

Full sermon transcript: Bragging. Telling Others About Your Good Works.

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Jeremiah chapter 9. For the people that might be listening for the first time, we're reading in the Alpha and Omega Bible a restoration of the original scriptures using older manuscripts than what the King James Version was translated from.

More reliable, more dependable translation, and this has been proven over and over and over again. For example, in Luke 14:26, in the King James Version, it says basically that you must hate, and it uses that word hate, to hate everyone, to hate, it gives a whole extensive list, to hate your father, your wife, so forth.

Different ones, your brother. If you're not willing to hate all these people, then you're not worthy of me.

Well, that goes against scripture, that goes against the Ten Commandments, that goes against the spirit of the law, the Ten Commandments, the spirit of God, the spirit of the entire Bible.

And that is the spirit of God and of the Bible is a love story. Amen.

And that we are to love one another and that God loves us even while we were still yet sinners, that God loved us is what it says very clearly, very plainly.

So, it's very obvious that Luke 14:26, in the King James Version, and not just only the King James, but most of all the other translations throughout the world, also says in Luke 14: 26, that you must hate everybody.

And we know that's not correct, absolutely not correct, but rather it should be translated as willing to forsake. And willing to forsake, and that actually aligns with scripture in Matthew 10 and so forth throughout the Bible, that we must be willing to forsake anyone.

Not that we should hate everybody, but rather that we should be willing to forsake anyone, to put God first, to take a stand against evil, to stand for righteousness, and so forth.

So, that's why we use the Alpha and Omega Bible being better translated, that doesn't contradict itself. Amen. Doctrine and scriptures that make sense. Amen.

We're starting in Jeremiah Chapter 9. We have quite a few new people listening right now. So, we're reading from the Alpha and Omega Bible, and these are the live worship services coming to you from the Appalachian Mountains in Eastern United States of America.

Jeremiah 9:23 "Thus saith Jesus".

Now, let's just pause right there, because that's going to blow everybody's mind.

We've got a lot of new listeners, we have to explain this.

Jesus in the Old Testament?

Well, most Bibles would have the word, "the LORD", in all capital letters. But all the other letters throughout the verse and the verse before have all small letters.

So, why is it in all capital letters? Most people wrongly assume that the word LORD is in all capitals just out of respect for God, but that's not why it's in all capital letters. Not at all.

If you do a very simple search on the internet, the encyclopedias, history books, archaeological books, scholar books of the Bible, it's very easy to come to the realization that it's in all capital letters to let you know that they changed the word.

That they changed the Bible. That they actually took something out there, which was the name of God, and replaced it with the word Lord, in that particular verse and many other hundreds and hundreds and thousands of verses throughout the Old Testament.

So, it was the name of God. Now, how many gods do we serve? Do we serve a hundred? Of course not. Two hundred? Two thousand? Two million? Of course not. There's one Lord. Who is the Lord? The Bible says that Jesus is the Lord.

It says that we have one Lord, and it says that we have one God, so the Bible says that Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, all these people wrote His name as Jesus.

Everybody would say, Yahshua, Yahshua, Yahuahua, Yahyaahuahuaha, all this stuff. Come on now. Come on.

They can't even agree among themselves. Is it Yahuahua? Is it Yahshua? What is it? They can't even agree among themselves, and they all profess to be experts, scholars.

It's ridiculous. Amen. If you look very simply, because the truth is simple. Amen. Look very simply about the Strong's dictionary, the Strong's recordings of the New Testament, of what Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Peter wrote, is they did not write Yahshua.

It doesn't even say that they wrote Yahshua or Yahshua or any of those variable Assyrian names, but rather they wrote Jesus. It does appear every letter as we see today, because every letter of the alphabet has changed.

They always want to claim there's not a letter J until the 1600s and 1700s is what they always want to claim. But if you look at even the letter A, B, C, D, E, every letter of the alphabet, every letter of the alphabet, not just J, every letter of the alphabet has changed the shape.

And many of those letters, multiple of those letters, did not even exist at all back then. And yet, they want to focus only on the letter J and say that it was a Y and not only the letter and the character and the shape, but even the sound.

While they ignore that it says that it is, when you look at the Yahshua, that is Assyrian, not Hebrew. And that is widely professed, or should we say, confessed. Amen?

It's widely confessed that it is not Hebrew as in Paleo Hebrew, even though many people assume that it's Paleo-Hebrew, but it's more commonly confessed as being Assyrian.

Yahshua, Yahweh, all that is not Hebrew, but Assyrian.

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It's also a very simple research that can help you figure out the very simple truth that even the Mexican language that they speak today, the Spanish, was not the original language of the Mexican people.

Spanish is the language of the people that invaded Mexico and took over Mexico, the Spaniard people from Spain. That's how the Mexican people began to speak Spanish and still speak Spanish today, but that's not their native tongue originally.

The same thing with the Jews. Hebrew, what they call Hebrew today, is not the true native language of the Jews or the Israelites, but rather the language of the people that invaded Israel.

The Assyrians, the Babylonians, King Nebuchadnezzar and so forth, those empires invaded them. Even Daniel chapter 1 and Daniel 2 even says that they changed the language, that they was taught the Assyrian language.

When you go to school in Israel, even on the basic elementary schools and college both, they would tell you that the words are Assyrian, that they are speaking Assyrian and writing Assyrian, so it's not Hebrew. When you look at Yahshua, Yahweh and all that, it's not Hebrew, it's Assyrian.

All of this is proven and documented on the website at isawthelightministries.com/sacrednames.html

Anyway, we had to stop and explain that because we're reading in Jeremiah 9 and it says in verse 23, instead of using the word the Lord, it says Jesus because the word Lord was in all capital letters meaning that they had taken out the name of God and put in the word Jesus.

They changed the Bible. What other preacher, what other ministry, what other podcast can you listen to where a Christian pastor will confess the God to honest truth that they changed the Bible?

