

Full Sermon Transcript: Matthew 11 Commentary August 19, 2023

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Amen. Praise Jesus. Oh Lord. God is good. So I see some people having problems staying connected on Talk Shoe for whatever reason. Hope that everybody can get it fixed and figured out.

If you have not yet, is it the red button and then green button or green and then red? Do you remember? Green. You got to join it and then click go into studio.

Well, so on Talk Shoe, if you have not clicked on both the red button at one point of time and the green button at one point of time, whichever came first, whichever came second, I wouldn't really ask you to do that, both the red and the green button. Of course, maybe if you go straight to it, maybe you don't have to. I don't know.

I have to look at all that again and figure it out. Again, until I get it into my mind, whether the red comes last or the green comes last. We'll figure it out sooner or later.

Okay. And then I would like also to see what they see after they've hit both buttons to see the difference as well so that we can describe the page.

Because I know that there's one person, one or two people in Talk Shoe that are not in the right place. I can tell that. That's on the phone.

Probably mostly using the phone. You got the wash live. So the red button comes first and then the green button comes second.

And join online. And the green button says join online studio. The green button is the most important one.

If you haven't hit a green button that says join online studio on Talk Shoe and if you are on Talk Shoe and you have not hit the green button that says join online studio, then you're not yet fully completely in the room where you can, even though you might be able to chat, you wouldn't be able to actually verbal talk with me, testify, sing a song, stuff like that unless you hit the green button.

So we'll keep trying this out every week. Everybody will get it figured out. Looks like they're not really even able to stay in the room it looks like.

So they may have to listen. See me in there now. Yeah. It's working well on our side. So maybe, I don't know why on their side they might be having problems.

Good to see Joanna. So if it doesn't work for you, you can go over to Mixlr. If you keep having problems, just go on over to Mixlr so you don't miss the sermon.

All right. We're going to start in Matthew 11. We'll go ahead and turn that right now.

Matthew chapter 11. Matthew 11. Pretty often. Every week, pretty often we've been doing these commentaries on the chapters of Matthew, one or two chapters at a time.

And that's what we're going to do again today so that we can get some very basic teaching among many, many, many, many different doctrines, teachings, rather than one topic.

Cover a lot of area by just reading the Bible and talking about it as we come to it.

We're not going to do that every week, but that's what we're doing again today in Matthew 11.

And we'll see how far we get if we get into chapter 12 or not, or even chapter 13 or not.

We'll see how far we get today depending on the leading of the Lord. Amen. Let us first go in prayer. Lord Heavenly Father, praise Your Holy Name.

Thank You, Lord, for this special day of worship and rest. Thank You, Father, for this opportunity to receive Your Word, to grow in the truth, to grow in understanding, to grow in comprehension of reality.

What is real, what is fake, what is lies, what is deception, please reveal it to us, Lord, that we may know the truth, whatever the truth may be.

Even if the truth makes us uncomfortable, that You would show us the real truth about all doctrines, all truth of Scripture and history, please show us that truth, Lord.

Please forgive us of our sins. Have mercy and grace upon us that we may see the light.

We accept Your anointing upon this service. We accept Your favor upon this service.

This matches this sermon that Your Word may be spoken in Jesus' name. Amen. Matthew chapter 11, and for anyone that might be listening for the first time, we are reading in the Alpha and Omega Bible.

Verse 1 says, And when Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, talking about at that particular location where He had been, He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

Now, when John, talking about John the Baptizer, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, He sent word by His disciples, His students, His followers, and said to Him, Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else? The Expected One. There was a Great One, the Messiah, that they were expecting, had been expecting for a long time, that the Jews were looking for, for His coming.

Even though He didn't use the word Messiah here, it is what He was referring to. Absolutely no debate about that. Amen. The Expected One, the Messiah, most people don't really know what it means as far as the Messiah.

And they get so caught up on the letter of the word Messiah actually means the Anointed One.

Even though He didn't use the word Messiah here, we know that He's referring to the Messiah, and the word Messiah means literally the Anointed One.

And you don't have to be Christ to be an Anointed person, right? There are actually more than Christ in the Bible that are called the Anointed.

But, there was one particular Anointed being that they were expecting to come, that they would call the, not just a Messiah, not just a Lord, but the Lord and the Messiah, the Expected One.

And in that context of the Messiah, the Expected One, they were expecting more than a prophet.

People think that the Messiah refers to really that the Jews were looking for a great prophet. But no, they wasn't looking for a great prophet alone, but rather one that is much more anointed than even, even much more anointed than even a true prophet.

But really, the Savior. When they thought of the word Messiah, they thought of the Savior, not just any Savior, not just any Deliverer, but the Deliverer, the Savior, the Redeemer, God.

That's what they were looking for. That's what they were expecting. They knew that God would come to the earth. They didn't think that they would be called up into heaven to live in heaven forever before the Messiah came, or any such thing, or similar thing, or pre-trib rapture, or anything like that. They never believed in any of that. Absolutely not, right? They knew that God would come to the earth to save them, to redeem them. That's what they were expecting and waiting for. So when we use the word Messiah, we need to realize they're talking about God, not just a prophet. Amen?

That's very important, because that right there proves that Jesus is God when they refer to Him as Christ, which is another word for Messiah. It means exactly the same thing.

So when we use the word Christ, Jesus our Christ, Jesus the Christ, Jesus Christ, it means Jesus God. It means Jesus the God. It means Jesus the Messiah, the Expected One, the One that would come to save and redeem, and that there was only One that could do that.

Not two, not three, but only One could save and redeem the Lord, the God, the Theos. Once you understand what Christ and Messiah refers to, there's no doubt that Jesus is God. Amen.

But people don't even understand these very basic things, very, very, very basic things that the average Christian does not know or understand in the slightest. A very sad state of religion. Amen?

So it says here, the word Christ is in verse 2. We'll read that again. Now, when John was increasing, he heard of the works of Christ, which could be translated as the works of the Messiah.

You could translate it that way, but it's more accurately in this verse translated as Christ, but yet means the same thing. You could translate it as Messiah since it's a synonym.

The works of God. Amen? He heard of the works of God. He sent word by His disciples and said to Him, Are You the Expected One? Are You the God that we have been expecting to come? Or should we look for someone else?

Jesus answered and said to them, Go and report to John, the baptizer, what you hear and see. The blind receive sight, the lame walk, leopards are cleansed, and the deaf hear.

The dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is He who does not take offense at Me. Amen.

Even though He's doing all these great miracles, much more than any prophet had ever done, He's definitely God. Amen? This was a greater work in greater measure than any prophet had done, and yet it would still be possible and true that there would be people to take offense at Him.

It ain't that wild. Even though He's doing all these great works, He is saving, He is redeeming, He is delivering, He's

bringing the dead back to life, and yet there would still be people to take offense at Him.

There are some people that are just simply wicked. Amen. And who was His greatest enemy? Not really the Roman Empire, no. But His own people, especially the religious ones.

The ones who were the most expert at the Bible. The ones who were the most experienced in reading the Bible. The ones that were wealthy enough to own the most scrolls, because most people didn't have any scroll at all, or they might have had one scroll.

