bible says that one of the angels is going to say that "Righteous and true are your judgments. They deserved it."

That's right, the Bible says the exact words of the angel.

They deserved it. They deserve it.

I think that angel's correct. Don't you?

Amen.

One last place and then I'll shut up.

Hebrews 4 verse 8.

And if Jesus had given us a new rest day, would He not have spoken of another day after that?

Verse 9, Therefore there remains a keeping of the Sabbath for the people of Theos. The people of God.

That would be the church.

Amen.

Verse 9.

Can you see with your own eyes?

There remains the keeping of the Sabbath for the people of God!

That Jesus had given us a new rest day, would He not have spoken of another day?

And yet, even though that's what the Bible says, your Sunday preacher has this image of God that changed the law. That changed the day from Saturday to Sunday.

That's most preachers and most Christians.

And yet, right there in your Bible, with your own eyes,

this ain't me, but with your own eyes,

if Jesus had given us another day, He would have told us so!

And isn't that logical? Isn't that logical?

When Jesus was resurrected from the dead, He walked on the earth for 40 more days.

He didn't just go back to heaven on the same day He rose from the dead.

No. He walked on earth another 40 days

before He went back to heaven.

In that time frame, that's over a month.

And at no time in those 40 days did He say that He changed the Sabbath.

Did He?

Anybody give me a Bible verse in the chat room or in this room where Jesus said He changed the Sabbath or He did away with the Ten Commandments or He did away with only the Fourth Commandment or any of the Commandments.

Of course, nobody can give me that because no such verses exist in the Bible.

Amen.

Now, if you were to look at most translations,

verse 9 uses the word "rest"

instead of "keeping the Sabbath".

But when you use a Strong's Concordance, the word is the keeping of the Sabbath.

Most preachers never mention the Strong's concordance.

And if they do, most likely they were telling their audience, their church,

because that's what it really is in those false churches is the audience.

They're teaching them not to use concordance.

I've actually known preachers that said you should not use the concordance.

You know why they say that?

Because they don't want you to know that the keeping of the Sabbath is written in the Greek here in this verse.

They put the word rest in the King James, NIV, New American Standard, instead of putting the actual words that actually existed in the Scripture.

They changed it on purpose in order to purposely hide from you what the New Testament says that the Sabbath still remains.

The keeping of the Sabbath.

But just because they changed it doesn't mean it's not true.

We can use and should use Strong's Concordance to examine the Greek and Hebrew and Aramaic words that underline the English language.

Because we know that the author of Hebrews did not write in English.

Amen?

He wrote in Greek.

So it's fully acceptable to look at Strong's concordance to see what the Greek word

that he wrote here in verse 9 which means the keeping of the Sabbath day.

And anybody can test that.

You don't have to just take my word for it.

Look it up yourself.

(2 words misunderstood, could not transcribe) Judge me, but judge me rightly to see if I tell you the truth.

Even as the Bereans studied the Scriptures daily to see if these things were true.

They didn't take the word of Paul and Silas for granted,

to take it just to believe everything that they said.

They studied the Scriptures to see if it was true.

How many of you when you went to the Baptist church, the Pentecostal church, the Lutheran church, or the Presbyterian church, or the Methodist church,

how many of you actually studied to see if the pastor really was giving you the truth,

or did you just blindly swallow what he fed you?

You know there are such a thing as Jim Jones.

Amen. Have you ever heard of Jim Jones?

You've never heard of him, have you?

There are such a thing as false Christs and false prophets.

Did not Jesus and even the apostles of Paul warn us that in the end time there would be false prophets and a false Christ and that they would work many mighty miracles?

A lot of miracles. Not just one or two, right? A lot of miracles. Amen.

And did not Jesus in Matthew 7, we read it earlier today, did not Jesus say that there will be many people who say to Him in that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not work many mighty miracles in Your name? Did we not prophesy in Your name? Did we not cast out devils in Your name?"

And what Jesus is going to say to them?

"Depart from me," right?

Yeah.

So that's not just me, right?

That's what Jesus said.

Amen.

He also called those false prophets wolves.

So He used the word hypocrites over and over and over and over.

And He called them wolves.

He called them hypocrites and dogs and swine or pigs.

So that's the complete opposite of the traditional Jesus that never offends, never insults, never gets angry, never points out sin.

It's an effeminate, effeminate picture of Jesus.

But He is not effeminate.

He is Alpha.

And He is the Alpha of Alphas.

He is the Alpha and the Omega.

He created us and He can take us out.

And maybe your daddy will tell you that
or your mom.

I gave birth to you and I can take you out.

A lot of the old timers that have used that expression.

I brought you into this world.

Sanford and Son.

You ever watch Sanford and Son?

I believe that's on there.

I brought you into this world and I'll take you out.

Cosby.

Cosby. That's it.

Not Sanford and Son.

Cosby Show.

Yeah, the Cosby Show. That was a great show.

He said on there, I brought you into this world and I can take you out.

Well, that's God.

Because He's the Alpha and the Omega.

The beginning and the end.

And time is short, my friends.

Time is shorter now than it ever has been.

We ain't got 6,000 years left.

Come on now.

If you think we got 6,000 years left,

I'd like to sell you a bridge in Brooklyn.

Amen?

Amen.

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