Took words out and added words in. Amen? All the other pastors are like that the Bible is perfect and it's never been changed and it's infallible.

But yet those same pastors are speaking out of ignorance, have never researched or questioned anything in their life. Speaking out of ignorance. That's just the God's honest truth.

Just being honest with you.

Verse 23, Jesus, the name of God. He said this, let not the wise man boast in his wisdom and let not the strong man boast in his strength.

Let not the strong man boast. It's kind of off-putting if a man is really strong and muscular and he's always looking at himself in the mirror, flexing his muscles and every time you come over to his house he's bragging about how strong he is and flexing his muscles.

That wouldn't be very Christian-like. That's not very good to be bragging so much and be that proudful. There's nothing wrong with a man being strong and muscular and being proud of his accomplishments.

But it's wrong to exercise pride in that extent of showing off all the time. Amen? So this is easy to understand and it's the same thing about wisdom.

You might be wise and there's nothing wrong with being wise. We want to be wise. We want to be strong. But we shouldn't brag about it. Amen?

Now these are very basic elementary lessons today. Nevertheless, it's a huge problem even though we all know, we can all agree on the main topic of today.

Even among all the different denominations we can agree on this main topic today about pride and humbling yourself and not bragging and not telling others about what good you have done.

But nevertheless, despite it being that basic, it is still a huge problem. Amen? It's part of the problem of the Laodicean church in Revelation chapter 3.

The Bible says that God would vomit the Laodicean church out of His mouth because of their pride. Amen? And that is symbolic of the end-time church.

That is the time that we're living in today. That even the church, even the Christians, even the true church, even the true Christians, even those truly saved, there is a problem.

And so we have to step back and slow down and carefully and sincerely and deeply examine ourselves.

Because if we don't, then we may have a hidden problem that we're not realizing, not aware of. Amen? And most people would never take that time to really and truly and deeply and sincerely examine themselves.

But that's the perfect opportunity that is presented to us every year at Passover season, the Days of Unleavened Bread, where the leavening of the bread represents hidden sin.

So we go through our cabinets looking for baking soda and leavening and leavened bread product, eating the crackers up before it's Passover day and so forth to get rid of the leavening.

And then we find it in the middle of the week that we had some crackers hidden in the sock drawer. Ain't that where you hide your crackers in the sock drawer? Or maybe under the mattress. Reminds me of the old country song, you can eat crackers in my bed anytime.

Okay, so we're talking about do not brag. Amen? And it says, let not the rich man boast in his wealth. Amen?

And verse 24, but let him that boasts in this, or those that brag brag in this, or gloat gloat in this, the understanding and knowing that I am Jesus, that exercises mercy, praise God, and judgment. Amen?

Everybody wants to focus on that Jesus is merciful and that is wonderful and I praise God for it. And we all do.

We all agree on that. That's something you can agree on among all the churches and all the denominations that God is merciful, praise God.

But then they leave out the next word, that He is also about judgment. Amen? And we are to boast that He is merciful according to this verse, but we are also to boast that He exercises judgment.

But they don't boast about that very much at all. Because people don't like to boast that daddy gave me a whooping, that daddy bent me over and smacked my butt. We don't like to boast about that. But we should.

Absolutely. Amen?

We should testify, I was a sinner and God chastised me. God punished me. God brought me down to my knees.

We should testify about that just as much as we testify that God healed me and God answered my prayer and that God gave me a job and God gave me a car and God gave me a girlfriend.

So on, so on, so on. We should also boast that the Lord is righteous to judge. But the message of repentance and conviction of sin is not popular in today's society, in today's mega churches.

Why they are mega churches is because it is a message that tickles the ears instead of giving conviction of sins.

Most people want to go to a watered down, non-denominational church where everything is basic and it never steps on your toes.

And never offends you and never causes you to get down on your knees in tears seeking forgiveness because they've already said the prayer 20 years ago, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 years ago.

So why should I get down on my knees and repent today? That is the mentality of the average so-called Christian. We just have to profess this. We do have to profess this. Amen?

We have to humble ourselves not only individually but as a church. We have to confess this and change it.

Amen? And it has to be changed individually and church wide with bold preaching. Amen?

And we are to boast, it says in the next line or the next word, it says righteousness. We suppose that God is righteous but that's in the context of the judgment as well. Amen?

And in these things is my pleasure, that is my will that you boast about these things. Amen? In other words, boast about God and not ourselves. And even when we have a talent or a gift or a spiritual power from on high, we sing beautiful, play the piano better than Liberace, whatever, play the guitar better than Bruce Springsteen, whatever.

You don't say it even though it may be true. And if somebody was to brag about you and say, oh you play beautiful, you sing beautiful, then you give the glory to the Lord and say, yeah, well, only because God delivered me, only because God gifted me with this.

Amen? That is one good thing about the Chinese culture is that they will, when they are complimented about something, if you compliment or at least this is the way it used to be, I'm sure it's changed in modern times because every nation continues to get more and more wicked and all the morals and values are disappearing. But used to, in the Chinese culture, if you compliment somebody, they would say, not enough. They would say, oh, I still am not good enough at such and such. I can improve. Amen?

That's admirable, that they would humble themselves, try to humble themselves and not boast when they had the opportunity to boast. Amen.

And we can take a lesson from that, but that's only one thing. You know, we need other things. It's not enough just to do one thing.

Let's go over to Matthew chapter six.

Very easy to find, but nevertheless, I give people time to get there. You might have to put your coffee down just for a moment or maybe one more sip. Where's mine? Right here. Some green tea right here.

Matcha green tea. Macho green tea. Yeah, yeah. It's actually matcha? It's spelled matcha. I'll call it macho green tea.

Nothing wrong with having a little fun. Amen. Matthew 6:1. Jesus says this. He says, beware of practicing your righteousness before mankind or before humans to be noticed by them. Otherwise, you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do. Whoa, whoa, man.