But the Pharisees had many scrolls. Amen. And the high priest would have access to all the scrolls. And it really did matter how wealthy you was about how many scrolls you would have. Absolutely.

And the same was true down through the ages when the Catholic Church had murdered many people over the centuries to try to limit access to the Holy Scriptures, to the Bible.

And that's a fact of history. You can't debate that. It's reality. It's true. It's historical. It's fact. It is well documented how the Catholic Church persecuted and murdered many different people over the centuries to try to keep the Word of God out of the hands of the average normal, everyday, poor person. Even as the Freemasons today restrict access to a lot of manuscripts, hidden writings, hidden knowledge, thinking that it's only for the people that are in a financial position to be the leaders, to be the elite, to be the secret society, that knowledge is reserved for them, and everybody else is too dumb and too ignorant. But if they be ignorant, it is because the truth has been withheld from them. Amen.

So through Freemasonry, through the Catholic Church, through the Pharisees, through different rich societies, this has been the historical pattern. Amen. The historical pattern.

So it's interesting that he did not just heal people, but also the fact that the poor people, in verse 5, have the gospel preached to them. That was just as amazing, that was just as eventful as all of these healings.

You think it's great and tremendous that the dead are raised from the grave? Or that the dead are raised from their sickbed that they died on? But I tell you something equally tremendous, is that the poor was able to receive the truth, and not be hidden from them, and not be withheld from them.

That Christ came to teach the truth to people of all different financial levels and backgrounds. Amen. That was just as tremendous. It's listed among miracles. Amen.

It's listed among miracles that the poor would receive the gospel. Isn't that wild? Because the religious elites withhold the truth from the people. Amazing.

And it would be those religious elites that would be the ones to take offense. Amen? Absolutely. Even as it is today. The pastors, the leaders, the rich leaders, the rich megachurch leaders, the television evangelist people, and the people that follow them. The people that are on their team.

Those are the ones that take offense. At the name of Jesus, at the Sabbath, at the Ten Commandments, at the Holy Days, they take offense. Absolutely. Amen.

In verse 7, here in Matthew 11, verse 7, as these men were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, the baptizer, saying, What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed, a stem, shaken by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? A Persian in soft clothing? Meaning fancy clothing. Did you go out to see a rich person? Did you go out to see a person wearing cotton when most people don't even have clothes at all in that day and time? Many people were literally naked. Some people didn't have clothes at all.

That's a fact of the history. Those who wear soft clothing or fancy clothing are in the king's palaces. The rich people are the ones with clothes. The rich people are the ones with the fancy wardrobe and the soft cotton and stuff like that because most people didn't have it.

They didn't have anything. It was itchy. It was torn. It was dirty. It was stained. But it's in the king's palaces where you find all that. What did you think you were going to see when you went out to see this prophet? Amen.

It's amazing right there, too, if you think about it. And it hasn't changed. It's the same thing. You look at these rich television evangelists and the mega church pastor and the pastor of the Baptist church downtown with 500 or 1,000 members.

How he goes to church in his tuxedo every Sunday and every Wednesday. How he goes to church all fancied up. His boots all shine. I mean his shoes all shined up. Amen.

Then you look at me standing barefoot. There's a huge difference. There's a huge difference between the ministers of Babylon and the ministers of the Lord. Huge difference.

Verse 9. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes. Yes, I tell you. And one who is more than a prophet. Amen. Praise God.

Here, really, subliminally, there is a contrast between the Messiah, the Expected One, the Christ, and a prophet. And then, subliminally, there's a contrast here in these verses.

Jesus didn't come as just a mere prophet, but as the High Apostle of the church. The Bible does call Him the High Apostle, the Head of the church. He came as God in the flesh.

He came as King of Kings. Well, He didn't come as King of Kings, Lord of Lords, but He is. He is, and He's coming back as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Amen.

That John the Baptizer, more than a prophet, meaning very special. Meaning that He is just simply very special to the Lord.

But here something else comes to mind when I see this word prophet here. It brings back to mind a previous verse from the previous chapter.

If you look back up the page to verse 41 of chapter 10, Matthew 10 verse 41, He who receives a prophet by the authority of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. Amen.

And that's a good thing. That if you accept the true words of the true prophet of the Lord, that you receive a great reward. Amen.

So here, John the Baptizer in chapter 11 is a great, great, wonderful prophet, very special unto the Lord. Amen.

And some people were His disciples, some people were the disciples of John the Baptizer, so those people would have a prophet's reward. Amen.

Originally there was no division in the Scriptures as far as chapter numbers and verse numbers.

So when we look at chapter 11 verse 9, it only comes, how many verses? About, let's count them here, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Nine verses and then you see the word prophet in verse 9. So even though He moved locations in verse 1, He moved locations from one place to another to speak to a different crowd.

However, the subject of prophets stayed in the mind of Christ as He moved locations. Amen.

It was fresh in His mind and it came back. But it was fresh in His mind why He had just spoken to the previous crowd. Amen.

About receiving a prophet's reward and maybe He even planned when He said it in chapter 10, maybe, perhaps, He even planned, I need to speak on this some more. Or maybe He knew that somebody was about to come and ask Him about John. Amen.

Perhaps, we're speculating here, but let's speculate. Amen. Perhaps He knew that somebody was about to come to Him and ask about John, the Baptizer, the great prophet. Amen.

Perhaps all this was planned. Perhaps He was going to put it in somebody's heart to do that.

It could have happened in different ways. Or perhaps it was only just fresh in His mind.

But whatever it is of those different scenarios is great. Whatever it is, it is great. Amen.

In every one of those scenarios, it is awesome that here in only 9 verses away that the subject of a prophet and those that follow a prophet comes back into the discussion again. Amen. God is great. And the Scriptures are beautiful. Amen.

Now verse 10, chapter 11, verse 10, this is the one about whom it is written in the Scriptures.

Amazing here. This is amazing again because John the Baptizer had been written into the Scriptures of the Old Testament.

The Old Testament, written before John was born, prophesied, predicted the evangelism, the ministry of John the Baptizer. Amen.

Written before he was even born. That the Scripture says this, Behold, I send my messenger. The word messenger can be translated as apostle.

It don't have to be translated as apostle. Perhaps there's a different Greek word here. I'm not for sure a hundred percent. But I do know that the word apostle and messenger sometimes is the exact same Greek word.

I send you my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way before you. Talking about prepare the way of the Lord. To prepare the way of Jesus.

It was prophesied, predicted in the Bible in Malachi chapter 3 verse 1. That's what he was quoting from.

And it's a prophecy that Jesus would not come without first having a prophet to come.

And I tell you that all throughout history, that is a historical pattern, that before a judgment comes, even though the coming of Jesus was not a judgment.

But it still reminds me of this particular fact of history. That before the white men started taking slaves from Africa, which goes way, way, way back before the American colonies, did not begin with the American colonies.

And the slavery of the African people did not begin with the white men. Did not begin with the people from Europe, or England, or the UK, or America.

But slavery was in Africa among their own tribes, among different nations and tribes, and even from other nations, outside of Europe, outside the white race.

Slavery had been existing not only in Africa, but in Europe, and Asia, and across the entire world.

And even among the Native Americans in the United States before it became the United States.

Before the white men even arrived in the 1600s into America, there was already slavery among different Native American tribes.