Whoa, what did Jesus just say? Whoa! He calling people hypocrites.

How many times have I heard people say that Jesus never did call people names, that he never insulted anyone, that he never offended anyone, that he never pointed out sin, he never condemned anyone, he never judged anyone.

Have you heard that? I've heard that over and over and over and over. Haven't you heard that? If you haven't heard that, you need to start getting out of the house a little bit because that's actually a very popular thinking of a lot of people out there that think that they are Christians and they think that they're saved and they think they know the Bible and yet they say all that.

Well, they've never read this verse, have they?

This is on page 12.

Page 12. I mean, it's right here at the beginning of the New Testament. Amen?

Amen.

And he's calling names. He's calling people. He's offending. He's condemning. He's pointing out sin. Amen?

He is really speaking very boldly here. Very boldly. As do the hypocrites, do in the center gods. And so he's talking about religious people. He's not even talking about unbelievers or atheists or anything like that.

He's talking about people that actually go to the church and calling them hypocrites. People who think that they are saved. That's who he's talking about. People who's actually trying to obey God, trying to keep his commandments and everything.

And yet he's still, even though these are people trying to live right, he's still condemning them. He's still condemning them. Amen.

Because of their hypocrisy and their pride. Amen?

As do the hypocrites, do in the center gods and in the streets so that they may be honored by mankind. I tell

you the truth. They have their reward in full. Most Bible's will say amen or verily they have their reward in full. But what does the word amen mean? Most people don't really. Most Christians, believe it or not, believe it or not, this is the truth.

Most Christians don't even know what the amen means. But it means the truth. That this is true. What I'm saying is the truth. That it is faithful. Meaning the truth. Even when it says it's faithful it means not for faith but rather it's the truth.

So we're translating it here in the Alpha Bible, Alpha and Omega Bible as being exactly what it means. It's a correct translation. It's a correct translation. Exactly what it means. I tell you the truth.

That they have their reward in full. In other words, they're doing these things to be seen. Well, then therefore that's their reward. That's what they're seeking. That's what they get. Amen? Amen, brother.

Verse 3, But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.

Now, of course, that's symbolism. Amen? That is symbolism. What is this symbolism for?

Well, you remember that verse we just read yesterday? That the church is one body but has many members. Each individual person being another member of the same body. Just like you've got ten toes, ten fingers.

Some of us only nine toes or eleven toes. But most of us ten toes and ten fingers.

Each one is a member of your body. A part of your body. Here, the left hand and the right hand is a symbolism for different people in the church. Okay? That's what that is. Different people in the church.

That you're not to let people in the church know your good deeds. Okay? Now, we're speaking in general because sometimes it might accidentally slip out of your mouth or whatever. Or they might find out through other ways, other means, other people, other people have said or whatever.

And that's okay if the person you helped testifies about that. That's okay. Nothing wrong with that at all. The person you helped or did something for, if they let the church know or let somebody else know, that's fine. No problem there.

But when you are the one that on purpose tell people, even if it's just one person, that you did something good, that's something that we should try not to do. In general, we should try not to tell anyone.

I don't even tell my own wife sometimes if I do something for somebody. Because that's my right hand. Amen? Or maybe my right brain or my left brain. Left side of my brain or my right side of the brain.

Brother Jared is the other half over there. Both sides of my brain are standing in front of me right there. But don't even tell your best friend, even your husband, even your wife, that you gave a homeless person ten dollars. Whatever, whatever, whatever.

Now, in general, this is what we should live by and try to live by. Amen?

And verse four, so that your giving will be in secret. Look at that word secret. Underline it, circle it, highlight it, whatever you got to do there.

Because that's something really to think about right there. It's supposed to be a secret. A secret you don't tell anybody. You don't tell anybody. Amen?

And your Father who sees what is done in secret will, not might, but will repay you. It will come back around.

Amen? What you do good will come back to you. What you do bad will come back to you. Guarantee you. He is righteous in judgment. Amen?

What you do bad is going to come back to you and what you've done right will come back to you. But you don't give so that it will come back to you. Which I have seen certain people do.

So we have to make sure we don't do that either. You don't give in order so that God will bless you even though He will. The blessing is the fruit or the benefit or the side benefit. The reward, but we don't do it for the reward.

We don't do it because we genuinely love people. Because we genuinely have a genuine sincere heartfelt desire to help somebody or to do right. Whatever the situation is. Amen?

In verse 5, when you pray, which it goes on to the next topic, but it still has the underlining same spiritual principle when we start talking about prayer. Because it is a righteous deed even though you're not doing it for, well you may be doing it for somebody. You know you may be praying for somebody else.

It's a righteous deed and in the same context, the same spiritual law, the same spiritual principle is that it

should be in secret. I knew a man one time, I hate to say it but I have to say it because it will help some of you. So I have to say it.

I knew a man one time that thought he was a great Christian. Oh yeah, he thought he was a great Christian. Amen?

And I was always there every time the church door opened and everything. He was one of the deacons of the church and everything.

And he loved to try to talk about the Lord in every conversation and every restaurant as loudly as he could to let everybody in the restaurant know he's talking about the Lord.

And praying there in the restaurant before he eats his food. And then every time somebody comes up to him to say, well I love that you're praying in public. Good, good job, good job, good job.

He'd have to come back to the church the very next time the church door opens. He'd be testifying in church in front of the whole church. I was praying at the restaurant and somebody came up to me and congratulated me and said how wonderful it was that he was praying in public.

Over and over and over. It wasn't just one time he did this. But over and over and over. Perfect example. And he's not the only one. And it's not always to this extreme of course.

But there are similarities of what other people do. You might not come back and boast about it to the whole church over and over and over. But you still might have some pride about you praying in public or whatever.

So it is something that people should examine themselves. Because I'm sure he's not even examined himself. He don't even know that he's doing wrong because he's not examined himself. Amen.