And across the world, slavery was just a fact of life, and had been all the way back into Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, the Roman Empire, the Persian Empire, the Egyptians. They all had slaves. Different races, different generations, different cultures, different nations, different empires.

Slavery has always been a fact of life, and still is today. There is slavery today in the Middle East, and in Africa, and in China, and I gain it to you even in Russia.

Slavery is still a fact of life today. It did not disappear after the American Civil War.

In fact, there is more slaves today in the world than there was during and before the American Civil War. Amen?

These are things that most Christians and most people don't know, because a lot is hidden from them by the elite. Amen? The rich Democrats hide all of this from the black people in America, and the black people in Africa. It's all withheld by the elite.

They don't want you to know these things. Amen? But knowledge will free you. Amen? True knowledge will free you. Amen.

But what I was going to try to say is that before the people from the United Kingdom, from England, and Ireland, and Scotland, before they came, and before the Americans came to Africa to take slaves, even though slavery was already occurring among the others in Africa and nations around the world, there was at least one prophet, and probably multiple prophets I'm sure, that did witness among the African people, of their own people, that God did raise African men, and perhaps women as well, to proclaim among their own people that there would be a new slavery, that there would be a white man this time to come and to take them as slaves because of their sins.

And it was proclaimed that it would be because of those sins. And the same thing happened among the Native Americans in the United States before the white men came, even though the white men were here way before the Native Americans.

If you go back far enough, but the Native Americans chased out those white men centuries before, a long time before.

But finally, when you get into the 1500s and the 1600s, and white men are about to return to their native land, the Americas, to come back to them, the Native Americans had prophets among their own people. This is a fact.

This has been written down, this has been told by the Indians themselves. They tell the stories of the prophets that said that God, the Great Spirit, is going to bring the white man because of your sins. And He will enslave your people. He will kill your people. He will take your land because of your sins.

There's always been the historical and biblical pattern that God has always been the same. He's always the same. He doesn't change. He's the same way back then as He will be in the future.

He is the alpha, the omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He has always sent prophets among your own people, around the world, to warn you of what is coming.

To give a chance of repentance. Amen? And the people usually don't repent, even though a true prophet has come among them.

Even as Jesus said that a true prophet is not respected in his own nation. Amen. But John the Baptizer had been sent to prepare the way before the coming of the Lord.

And even though the coming of the Lord would not be a chastisement or a punishment or a slavery or a killing, but it would be a historical event.

It would be a huge historical event that could bring both life and death to the people.

Even though the Lord came as a blessing, as a savior, as a deliverer, His coming, as great as it was in the flesh, could still be a death sentence, a curse upon some people if you were to reject Him.

Even among the Ten Commandments, about the Ten Commandments, the Bible says that God said, I set before you this day both life and death.

Life, blessing, healing, prosperity in your body and among your land, among your people, among your nation, if you keep the commandments of the Lord.

But death, famine, sword, invasion, slavery, captivity, curses and diseases, famines and plagues, and even the beasts of the earth to turn against you if you do not keep the commandments of the Lord.

This is what the Bible says. This is what the Bible teaches. Amen. So when you look at invasions, when you look at slavery, when you look at plagues and diseases and famine, when you look at things that come upon the earth, then you can say, those people, those people haven't lived right. Amen.

I've heard it many times before about how certain towns in Tennessee here, how they always get the worse of the storms. Their flooding is always worse, the snow is always worse, the temperature is always worse, the storms and thunderstorms and tornadoes are always worse.

Where certain towns, Johnson City is that way, Knoxville is that way. Amen. It's not just geography. Amen. It is the people. It is the people.

You look at our town compared to that, although this town is wicked as well, but relatively, in comparison, those towns are much more wicked.

Those towns have a mosque. We don't. Amen. So there's a comparison. But there's wickedness everywhere you look. Amen.

But Jesus came as both really a blessing and a curse. He could be blessing, He could be life, He could save your life physically and spiritually.

But He could also be a curse. Now, He's a blessing in verse 6, if you do not take offense. What's the opposite of that? A curse if you do take offense. Amen.

A blessing if you do not take offense, which means you actually accept the word of the prophet, accept the word of Christ, accept the word of the Messiah, accept the word of God as a blessing.

If you accept it, you're going to obey it. Amen. People say they accept the Ten Commandments, but they don't obey it. They will try to keep the Ten Commandments on the wall of the courthouse, but they don't obey it. Amen.

But nevertheless, if you really accept something, you will obey it, keep it, and observe it. Amen.

Blessed is he who does not take offense. That would mean that those that do take offense will be cursed. Jesus did come as both life and death. Amen.

Because He is the word of God. He is the word of God. Amen. He is the commandment giver. Amen.

John the Baptizer in verse 10 came to prepare the way for the Lord. And John knew that. That that was his mission.

Verse 11, Jesus says in verse 11, I tell you the truth, among those born of women, there has not risen anyone greater than John, the one who baptizes.

Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Amen. You know why? Because if you accepted the word of John, you would receive the reward of a prophet. Amen. Amen. Praise God.

You could be a poor person. You could be one of the students, one of the followers, one of the servants, one of the slaves. Absolutely. Amen.

And still receive the reward, the pay, the wages of the prophet. You could be drinking his wine.

I've heard, I've read, that some of the slaves in the south, the southern nations, the southern tribes, the southern colonies, the southern states of America, all of that be true.

Because every state is a nation, an original formation of America. That I heard, I read, that some of those slaves in the south, of course not all, not all, but it was soon that it was really living it up.

Drinking the best of the brandy or the whiskey, whatever it said, the cigars, different things. I forget what all was listed, but it was like a long list of all the luxuries.

That they were able to enjoy. Some of these people were living in mansions, not huts. Some of these people were taken from huts in Africa, brought to America and set up in a mansion.

Some of these people were given soft clothing for the first time in their life. Some of these people were given shoes for the first time in their life.

You might consider that as both a blessing or a curse. You can look at that two different ways.

But some of these people did receive clothing for the first time, and shoes for the first time, and some good delicious food for the first time in their life.

I'm not saying that all of slavery was perfect and grand and luxury, but there were some that did have that experience.

And those particular events and situations you never hear of, unless you're looking for it, unless you're willing to look, unless you're willing to grow in the truth about history. Amen. But even a slave can receive a rich man's reward, even a prophet's reward, even a great man's reward, his wages. Amen.

Verse 12, I'm going to read this, I may have, yeah, verse 12, From the days of John the baptizer, the one who baptizes

until now, the kingdom from heaven is forcefully entered, and relentless people, people who don't give up, seize it. That's an amazing statement. That's a mind-blowing statement. That is quite a statement. That's something to really think on, to really contemplate, to really take time to think upon. This isn't, this isn't something that you just say one prayer and then rest like the church's teeth. Just rest, just only rest. No work, no work even allowed. You're not allowed to work. You're not allowed to work for the Lord because that's competition against the blood of Christ, they say. Blasphemous, demonic teaching. And yet people still keep going to the same church. But this talks about people that are really and truly, sincerely desiring the kingdom of God. Really, truly desiring the kingdom of God. Not just a feel-good, tickle-the-ear message, but these people forcefully enter in. They're knocking the doors down to get in. They're beating the doors down to get in. It is as it is Noah's ark. And they're wanting to survive. They're wanting to enter in before the door is completely shut. They know that they need to enter in desperately. They need to enter in. They need access to the Messiah. They need the Messiah. They need salvation. They need deliverance. They need rescue. Amen. They need a Savior. The Savior.

Here's the problem with many Christians, is they think they were saved as children, therefore they don't have to enter in. It's all taken care of. It's all paid for by their parents because their parents led them to the altar. It's all paid for by Pat Robinson or Billy Graham because they repeated their words. But a person that understands that they are a sinner. Amen. A person that understands that they have sinned, that have transgressed against the Lord, that kept Sunday, which is in competition against the Ten Commandments. Amen. Sunday is in competition against the blood of Christ. Sunday is in competition against the Holy Scriptures. Sunday is in direct opposition to Christ Himself. And yet they still keep going to the Sunday churches. People don't yet fully comprehend that the sin of God of Satan, the sin of God of Satan, the church of Satan of Revelation chapter 3 is the Sunday churches, the Trinity churches, the Christmas churches, the Easter churches, the churches that have lied and programmed and brainwashed and deceived the masses, the world, and purposely hidden the truth. Amen. But the Word of God is so precious. It is so beautiful and it is so powerful. The Word of God saves, delivers, rescues, opens up blind eyes. Amen. Not just physically but spiritually, and that's the most important part, even if you stay physically blind or lame all of your life. If you could just receive the Word of God, which is as great of a miracle, when there is a famine of the Word of God in the land, because it is withheld by the pastors, by the shepherds, that they withhold the truth and hide the truth from the people. The Word of God, the truth, is beautiful and is precious, more precious than gold. When you finally come to it, you embrace it, you accept it, you say, that's the truth, Lord God have mercy on me, that's the truth. And then eventually the truth becomes too much for you. Eventually the truth becomes too offensive about slavery, about many different other doctrines, teachings. The truth that God is not three but one. The truth that Christmas is not His birth, and the Easter is not His resurrection. If you just look in the encyclopedia, it tells you. Sometimes the truth is right under your nose. Amen. But the truth becomes too offensive. Matthew 25, that Jesus symbolized His own self as a man marrying ten women, or engaged to ten women, marrying 5. The truth is too offensive to a people that are brainwashed, deceived, and spiritually blind.

Who would want to be set free from their comfort zone? Sometimes, sometimes that soft clothing is a prison. Sometimes that soft clothing given to you by your rich elite masters of the Babylonian churches, the Pharisee churches. Sometimes that soft clothing, oh how Lord, how true this is. Amen. It feels good, it looks good, but what a prison it is. The large trees and riches of this life. And the people say, but the false church, it gives me a church home. It gives me a fellowship. It gives me people, it gives me friends. It's where my family goes. It's the tradition of my family. How can I throw all that away? I like it, it feels good. It's where I belong because my family is there. I've been there for so long. And they are in bondage to their masters of deceit. They're in bondage to their masters of deceit, those that have kidnapped them from the Lord.

And they do not want escape and they do not want freedom.

But then there's another people, opposite of that in verse 12, there are people that will beat the door down. To get into the kingdom of God.

Instead of just being couch potato Christians, say one prayer, depend upon a false baptism of many years ago.

They will beat the door down. Right now there's no one beating the door down. Right now, I don't see anybody talking about picking up, leaving, moving, doing something for the Lord.

Surrendering their life for the Lord. They would rather be a female truck driver, which is blasphemous. It's totally against their DNA. Amen.

Or the woman up in New York that would rather dig ditches and shovel gravel. Completely in competition against her DNA.

Wearing men's shirts, men's hair, looking like a man driving a man's pickup truck. Amen. Completely in competition against God. The way God designed a woman to be the softer of the two. Amen.

Some salt is good. If you're designed by the great architect, the great designer in heaven to be soft, then be soft.

Or softer, relatively, in comparison to the male. Amen. We know that we don't want the women to be too soft, we don't want them to be jelly. Amen.

But there are differences of way between what God made men and women. There are differences. Divine. Amen.

Seize it. I did a whole sermon a long time ago about seize the kingdom. This is why I don't like to be the person to say, you need to seek baptism.

I always try to give people some time for them to want it themselves. To ask about it, to inquire about it.

And when I put them off about it, and I say, not yet. I'm waiting for two weeks, three weeks, four weeks, whatever, later, that they would inquire the second time.

And not wait on me. Amen. I'm waiting on people that will inquire, and inquire again, and knock, and knock again, and call again, and email again, and text again.

Because they need to show that they desire, that they want, that they seek for, salvation, baptism, the kingdom, the truth, entrance into His church, the body of Christ, the congregation. Amen.

But instead, what I see is people just email only one time and say, I want salvation, I want baptism, I know you're speaking the truth, never heard it before, I know this is the truth.

And I say, you've got to listen to services for two or three more weeks. I've got to see if you're really sincere, because people come and go like everything.

It's a revolving door around here. They're like, okay, I understand that. And then I never hear from them ever again.

Or they just keep listening for a whole year, but never actually get saved. Never actually come to keep the feast days here, where Jesus has set His name.

Not actually really totally surrender to God, because they're still in that mentality that they can stay home, be by themselves, stay by themselves, be alone, not have fellowship with the church, just be an audience and still be saved.

I tell you what, there was a lot of audience following Christ around everywhere He went, and they were not saved.

Being an audience of the Lord is not the same as being a follower, even if you do tune in every week.

Even if you did follow Christ to every town, to the next town, and to the next town, and to the next chat room, and the next chat room.

Just an audience, though, that's following doesn't mean automatically that you are saved, even if you've done that prayer. Amen.

I'm looking for a people that will knock the door down. Amen. I'm looking for a people that even if I took a broom and try to beat them away from my door, that they would be like, No, sir, I know you're the prophet of the Lord, I know you are the apostle of the Lord, and I have sinned, and I repent, and I ask your forgiveness, I've done wrong, but I'm here to serve the Lord, and I'm not leaving.

I'm going to follow you as they followed John, and as they followed Jesus, and I'm going to serve the Lord, and I'm going to press into the kingdom, and I would do better, sir.

I'm here to serve the Lord. Amen. That's the people that God is seeking, not just me. That's the people that God is seeking.

People with perseverance, endurance, and intense, fervent desire to serve the Lord, whatever it may take. Whatever it may take.

It may take a surrender of a lot of finances and a lot of support, family, friends, relationships. It may take a lie, it may be

a huge sacrifice, but seek first the kingdom. Amen.

Seek first the kingdom and His truth, His Word. How precious is it? How valuable is it? Is it worth fighting for? Is it worth trading in the soft clothing? Amen.

Is it worth trading in the shoes? Is it worth standing on the street corner to get the money to travel? I would say it is. Amen. Amen.

In 2008, I sold and gave away everything I owned except for only my car and my bed, because I got a very bad back, so I needed my bed to move into the tent.

And lived in the tent for seven, four years. When I preach, and I preach hard, and I preach intense, and I preach total surrender and sacrifice, I back it up with my own life. Amen.