But it says in verse 5, when you pray you're not to be like the hypocrites but they love to stand and pray in the sin of God and on the street corners so that they may be seen by mankind, by humans, by people. I tell you the truth, amen, that they have their reward in full. Amen.

In other words, they're not going to get a reward in heaven or in the kingdom for their prayers. They've already got their reward. The whole thing. The whole reward. There is no reward in heaven for them even though they've been going to church and praying.

Even though they've been witnessing and testifying. Even though they got baptized. Even though they've been given pain in their tides and been faithful to the church and to the pastor and to the denomination.

These are people, like I just said, that one guy, he's not going to heaven according to this verse. He's not got a reward in heaven. Even though he thinks he's saved and even though he's went through all the steps of repentance from whatever, he's still not going to heaven because of that level of pride.

That level of pride will definitely keep you out of heaven. Absolutely. Absolutely. And it don't have to be about prayer. It could be about singing or knowledge or wisdom or whatever.

And it will keep you out of heaven and out of the kingdom of God. Even though you filled all the check boxes and you read the Bible every day and you pray every day and you go to church five times a week, you still ain't going to heaven, brother. You ain't going.

Amen? Amen, brother. Amen. Barely. Barely, brother. Barely.

Verse six, that you, when you pray, go into the inner room, not the outer room where the windows are, but the inner room, the bathroom, the closet and close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret and your Father who sees what is done in secret will repay you. Amen?

We could keep on there, but that's the subject right there. Let's go over to Romans chapter 12. Romans chapter 12. Turn with me, okay? Turn with me real quick there because I want you to read it with your own eyes. I don't want you to just only listen to me.

I really encourage you to read the Bible with your own eyes. Amen? Romans 12, verse one. If you have paperback edition of the Alpha and Omega Bibles, page 177.

Romans 12, verse one. Therefore, I urge you, brother. I love that word, urge. Amen? It's like I beg you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of Theos, God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to Theos, to God.

Which is your logical, reasonable service of worship. Amen. Boy, there's a lot right there. There's two or three sermons right there. Don't dare me. Don't dare me. There's two or three sermons right there, brother.

Okay. Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice. Amen.

I think if a lot of Christians would be honest with themselves and really and truly examine themselves, their life is not a sacrifice to God. Amen? Their life is not a sacrifice to God.

But rather, their life is a sacrifice to the God of money, the pursuit of riches, false religions, Buddhism, Hinduism, yoga, so forth, so forth, so forth. A lot of different distractions and traps of the enemy out there. Their life is not a living sacrifice to God. But that is your reasonable service of worship. Amen? This is not unreasonable. God is not demanding too much from us here. He made us.

He made us. We exist only because He exists. We exist only because He decided that we would exist. So this is not unreasonable. It's the very reasonable service of worship for our lives to be a sacrifice to God.

Verse 2, and do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed, changed by the renewing of your mind so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and even perfect. Amen.

Verse 3, for through the grace given to me, I don't say this, Paul was basically saying not because I'm highly intelligent or I'm highly this and that, but rather by the grace of God. Amen.

Through the grace given to me, I say to everyone, among you, to not think more highly of himself than he ought to or should think, but to think so as to have sound judgment, as Theos has allotted to each a measure of faith.

Now, that's hard, difficult for most people to understand, even though it sounds very easy to understand, they still don't understand it because of the measure of faith.

People don't understand because they've not been taught by any pastor that there are different measures of faith given by God.

Okay. And so, some people will have a greater faith or a lesser faith, even though God wants all of us to have good faith and great faith, that we can all have great faith and still have less faith than someone else. Amen.

But it is God's will, according to a lot of the other Bible verses, is that we all have great faith eventually, that we all obtain to eventually a great measure of faith.

Even if you have a small measure given by God, God expects you to bear profit with it, to bear fruit with it. So, whatever God gives you, you are expected to increase.

People don't understand that. They haven't been taught that. Amen. Whatever God has given you, whatever gift, whatever talent, whatever spiritual empowerment, whatever God has given you, God expects you, requires you to increase it.

Remember that parable where the man hides the one talent? And he was afraid to use it because it was only one talent, so he was afraid to invest it, he may lose it.

God pointed out sin. God condemned him. Jesus did. He condemned him. And the man said, well, I was afraid to lose it because you would chastise me because you're a hard man.

And the Lord said, yeah, I'm a hard man. You knew I was a hard man, so how come you didn't invest it, knowing that basically in different words, that I would condemn you for not investing, for not using it. Amen.

So, we're expected to increase it. Nevertheless, because people have different measures, we are to each one not think of ourselves more than what we are.

Because we may think sometimes, a lot of people, now this is a huge problem right here, this is extremely common, this is not an exception, but rather in general extremely common, that most people think of themselves more highly than what they should.

That's very true for a lot of people. They think they have more faith than what they actually do, they think they have more wisdom than what they actually do, they think they have more intelligence than what they actually do, they think they have more logic and common sense than what they actually do, so on, so on, so on.

So again, we have to deeply, honestly, sincerely examine ourselves to see what the true measure of our IQ, our intelligence, our logic, our common sense, our wisdom, our faith, so on, so on, so on, and not think of ourselves more than we should on any of those categories and other categories as well.

Humbling yourself is what we must do, amen, so that we will not be overly boastful, bragging, amen.

2 Timothy chapter 3 verse 1, but I realize this, and this is actually Paul writing Timothy, Timothy didn't write this, Paul wrote Timothy.

He says to Timothy, I realize this, in the last days, difficult times will come, for people will be lovers of self, that's what we're talking about, lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy.

Unloving, irreconcilable, amen. Malicious gossips without self-control, without self-restraint, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

Holding to a form of godliness, these are people that think they are godly. These are religious people.