I back it up with my own life. And yes, my wife did leave her family, her mom, her sister, all that she knew, and a lot of material things, to also come and leave out of state and come be part of this ministry years ago as well.

And she took a bus, and she was walking on a walker at the time, and the day before she got on the bus, she didn't even know if she would even be able to get out of bed.

She was in so much pain. But she did get out of bed, and she did take her walker and five bags and get on that bus and move out of state to live in a tent across from mine.

And she had never, had you ever stayed in a tent before as far as even overnight? Maybe only one time she said that she had stayed in a tent overnight.

Didn't do it all the time, wasn't accustomed to it, wasn't a normal thing. She could have said, But I'm a woman, I'm a female, and here's my family, here's my friends, and here's my hometown, and this is everything I know, and I have these health issues.

And it would be too far and too uncomfortable. And I'm afraid of spiders and bugs, which she is, as most females are.

She could have grabbed and looked for a million excuses, like people do. Amen. As people do all the time and every day. Live within their excuses. Amen. Amen. I believe that if people look for a way, they'll find a way. Amen.

One of these days there will be a day of great deliverance that we call the Great Tribulation.

That night, that morning, that day, whatever time zone it is, when the lights go out, when the stove stops working, when the refrigerator stops working, when the computer and the laptop and the cell phone stops working, when there's no phone calls, no beeps, no heater, no air conditioner, no fan, no running water, no flushing toilet.

What a great day, wonderful day, tremendous day that will be. When the people have to step outside the comfort of their four walls, when the people have to go and eat worms and eat insects that they are so much against right now. Amen.

When people have to eat bird food and raccoon food and raccoons and birds, when people have to eat snakes and anything that moves, when people have to live off the land and go back to the way God designed it. Amen. What a great day that will be. It'll be life, it'll be deliverance, it'll be rescue, it'll be salvation on so many different levels, and the people will take offense at it.

The people will detest it, the people will hate it, the people will be, oh my God, why has this happened to me?

And they will not even take into consideration their sins and the prophets that forewarned about it. Amen.

They will spit at the day of deliverance that God has made. And the soldiers from China and Russia and around the world that invade the Israelite governments and South Korea as well and our allies, those Gentiles as they come in from Russia and China, they're coming as the ministers of the Lord to spank your butt, and the people deserve it. Amen. For going to the Sunday churches, for going to the Trinity preachers and the Christmas and the Easter preachers and for doing Halloween and watching the horror movies and listening to satanic groups and satanic TV shows and all the different other evils, compromising with Islam and Buddhism and yoga and Hinduism, all these different evils.

The people deserve the chastisement of the Lord, the hand of judgment from God that is coming that is predicted by the Bible and the prophets that God has sent. Amen. And the people have ignored the voice of the Lord. Amen. The people have ignored it. Amen. They have ignored the voice of the Lord, which makes them even more deserving of the judgment to come.

They're not willing to test themselves and examine themselves sincerely because they want the softness, the effeminate preaching. Amen. They don't want a general. They don't want the army. They don't want to be part of the army of the Lord.

But they'd rather be an audience. They'd rather sit in soft, cushiony chairs. Amen.

They don't want to give up the soft clothing. Oh, this is it. This is it. The verses that are to come. Praise the Lord.

Verse 13, For all the prophets and the law prophesied unto John. Meaning that John is the person that is a symbol of the division of the old covenant and the new covenant.

Not that all the prophets and the law are done away with. Not that. Not necessarily.

That all the prophets and the prophecies and the law of God are done away with. No.

But, nevertheless, there is an ending and a beginning of the old covenant and the new covenant. Amen.

And the new covenant didn't just only begin at the crucifixion and resurrection as people think.

But, actually, the new covenant comes into life in some degree upon the birth of Christ.

And the church did not begin in Acts chapter 2 on the Day of Pentecost as people assume that the Bible doesn't say.

But, rather, the church began at the birth of Christ. Amen. Because Christ is the church. The church is the body of Christ.

When the body of Christ came forth, then the church came forth. And the apostle of the church came forth. Amen.

The high apostle. Above apostles. Amen. Verse 14, And if you are willing, if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah's who was to come, prophesied of Malachi 3.

Going back to verse 10, that Malachi 3 prophesied the Elijah to come. John the Baptizer was the fulfillment of that, or a fulfillment, the primary fulfillment of that time.

But I believe, if I'm not mistaken, if I'm not wrong about it, I believe that there is still yet another fulfillment of that to come with the two prophets of the book of Revelation.

How that will be another Elijah and Moses type figures, or whatever type of figures, or a Zechariah example type of figure, a priest and a governor type of figure, something like that, however it occurs.

But God is not saying, Jesus is not saying that John has been reincarnated. He's not saying that Elijah was reincarnated.

Jesus didn't teach and believe in yoga and reincarnation and all that demonic crap. Amen.

Jesus was not a Buddhist. Amen. So, he's not teaching reincarnation, but what he is teaching instead is symbolism.

Amen.

In a symbolism that John was like Elijah, being a great prophet, being one sent from the Lord, a messenger of the Lord, and historical man. Amen.

Now verse 15, He who has ears to hear, let him hear. This is very significant for the verses that are coming up.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear. But to what shall I command this generation?

It is like children sitting in the market places who call out to the others and say, we played the flute for you and you did not dance. We wailed, we cried, and you did not mourn.

So this is what I'm saying a while ago. I just said a while ago that the prophets have been brought by the Lord throughout different generations and empires and locations around the world.

Jesus brought the prophets to cry aloud, to speak out and say that God is bringing judgment if you don't repent.

And the people did not respond correctly to it. They ignored it. And if they didn't ignore it, they fought against it. Amen.

They could have accepted the word of the Lord when He came, but many people reject it.

The Pharisees rejected it. The religious elites rejected and pushed away the word of the Lord, literally. Amen.

They pushed away the prophets from Africa. They pushed away the prophets of the Native Americans.

They pushed away the prophets of the Jews. They pushed away the prophets of America.

They pushed away. When the music is playing, the people could have danced. I have encouraged people to give their testimonies, to speak aloud. Chatting is not enough.

I want action. I want words. I want to hear your voice. Speak up for the Lord. Amen.

I want to hear some people playing the guitar, playing the keyboard, playing the piano.

I want to see some people dancing. I want to see some people jumping for the Lord, leaping for the Lord, as they did in the Bible. Amen.

I rejoice when out of Cape Town, South Africa, they send me videos and pictures of their gathering, of them singing and dancing.

It causes my heart to leap within me. It causes me to rejoice because somebody in this world is not too timid, too bashful, too shy to speak up, to move, to do something, to beat the doors down. Amen.

People are too complacent, too lazy, too much afraid to clap, too much afraid to say Amen, too much afraid to raise their hands for the Lord.

Why anybody? I don't know. But they have rejected. You know, the words I speak are strong enough to demand a reaction. Amen.

And the only reaction I get, for the most part, is that they would ignore me, not reply, not email back.

People join the Parrhesia social media group, and it says right there in the terms and conditions that you must read, and you must agree to, and you must click, that you agree to these terms and conditions.

And it says right there that you are required to be active. It even explains that it's like you've got to click on the likes, you need to do the comments, you need to reply, you need to speak up, you need to talk, you need to chat, you need to participate in the groups.

And if you don't, I will delete your butt. And I have deleted more than one, more than two people from there, because they join up, and then I look three weeks later, I give them time, I give them time, and three weeks or four weeks later, they have not even logged back in, not even once.

Why in the world did you even sign up to begin with? If you're never going to come back and log in again, propitiate, click like, comment, read something, do something.

If you're not going to move, then get out of the way. I don't understand people. Why do they join something and then not do anything with it, and just let it sit and rot?

People don't make no sense. They don't make any sense. The people have refused to dance. The people have refused to mourn, to cry, to weep.

When people are sick, when people are hurting, when people are afflicted, when we believe that they're having an operation, if we believe that they're having a serious condition, people don't pray fervently, people don't have a heart for people.

The love has waxed cold. The love of people is absent, because, oh, that's just a computer profile.

That's all that is. It's just a computer profile. That's all that is. That's not a human over there. That's just some kind of computer profile.

That is the subliminal mind frame. It's not the mind frame you think you have, but it's the mind frame that you have, many of you, that the people have, that the people out there in the world have, that the churches have, that the Christians have, is the same as people that go to church on Sunday and Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday.

They go to church four or five times a week, but, but, they continue in their Babylonian traditions of yoga, yoga-ing to the Lord, not to the Lord, no, but to Satan.

Not willing to test themselves, examine themselves, read the history, not willing to look and examine.

No repentance, no growth, no growth in the truth, no desire for truth. They don't care what the truth is.

If a person really wanted to know the truth, then they would say, why is he so adamant about this?

Let me look it up, let me test myself, let me examine myself, and let me know what the truth is.

If they really wanted to know the truth, and they really wanted to serve the Lord, and they really wanted true salvation, then they would look up the history of yoga and Buddhism and Hinduism, and they would repent on their knees, and they would cry out to the Lord. And they would say, the Lord, I thought I knew the truth, I thought it was healthy for me, but it's not healthy for me. I can't breathe no better than anybody else. It's not helped me.

It's not made me money. It has not helped my breathing. It has not helped my soul. It has not helped me.

What I need is the Lord, not Buddhism, not yoga. What I need is Jesus Christ. They would get down on their knees and cry out to the Lord and repent of their sins.

This is the God's truth right here. I speak as a messenger of the Lord, but will they dance? No.

Will they join hands with the Lord? No. Absolutely not. It would be a miracle if they did.

God loves us enough. God loves us enough that the truth be spoken. The truth offends. The truth hurts when it comes against the traditions that you have embraced all of your life.

The Bible says, come out of her my people, that you not partake in her sins and her plagues.

Come out of her. That's not talking about one little tiny group, one little tiny town.

That's not talking about only the Apostolic church, or only the Pentecostals, or only the Lutherans, or only the Presbyterians.

But rather it's talking about everything. All false religion. The Hinduism, the Buddhism, the Atheism, the Communism, the Islam, the Baptist church. All of it. All the isms of the world. It's talking about all of it. Leave all of it.

Because Christ is sufficient. Christ is what we need. And everything else truly is competition.

Christ is what we need, and His Word, and His commandments, and the Holy Bible. His living Word.

That's what we need. We need repentance, not prayer. People are always like, if we get 20,000 people to pray, if we get 30, or if we get 100,000, or if we get 200,000 people to pray, we could save this land.

That is the biggest bullshit, and I would say shit rather than crap, because it's that severe.

That's the biggest bullshit I ever heard in my life. What we need is repentance. You can pray, and pray, and pray until you turn blue in the face, and so can the entire nation pray until we turn blue in the face.

That without repentance, then we're not saved. That without repentance, then we're not saved.

We need a person to sit here and play the keyboard. The keyboard is right there. We need somebody to play it. Amen.

We need somebody to play the flute. It's right there. We need somebody to play it. Amen.

We could use somebody just to do only the audio controls, the electronics, and take care of that for me. That would be awesome.

We need co-workers. Amen. We need brothers and sisters that will actually do something for the Lord. Amen.

Verse 17 again, and these people they say, these good people of the Lord, they say, We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. Amen.

Verse 17, brother, I want you to correct something here in verse 17 where it says, And you did not dance. Change the word and to but. But you did not dance. Same Greek word.

The context determines how you're going to translate it. But you did not dance. We willed, but you did not mourn.

Verse 18, for John came. Jesus said, John came, neither eating nor drinking. He was fasting all the time, a lot, often.

And they say he was a demon. The sin of mankind came eating and drinking, not fasting as often as John the Baptizer and his students, his followers.

And they say, behold, a gluttonous person, an alcoholic, a friend of tax collectors, a friend of the IRS, and sinners.

Yet wisdom is vindicated by her offspring. Amen. Some people need to read that verse. Amen.

Verse 20, then he began to shame the cities in which most of his miracles were done because they did not repent.

You see that? I didn't know that word was coming up in that verse, that phrase, because they did not repent.

That's God. That's God. You never see that happen in these Sunday churches, do you? Or even in the Seventh-day Adventist church.

You do not see this ever happen where the preacher says something, and then, unknowing to him, just a few verses down, it says the exact same thing that he just got done preaching on.

Because you don't see, you don't have the measure of God, the Spirit of God, the presence of God in those churches.

You see this miracle, you just eyewitness a divine miracle right in front of your eyes.

Now you know that it wasn't me preaching, that it wasn't me screaming and yelling, that it wasn't me judging and condemning, it wasn't my opinion about those religions, but rather, it is God.

This proves it right here, that this verse right here, I did not know what it was going to say. To be honest with you, I did not read this entire chapter to prepare for this. I didn't mean to.

All we got to do is read the Bible and let God speak. Amen. What I hear is proof that you're hearing the voice of the Lord.

But notice how He began to shame those cities, those people, in which most of His miracles were done.

The churches of today are totally against shaming anyone, offending anyone, disturbing anyone. They don't want to step on your toes, they don't want to offend you because they don't want to lose your support.

They don't want to lose filling up all the seats. Amen. They want every seat in the house full. And they would do anything to keep it. They would tickle your ears, they would even tickle your butt, if that's what it takes. Amen.

They don't want to offend you. They won't offend you, even though you need to be offended. Amen. They will not offend you, because it's about numbers. It's about numbers. It's not about truth. It's not about repentance. It's not about the Word of God. It's about numbers.

But Jesus actually shamed these people, because He did mighty miracles there, just like the miracles you just witnessed. And they still didn't dance. They still didn't have a response to the Lord. They still didn't repent. They still didn't accept the sanctity of His Word, and the magnitude of His Word.

They did not accept it. It's too difficult to change. They want to stay a child. They want to stay the same as they were in their twenties or thirties or forties. They don't want to change for the Lord. They don't want to grow for the Lord. They did not repent.

Verse 21, He begins to shame these people. He's speaking out against these people. He's even calling the specific name of the town.

Woe unto you, Chorazin. Woe unto you, Bathsheba. And for if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon, which occurred in you, they would have repented a long time ago in sackcloth and ashes, which is not soft clothing. Amen.

Nevertheless, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon, those cities, in the day of judgment, than it is for

you. For you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to the grave. For if the miracles had occurred in Sodom, which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day. They would have repented. In other words, Sodom and Gomorrah would have repented if they had had the same miracles that these people saw.