So when we was going through that list, you might have been thinking about unbelievers, but it's actually talking about people that actually think they are godly, and yet they fit into these categories of wickedness. But they do deny the power of God, it says. Now, how is this possible? They think they're godly, but yet they deny this. Well, there's a lot of ways that's possible. Amen, I see that all the time.

People that practice Buddhism, they think they're godly, but yet they deny the power of God. Amen.

They think they're extra intelligent, and extra smart, and extra wise, and extra healthy, and extra everything because they practice yoga, Buddhism, breathing exercises, everything else. I'm just telling the truth, I don't care who it offends. Amen.

But even Satan the devil transforms himself into an angel of light. Amen. Even the Roman Catholic demonic popes try to present themselves as angels of light. Amen.

Even the most wicked, commonest dictators in the world try to present themselves as people of light, of people of goodness, and peace, and prosperity, and righteousness, and holiness, and godliness. Amen.

But something in common among both the Christian and the unbeliever is that really they deny a lot of the power of God. It might be they're denying the power of God's judgment, that they focus only on the mercy, but not on the judgment.

They're not denying the power of God because they don't think He's coming back in wrath like the Bible says. They don't actually think that God is jealous even though the Bible says that He's jealous, but they don't think He's jealous.

Oh, that God wouldn't be jealous is their attitude, their thoughts, their mentality. Oh, God wouldn't be jealous just because I'm in a pose just like they do in the Hindu temples. God ain't going to be jealous.

That's denying the power of God right there. There's lots of different ways that people who deny the power of God, lots of different ways, even among Christians, denying that God speaks today, denying that God uses prophets and apostles today. There's many different ways that they deny the power of God. Amen.

Among both believers and unbelievers.

Let's go over to 2 Corinthians 10.

We're going to read the entire chapter of 2 Corinthians 10 and also the entire chapter of 11, both of these chapters. God willing, we'll read both of these.

Bear with me. Bear with me. Some of this is a little bit difficult wording and hard to understand some of this so bear with me.

Verse 1. Now I, Paulos, that's what he wrote, Paulos, myself urge or beg you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I who am meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent.

It's easier to be bold if you're not right in front of someone. Amen. If you're just across the internet, whatever, or just writing letters.

In verse 2, I ask that when I am present, I need not to be bold with the confidence with which I propose to be courageous against some who regard us as if we walked according to the flesh.

So in other words, he's saying, when I do come and visit you, even though I'm writing a letter right now, when I do come and visit you, I hope not to have to exercise my authority.

I hope that I don't have to be courageous and bold in order to chastise people, correct people, stuff like that, but I will if necessary.

It's basically what he's saying. Amen. That I will if necessary because there are some people there that treat me with disrespect, that treat me like I'm a sinner.

That's what he's saying, you know. As if I'm walking according to the flesh. There are some people there in your church is what he's saying to this Corinthian church.

There are some people there in your church, your church members in that congregation that treat me or act as that I'm a sinner.

They are in disagreement with me. They got something against me.

Verse 3, for though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty through God for the destruction of fortresses.

We are destroying speculations in every elevated or high thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

And we are ready to punish or revenge, actually it should say here, but we are ready to revenge all disobedience whenever our obedience is complete.

So whatever God has delivered us from, we then turn around and fight against that same sin to help other people come out of the same sin.

If God delivered us from drug addiction, then we help others come out of drug addiction. We revenge the disobedience once our obedience is complete. Amen.

Verse 7, you're looking at things as they are outwardly by physical appearance. If anyone is confident in himself that he is Christ's, he absolutely thinks he's saved, let him consider this again within himself.

Let him think this, that just as he is Christ, well so are we, so are we. In other words, some people have an overabundance of pride that they're saved.

Some people do, they have too much pride about just being saved. Of course, there's nothing wrong with being glad that we're saved. That's not what he's against.

It's not against us being glad that we're saved. That's different. There's actually some people that are actually proudful that they are saved.

They've got a problem with pride, a huge problem with pride, and so it bubbles out of anything good that they have done, of anything good at all about their mentality and characteristic and life.

They're proudful, just proudful people. I've met these people. Amen. So they're proud even about their salvation. More than just happy about it, proud about it.

He said, well so are we, so are we. Hey, we're saved too now. Amen.

Verse 8, for even if I boast somewhat farther about our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I will not be put to shame, for I do not want to seem as if I would terrify you by my letters.

For they say his letters are heavy and strong, that his personal presence is unimpressive and his speech contemptible. This is what people were saying about him.

These same people that had some kind of problem with him. They're judging him by outward appearance. He's not as muscular, he's not as strong and muscular and built, perhaps, as some of the other people.

Paul did have some type of a physical sickness, as it says in chapter 12 here, here in just two chapters away from here. He has some kind of a physical health problem.

We don't know what it is and we don't need to know what it is or try to figure it out like some people strive about words, as we read recently in the Bible. We don't need to know what his health problem was. It don't matter.

He had a health problem. Amen. And so some people are taking his appearance, physical appearance, to not like him. And even his speech is unimpressive. Compare that to chapter 11 verse 6, that I'm unskilled in speech, or at least they claim that he was.

So Paul exercised authority, which he did not apologize for. Amen. But exercised the authority thereof, saying in chapter 10, that he doesn't want to bear this authority with a heavy weight. He doesn't want to.

But he warns the church, he's warning the pastor of this church, that when he comes, if he has to deal with these people with a heavy hand, he will. He will, if necessary. Amen. That is what he is saying.

Amen. So he is threatening to use his authority, but hoping that he won't have to. Amen. He's saying my authority is for building up the church, for helping people, for serving people. Amen. For helping every man

and woman to become complete in Christ. Amen.

Not just to build the church, but to even help the church become complete, which it never has been become complete to this very day, because of people's immaturity, pride, stubbornness, not agreeing with the truth. Amen.

All this still must be worked on yet. We've not yet obtained. Amen. We've not yet obtained. Amen.