That these people saw the miracles and did not repent. These people heard the flu and did not dance. They did not respond to the calling of the Lord. Therefore, they deserve a greater punishment and will receive a greater punishment. Verse 24, Nevertheless, I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.

Verse 25, At that time, Jesus said, I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the skilled, from the experts, and the intelligent, and have revealed them to children. Amen.

There are some people that are not worthy of the truth. Jesus said to seek out who is worthy and to not cast our pearls before swine. There are some people that are not worthy. Amen.

But it is God that has decided that He would hide certain things from the foolish, those that think that they are intelligent, from the experts of law, and rebuild them to the lower class.

To the people that are less educated, the people that don't speak as well, the people that are the underdog and the oppressed, the poor and the afflicted.

God has chosen the poor and the afflicted, the oppressed, the underdog of this world. The poor, not the most well educated, not the richest, not the elite. God has chosen for Himself the slaves. Amen.

God has chosen for Himself the slaves. God has chosen for Himself a people that know how to serve. Amen.

God has chosen for Himself a people that know how to submit to the Master, a people who are accustomed to obedience, that know what it's like to serve, that know what it's like to fall in love with your Master.

He has not chosen the rich, elite, most highly educated, most well pronounced, for the most part, although there are exceptions.

But for the most part, He has not called those with the Ph.D. and the most power in the world, and the most fame in the world, and the most ability, but rather just a little old me.

This simple, redneck hillbilly from the mountains of Tennessee. Amen. He could have called Dr. So-and-so. Amen. He could have called Professor So-and-so. Amen.

But I am so glad that I do not have the letters Ph.D. after my name. Amen. I can be glad and I can rejoice that I do not have that curse attached to my name. Amen.

And verse 26, Yes, Father, for this way was well pleasing in Your sight. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, for no one knows the Son except for the Father, nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal. Amen.

Now, I have to pause right there, because a lot of people have trouble with understanding how Jesus can be God, and yet still be submitted Himself and talking to and praying to the Father.

And yet we say that Jesus is the Father. It's not logical to them, because they think of God as being much smaller than what He is. They think of God not as being throughout the entire universe, but He is throughout the entire universe.

Because God is on every corner of the universe, in every planet, in every rock, in every stone, in every piece of wood, every tree, every animal, insect, and person, both wicked and righteous, God exists in them and through them.

That God exists is throughout the entire universe. In other words, there is anything, in other words, there is not anything. In the emptiness of space, in the big holes, in the galaxies, in the suns, in Jupiter and Saturn, He is everywhere.

Everywhere.

They don't picture Him that way. They don't understand that He is that huge. But once you understand that, then it becomes very simple at that point. Once you understand how large and powerful God is.

Because then, when He came to earth in the flesh, and the Bible does say that God did dwell in the flesh, amen, He could not possibly, even with all of His power, fit all of Himself inside a temple or one body, even in the flesh of Christ, or in the flesh of Mary, or in the flesh of Christ, He could not fit the entirety of Himself inside that little frame of a five-foot-five to six-foot-two person. It's impossible. So He only put a part of Himself, a seed, the Son, the Son of God, the Son of Man.

And it is that part of God that is speaking here, Amen. It is that part of God that the Scripture calls the Logos, which is translated as the Word. It is that part of God that spoke the 10 Commandments. It is that part of God that Moses saw and that Jacob wrestled with.

It is that part of God that is the vessel of the Lord, the angel of the Lord, which is not an angel, but is translated that way, but it can also be translated as a manifestation. The same Greek word can be translated as a manifestation of the Lord rather than an angel of the Lord. It is a manifestation.

So God has come multiple times. He didn't come just one time. He came in the flesh of King MacAsiach, or what appeared as flesh at least, to the human eye. He came as the man that Jacob physically wrestled with and physically touched, physically rode around on the ground, with a physical aberration, manifestation of the angel of the Lord, the manifestation of God.

He has come multiple times. He came in the flesh of Christ, Amen. And there is no telling how many other times He has come unknown to mankind, Amen.

And yet King MacAsiach is not a separate being from God. He is part of God. He is a manifestation of God. So Christ is not a separate being, but rather He is a manifestation of God, how God has chosen to manifest Himself to mankind, to His people, Amen.

God is good. His truth is good, Amen. God is great. So that explains that because it's only the Son of God, the seed of God, is only His right finger that is submitting to the Father as part of God, Amen.

There's nothing wrong with the finger and the brain communicating with each other. There's nothing wrong with the finger submitting to the brain. There's nothing wrong with that, Amen. The finger is still God. It's still part of God, Amen.

And then it says in verse 28, come to Me. It doesn't say go to the Father. Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. It doesn't say the Father will give you rest, or He will give you rest, but I will give you rest, Amen.

Take My yoke, become My slave. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me. Be My disciple. Be My student. Be My father more than an audience. For I am gentle and humble in heart. He's not a monster, Amen. He's very forgiving, very merciful, very willing, Amen. I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, Amen. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light, Amen. It doesn't mean that everything in life will be easy after you surrender to Him.

No, you'll still have trials and tribulations. Even the church will go through tribulation, Amen. But He makes it so much more easy. He makes life so much more enjoyable, easier to endure.

He'll give you peace of mind, incomprehensible. He'll give you peace of mind that is hard to even explain to anyone how much peace that you could have in Christ.

You'll have your ups and downs, but you'll come back to the peace of Christ because He leads you, He guides you. He will put your feet upon green pastures and steal calm waters rather than the raging, flooding waters.

He'll bring you out of a life of chaos and drugs and addiction. He'll bring you out of a life of evil, darkness, deception, and ignorance.

He'll bring you out of despair and agony and defeat and shame and guilt. And He will be your Christ, your Messiah, your expectant one, the one that you're waiting for, the one that you need, the rescue, the Prince, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords.

For He is the way, the truth, and the life. And there is no other way. Yoga cannot save you. Breathing exercises cannot save you. Hinduism, the Baptist Church, Pentecostal Church, the Apostolic Church, the Jehovah Witnesses, they cannot save you.

But Christ can. Amen. Christ can. It would be awesome to see a shirt that says, Christ can. Amen. God is good.

That's Matthew chapter 11. What a great chapter that is. Beautiful is the Scriptures.

All right, I've opened up the chat room over on talkshoe.com. People are listening on Mixlr.com as well. People are listening over on isawthelightministries.com as well.

But the chat room is open over on talkshoe.com. And if anybody there, while Brother Jared thinks about anything that he needs to say or do, I would look to see if anybody wants to raise their hand to talk on the microphone of their computer or talk on the microphone of their cell phone.

Say if anybody wants to talk, raise your hand. You can figure out how to do it. Or if you want to type something in the chat room as well. Questions, comments, testimonies, songs, musical instruments, dreams and visions of the Lord.

If anybody has any of that or something else for the Lord, then please raise your hand, say amen, say something, do something. Okay. And we will be back Saturday, every Saturday. There's a new moon. When is that coming up? The 17th. Well, that's what we just had. I don't even know what day it is. We just had a new moon. So today is the 19th.

So, I've got to get out of here and mark it. So I can just see it with my bad eyes. I've seen it the other day from here.