So then, verse 11, let such a person consider this, those that are against me, because of my speech, because of my appearance, that what we are in word by letters when absent, such persons are also in deed or action when present.

In other words, I can write boldly when I'm not there. Well, guess what? I can also be bowed in action when I am present. Amen. That's what he is saying there.

That if I have to exercise my authority with great courage and boldness when I get there, then I will, if necessary. He's threatening these people. Amen.

Verse 12, but if for we are not bowed to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves, who boast about themselves, that when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding. Amen.

Verse 13, but we will not boast beyond our measure. Whatever measure that God has given us, it may be a measure of one inch, two inch, three inch, one foot, two foot, three foot amount of faith, amount of authority, amount of gift, amount of whatever.

Whatever that measure is, I won't go over that measure. Well, guess what? Neither should we go under that measure. We should not underestimate ourselves either. Amen.

We should not underestimate ourselves. We should not say that we are unworthy if we are worthy. Amen. And neither should we say that we are worthy if we are unworthy. It goes both ways. Amen.

But a lot of the churches today want you to think that you're not worthy and that no matter what you do, no matter what you do and no matter what you possibly could do, you'll never be worthy and your righteousness will always be as filthy rags.

There's a lot of preachers and Christians that think that way and that's a nasty way to think. Amen. Amen. God doesn't want you to think that way. Amen. God doesn't want you to tear yourself down. Amen.

And underestimate yourself and have low self-esteem, but neither does He want you to be over-powerful and over-boastful. So whatever measure you are, that's how you should think of yourself, correctly, in the correct balance.

Not overestimating and not underestimating. Having the correct balance of self-esteem, the correct level of self-esteem and self-love and self-honor because you've got to love yourself. You do. You've got to love yourself.

But not overly love yourself, nor should you under-love yourself. Amen. Amen, brother. Amen. God is good. God is good.

So verse 13, I'm not going to over-boast beyond our measure, but within the measure of the spear which Theos has apportioned to us as a measure to each, even as far as you.

For we are not over-extending ourselves, our authority, as if we did not reach to you. For we were the first to come, even as far as you in the gospel of Christ.

Verse 15, not boasting beyond our measure, that is, in other men's labors, but with the hope that as your faith grows, as your faith grows, praise God.

So even whatever measure of faith God has given us, we are expected to grow it, like a vineyard, like a farm. Amen. We are expected to bear fruit. We are required to increase anything and everything that God gives us. Amen. Amen, brother.

And we will be within our spear, enlarged even more by you, to as to preach the gospel even to the regions beyond you, and not to boast in what has been accomplished in the spirit of another person.

But he who boasts is to boast in the Lord, as we read in Jeremiah 9, verse 24. Amen. Verse 18 now, for it is not he who commends himself that is approved, but he whom the Lord commends. Amen. Praise God.

Jeremiah 11, verse 1, I desire you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Now this is where it gets a little bit more crazy, because he actually says, I'm about to talk crazy.

Apostle Paul says, hold my beer. I'm about to get a little bit foolish here, so bear with me, he says. But indeed, you're bearing with me. For I am jealous for you, with a godly jealousy, for I entrust you to one husband so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

Amen. What he's saying here is that not all jealousy is of the devil. Not all jealousy is of the devil. There is a good jealousy. There is a godly jealousy. God is a jealous God. That's not evil. That's not bad. That's good. He has a right to be jealous when people are practicing false religion, Buddhism, Hinduism, and all that. He has a right to be jealous. And so I, the apostle Paul says, that he is exercising godly, righteous jealousy, because he helped this congregation to come to Christ.

That the body of Christ is the bride of Christ, and he has presented the church as a pure virgin, as a girl ought to be when she is engaged to marry a man. She should be a virgin. Amen.

Verse 3. But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, that your minds would be led astray from the simple truth and purity to Christ.

For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received from us, or a different gospel which you have not yet accepted from us, you bear this beautifully.

You're not, perhaps, I don't know what he means by that, but he says you bear this beautifully. But I consider myself not in the least inferior to the most intimate apostles. Amen. Very interesting what he says here.

So, in other words, there are other men in that day and time claiming to be apostles. And these are men that was evidently well known and popular, well respected, because it says the most imminent apostles. I do not consider myself inferior to them.

Again, the apostle Paul has no problem with recognizing his authority and exercising his authority. And he doesn't have to trash himself and his authority. He doesn't have to give up using the title and position and office of administration of the apostle.

Just because people don't like him or disagree with him or whatever, whatever, whatever. Amen.

But he's being, the church itself, actually, the church itself is under threat by these other so-called apostles.

Amen. They are preaching a different Jesus, a different spirit, a different gospel.

And that's what we experience today, even as it says in 2 Timothy, that the people will gather themselves together, heap themselves together with teachers that would tickle their ears.

So that's a different Jesus. That's a different gospel. That's a different message. The prosperity gospel, the get rich, the get wealthy gospel that so many people love. They love that because the truth is money is their god. That's what they seek in life. They're never content. Amen.

I had a family member a long time ago that was that way, actually more than one family member that was that way. That no matter how much they did prosper, they always wanted to prosper more.

That's where all these corporations are. Dollar General, Wal-Mart, Apple and Google and ABC and all these different corporations. It's not enough that they were successful in business.

They want to have another thousand stores and another thousand stores and another million and another billion and another billion. And it's not always that extreme with your family members, but not much difference, really. Always wanting more.

What does it say in the Bible that with the food and clothing that you have and the shelter that you have, be content. That's what it says. As long as you have shelter, as long as you have food to eat, this is sufficient. You don't need millions of dollars or even thousands of dollars in the bank. Don't need it.

Amen.

But people always want more. They're never satisfied. Never satisfied. And that was the downfall of the one family member that I'm thinking of particularly, particularly in addition to the other one, is it would always end up coming against him.

When he pursued more money, it would eventually knock him down. It would always result in a very negative consequence. Very bad fruit from that type of mentality. Amen.

So, verse 6 says, but even if I am unskilled in speech, yet I am not so in knowledge. In fact, in every way who have made this evident to you in all things. Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted? Because I preach the gospel of Theos of God to you without charge.

I robbed other congregations of called out ones, the church, other churches, other congregations, other assemblies by taking wages from them to serve you. And when I was present with you and was in need, I was not a burden to anyone, but when the brethren came from Macedonia and they supplied my need and in everything I kept myself from being a burden to you, and I will continue to do so.

In other words, he's not apologizing for accepting tithes and offerings. He did accept tithes and offerings from the richer church, from the wealthier church, from the wealthier people, so that he could help this one particular congregation here that had more poor members.

Members of the congregation that was not as wealthy and was much more poor. And taking the money and the tithes and offerings from one congregation to give to the other congregation to help them. Amen.

And verse 10, as the truth of Christ is in me, the boasting of mine will not be stopped in the regions of that place, Achaia. Verse 11, why? Because I do not love you. Theos knows, God knows I do. Yes, I do love you.

Verse 12, but what I'm doing, I will continue to do so that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire opportunity.

To be regarded as, just as we are, in the matter about which they are boasting. For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as a measure of light.

Therefore, it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works. Amen.

Again, I say,

let no one think me foolish, but if you do, receive me, even as foolish, so that I also may boast a little. For what I'm saying, I'm not saying as the Lord would, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting. Since many boast according to the flesh, I will boast also.

For you, being as wise, tolerate the foolish gladly. For you tolerate it if anyone enslaves you, if anyone devours you, if anyone takes advantage of you, if anyone exalts himself, if anyone hits you in the face.

You've been tolerating all this to my shame, I must say, that we have been weak by comparison. But in whatever respect anyone else is bowed, I speak in foolishness, I am just as bowed myself.

Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are you servants of Christ? I speak as if I am crazy. I more so, in far more labors, in far more imprisonment, beaten without number, often in danger of death.

You know what he's saying? To sum this up, to make you understand this, help you understand what he's saying is, these false apostles, false Christians, false ministers, wolves in chic clothing, they think they have suffered, oh, they have not suffered as much as me.

Amen? This is what Paul is saying. They think they have suffered. They think that they have suffered poverty. They think they have been poor. They have claimed to be poor. Well, I've met a lot of these people, haven't you?

The richest people I've ever known, for the most part, in general, are the same people that always complain about being poor and not having enough money, just like I talked about two family members.

They always get an opportunity of somebody giving them a free car, or giving them an opportunity to make some money, very easily so, or giving them some kind of a gift, or here's some food, bringing food to their door for free, so on, so on, so on.

But never thankful, really. Always wanting more. Always talking about wanting more. Amen? So, in other words, even these false preachers bragging about being poor, bragging about their sufferings, and woe is me, woe is me.

How's that saying go, honey? Woe is me, and what else? Maybe I'll come to you in a minute. Maybe you can help me remember that old saying. Oh, it's on He-Haul, the He-Haul show.

Agony on me. Agony on me. Amen. There's a lot of people that like to complain. Amen. But, Paul said that he

had even more right to complain, that he had suffered even more. Amen?

And if we are to boast and brag, let us boast about our weaknesses. In other words, let us declare the greatness of God, that God is able to use little old me. Amen?

Let us boast that God is able and willing to use little old me who has never had, I'm going to boast here a little bit if you'll deal with my insanity for a minute. If Paul can do it, I can do it.

Alright? That I've never been one of the top 1,000 bestsellers, New York bestsellers, or Amazon bestsellers. I've never been much less in the top 10, less in the top 100, not even in the top 1,000.

And if I ever do get any of my books or writings in the top 100, please stop listening to me. I beg you, I beseech you, I urge you in the authority of the Lord that if any of my writings ever become in the top 100 of anything, do not listen to me ever again. Ever.

Delete my website, delete every link I have, throw out every book I ever sent you, every cassette tape, DVD, and piece of paper. Because if I ever reach that level of self-esteem, if I ever reach that level of prosperity, then I have fallen away from the Lord. Amen?

Because you don't reach that level of prosperity without forsaking the Lord, without tickling the ears. Amen? Praise God.

So let's continue here, and I may be skipping some verses, I may or may not, but let's just read in verse 24. Five times, not once, not twice, not three, not four, but Paul says, five times I received from the Judeans thirty-nine lashes.

Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. A night and a day I have spent in the deep, in the pit, on frequent journeys and dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the sea, dangers in the desert, dangers on the sea. Did any of this stop him? No. Absolutely not. None of it stopped him from traveling, from preaching boldly, from writing, from exercising his authority as an administrator of the church, a high apostle. He didn't give up easy. Nobody pushed him away with a broomstick. Amen? He had perseverance, endurance, which a lot of people don't have today. They don't even know what it means. They don't have it.

No perseverance in many Christians today. No perseverance at all. Had one guy that was going to move here to be part of the ministry and he drove all the way across the nation. I think he came from Arizona, if I remember correctly. That's over a thousand miles away.

He drove over half that distance, over half of it. He was almost here and turned around and didn't even give me an explanation. You would think he at least owes me an explanation, at least. Just being a person of honor and respect, that's what you owe somebody. Amen? You owe somebody at least an explanation. Come on now.

But people don't have honor no more. They don't have respect no more. They don't even have self-respect a lot of times today. So, we have a lot of problems in our society. Amen. In the church and with so-called Christians. Amen? A lot of problems. No perseverance, endurance, so forth. They don't know how to endure the hardships.

They want to fly away and be taken up in a pre-tribulation rapture because they have no endurance. They have no perseverance. They're not ready for the tribulation and they will not be ready for the tribulation. Because they'd rather have some preacher tickle their ears that you're not going to be here for the hardships of the great tribulation. You're just going to be called away like some Disneyland fairy tale.