So we'll be back next Saturday, a week from today, on August 26th. That's when we'll be back. I figured it out. Alright, Brother Jared, what do you have?

Well, I saw the Wednesday newspaper yesterday and the front page is an advertisement for Love Yoga. Yeah. Crazy. All these Christian ministries, but they can't condemn it. Supposedly Christian. Yeah. Supposedly.

Well, all the pastors in this town will say one word against it. Okay. What else?

David has a lot of condemnation for sinners in the Psalms a lot. Yeah. Amen. Amen.

Well, the people who think that God would never condemn, Jesus would never condemn. We shouldn't condemn. Yeah. Yeah. The traditional false gospel is very, very wimpy. Very wimpy. No offense. Very little hard preaching.

Some of the Pentecostals have hard preaching, but they're legalistic and they don't keep God's commandments. So it's very hypocritical when they do preach hard in the Pentecostal church because they're not obeying God. So it's a hypocritical hard preaching. Amen. The famine of God's Word. And the land.

Anything else?

And I keep seeing it over and over. People who should be old enough to act like grown men acting on the Internet, even people who are supposedly veterans acting like children, mockers, childish, even in person. Amen.

All these childish boys who never grow up are going to be slaves in mom's house sooner or later. They keep acting that way. Yeah. Amen.

So one more thing comes to mind. I'm going to go ahead and say it now. As you bring up children and foolishness, what comes to my mind is President Trump. Amen. Such a child. Such a child.

Now don't get me wrong. I supported him for a long time because, for the most part, he's conservative. For in part, in part, but not fully, unfortunately, he's not conservative enough. He did, unfortunately, support gay marriage. Absolutely. You can look it up.

And, unfortunately, he did support more than one Muslim for Congress or governors and stuff like that. And that's the truth and you can look it up. So he's not as conservative nor as much of a Christian as what he pretends to be.

But I did support him for his conservative policies and his economic policies. He did bring a lot of prosperity to America when he was in office. He made a lot of good decisions and a lot of good policies that the Republican Party has.

But, but, we can't ignore the fact, many different facts, that a lot of these conservatives and the Trump cult totally always ignore. They really do idolize and worship him very, very much. Even though they deny it, it's undeniable.

You know, because they will never, ever point out anything that he has done wrong. He is the one that brought the vaccines to the market, that rushed them very hastily to the market, and never publicly repented of that, but rather actually even continued after that.

After people were already dying in large numbers from the vaccines, he actually said more than once in public at those trips that he makes, those rallies that he does, he said more than once, get the vaccine. That is a good idea, that the vaccines are good, that they're saving lives. He said that more than once.

So how can we forgive him? He's not repentant. Amen. You don't forgive somebody if they don't repent according to the Bible. According to the Bible. Amen.

And so, I know people don't know those verses because they don't know the Bible. They only know the feel-good, tickled-a-ear messages. But that's in the Bible. Amen.

And we can't ignore that he did support Muslims for political office, we can't ignore that he did support gay marriage, that he did socialize with the Sodomites at the log-cabin Republican convention or meeting, gathering.

And we can't ignore his childlessness, the way that he is bullying and picking fights with Ron DeSantis and other people, the way that he has just been very childish and very foolish about it.

As if that there should not be anyone else to come up and debate against him in the Republican primary convention.

We've always had, I don't know how many decades or centuries, I don't know, but for a long time, we've had where you had multiple candidates of the same political party to contest each other, run for office for the same political office.

That's an American tradition. And he's acting like that that's wrong.

So he himself is coming against the way that elections are supposed to be run. Amen. He himself is coming against that pattern of the way elections should be run. He thinks that nobody should come up against him and say anything negative against him like he's God or something.

He's got a huge problem with pride, huge problem with pride. Multiple occasions when he should have humbled himself and accepted compliments in only a polite manner, that he did not accept it as only a polite manner but rather embraced it and ran with it, praising himself.

He praises himself way, way, way too much as a matter of severity of a very extreme pride. And I remember standing up at a sermon a long time ago, a year or two ago. Well, no, it's been longer than that now. Time flies.

Years ago, when he was still in office, I remember standing up and saying, God's going to strike him down for his pride, for those blasphemous words that he had spoken in praise of himself, like if he is the savior.

And that's what you're seeing happening now. I don't support what the Democrats are doing, being very crooked, being very illegal in what they're doing, unconstitutional in what they're doing. I don't support the actions of the Democrats.

But, the bottom line is, God is striking down Trump for his sins, for his pride, for his extremely severe pride, for his childishness and the immaturity of the way that he's acting with Bernie Sanders and other people.

So, when he has all these convictions against him, we need to realize, it's the hand of the Lord. That's the bottom line.

Despite how much we hate the way that the Democrats are pro-communists and wicked, wicked, wicked, wicked to the core, despite that, the bottom line, God is striking down Trump for his pride. So, we cannot support Trump.

Bernie Sanders is obviously the best candidate, not the Indian, but rather Bernie Sanders is very obviously the best candidate, but not that we have any hope for America.

I do not believe that we're going to be able to vote our way out of this. I do not believe that we're going to be able to save America, because the Democrats, the Communists, Russia and China, Syria and Iran, they have already infiltrated Congress, the government, the Biden regime, big tech companies, the corporations, Google, Gmail, WhatsApp, all these different things.

They're so corrupted, so demonic, we're not going to be able to vote our way out of this. I have absolutely no hope for who could win the next election.

If you really believe we're going to have an honest re-election after what we saw in 2020, you're a fool. If you think we're going to have an honest election. They got away with stealing. They got away with it. They're not going to prison. They would do it again.

And now they're just going to do it again. And I know there's been a lot of new laws in Texas and Florida and different states, the conservative states. I know there's been a lot of new laws to try to protect the election, but that's the conservative states.

You still got all the liberal states, and you still got border ground or borderline, whatever states, and you still got the ability of foreign governments to hack the election, even in the conservative states.

There's no hope for a fair and free election after what Biden did. And to think otherwise is just being foolish, very ignorant, and very childish. We have to accept the reality.

Nevertheless, we still should be outspoken about who would be the best, who is on the right side, who is on the left, who is right, who is wrong concerning different political stances, because it's important, because it affects our lives.

And the reason we're in this mess, the reason we are in the horrible mess that we are in, in every nation on earth, is because the righteous did not speak loud enough, did not push loud enough, and did not beat the doors down.

That's why we're in the mess we're in. Because the church, the Christians, did not stand their ground against wickedness. They allowed the Islamic mosque to be built. They allowed the homosexual bars to be built.

They allowed everything else wicked to be built. They allowed the democratic communist headquarters to be built, the abortion clinics to be built, and every other evil in their town and community and state and nation. They allowed it, and they gave the devil their land.

That's why we're in this mess. So it is important to speak out, to protest, to stand your ground, to speak against evil, to stand for righteousness, even if there is no hope for political rescue.

We still must keep up with the politics, what's going on, what they're doing to the people, and warn the people about what they're doing to the people. That is still our responsibility. Amen?

Okay, anything else? Okay, I'll see you next Saturday, and if you are willing to start obeying the Lord, then may you be blessed in amazing ways. Amen. Amen.

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