It's very sad that that is the mentality. Their hope is in a false event rather than their hope being in Christ. It's a false event. If you just read 2 Thessalonians 2, that proves it right there that there's not any pre-tribulation.

Read Revelation 11, Revelation 10, the whole book of Revelation, the entire Bible.

All of Matthew 24, Luke 21, Mark 13, the verses are endless. The verses are endless. Daniel 12, Daniel 7, the verses are endless of that we're going to be right here in the great tribulation.

But people want to gather themselves to preachers that will tickle their ears saying you don't have to suffer all these things that Paul suffered, all the things that Jesus suffered, all the things that the apostles suffered, that

the disciples suffered. What does the Bible say? The Bible says they did this to Jesus, they did that to the prophets, they did that to the disciples, and so will they do that to you.

Isn't that what it says? Amen. Say that three times louder, brother. Amen. Amen.

Paul boasted in his tribulations. He was thankful for his tribulations and I tell you, we need the great tribulation. But we need it really bad. Amen. Keep your finger right there. I might finish that chapter, I might not.

So let's go to Peter. Keep your finger there as we turn to Peter.

It's 1 Peter 1:6

In this, you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials or tribulations. So that the proof of your faith, proof of your faith, brothers and sisters, proof of your faith, more valuable than gold, which is perishable.

Even though tested by fire may be felt, this is your faith tested by fire, may be felt to result in praise and glory and honor at the appearance of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Our faith needs to be tested by fire. That will result in praise and glory when we do see Christ. Amen. Much more precious than valuable gold. Gold is very valuable. Right there, valuable.

Other translations say precious, but it means valuable. Amen. This is more valuable than gold, but everybody's seeking gold. Gold, silver, investments, trying to save ourselves from economic collapse.

I don't care about economic collapse. I only care about having enough toilet paper and food and shelter. Amen. So, and salvation. Amen. True salvation. The truth. Amen. Not false doctrines.

We need our faith tested. A lot of Christians have never had cancer. Amen.

A lot of Christians don't have to suffer. A lot of Christians live in mansions. A lot of Christians have a good paying job. A lot of Christians have two cars, three cars, four cars.

A lot of Christians are not really truly being tested, especially in the United States. Amen. Amen.

God is good. Let's just go over to Proverbs now. Proverbs 27. This is the last verse here that I know of right now unless the Lord directs us to another verse.

But Proverbs 27 verse 2.

Let your neighbor and not your own mouth praise you as strangers and not your own lips.

As I said earlier, if you help somebody and they bring it up, that's fine. There's not a problem with that.

But once they do bring it up, you've got to be careful about that because that's an opportunity for pride.

So, it's actually a good thing that they do bring it up because they're thankful for it. Amen.

That's one of the ways that they show that they're thankful is they do get a public testimony of how God helped them through that person.

That the glory belongs to the Lord. Amen. If we have any money at all, the glory belongs to the Lord.

If we have any shelter at all, the glory belongs to the Lord. Amen.

If we even have the breath of

life, the glory belongs to the Lord. If we can even see, which so many people take for granted.

If we can even walk, if we're not in prison yet, the glory belongs to the Lord.

If the sun is shining today, the glory belongs to the Lord. Amen.

We could be blind, deaf, mute, lame, paralyzed, hospitalized, or even dead years ago.

Every morning we are resurrected. Let us praise the Lord with our first breath.

Let us lift our hands to God Almighty every day, every morning, every afternoon, every evening, throughout the day in the middle of Walmart when nobody's looking, of course.

Lift our hands and praise the Lord. Amen.

God is good. Brother Jared, you got anything to add?

While Brother Jared is thinking, I thank you for listening to us today, for bearing with me, for bearing with my foolishness.

And I do invite you back next week, every Saturday, at 11 o'clock in the morning Eastern Time Zone.

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And we hope to get some new content to share with you soon, God willing, because there's so much work to do. We don't have much help.

We don't have a lot of laborers helping in the ministry, but we are an international worldwide ministry and there's a lot to do. There's a whole lot to do.

And we need your prayers for energy, for strength and energy to continue working each day because I'm not young anymore and there's a lot to do and we have very, very, very little help.

We appreciate that you have listened today and we invite you back next Saturday and also listen 24-7 anytime you want to tune in to the broadcast.

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We're not any denomination because the Lord does not seek a religion but rather personal relationship.

And the truth is, just to be honest with you, most pastors, denominations, churches are very ignorant of the Bible. It's a very sad fact, I hate to say it, but it is the truth.

Very ignorant of the Bible and we need to examine the Bible with a sincere heart to study the Scriptures daily to see if these things be true.

And not just take for granted what the pastor says to brainwash us and program us into his denomination, but rather we should study the Bible and fast and pray and cry out to the Lord and really search for the truth and seek and you shall find.

But I guarantee you it's going to be far different than what you was raised to believe.

Because Revelation 12 verse 9 says that Satan has deceived the entire world. The entire world. Revelation 12 verse 9, read it yourself and believe it because it is the truth. Amen?

Alright, Brother Jared, you got anything?

Just three quick points. Think of the false apostles and false evangelists, even though they deny the titles, probably most of them do, Billy Graham and so on, did these extremely rich wealthy men suffer a ton?

Amen. Most of you TV evangelists are filthy rich, and that's a perfect word for it. Nasty rich, filthy rich, filling their pockets with your money, selling the gospel.

That is every TV evangelist for the most part. And all these, everything that they publish and sell on their bookstore, on their website in 1995, the Lord said this,

send me twenty dollars plus tax plus shipping and handling, then I will tell you what the Lord said. Amen.

Okay, thank you for tuning in, and I'll see you next week.

And if you, if you are obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ, or if you're on that path, then may the Lord bless you in Jesus' name. Amen.

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