

Span-02 Overview of the Last Days

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Art Katz emphasizes the Church's vital role in God's plan for the last days, highlighting its relationship with Israel and the importance of unity and authority within the body of Christ.

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Scripture: Isaiah 2:3, Matthew 6:33, Acts 1:9, Romans 11:30, Ephesians 3:4, Ephesians 3:6, 1 Peter 2:21

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the high calling of God in Christ Jesus and the privilege it is to fulfill it. He highlights the revelation of the mystery of Christ, which was not known in previous ages but is now revealed to the apostles and prophets by the Spirit. The speaker emphasizes the significance of the Gentiles being brought near to God through the blood of Jesus and becoming fellow heirs with the Jews. He encourages believers to embrace their calling and be willing to bear opposition and engage in spiritual warfare to bring others to God. The sermon also includes a personal anecdote about a conversation with a rabbi and emphasizes the importance of seeking first the kingdom of God and trusting Him to provide for all needs.

Transcript

But it will go through you and beyond you to the Church of all Latin America. Pero va a llegar a ustedes y más allá de ustedes y eventualmente a toda la Iglesia de Latinoamérica. So we have been praying in a remarkably ambitious way for the Lord.

Hemos estado orando de una manera muy intensa delante del Señor. That He would lay foundations for the Church that cannot be moved. Para que Él ponga fundamentos para su Iglesia que no sean conmovidos.

And the end result is a highway of holiness. Y el resultado de ello es un camino, una carretera de santidad. Which my Jewish people shall tread throughout the whole of Latin America.

Por la cual nosotros como judíos caminaremos por toda Latinoamérica. In the last days on their way to Zion. En los últimos días mientras vayamos a Sion.

We'll speak more of this later. Vamos a hablar más de esto dentro de un momento. But the reality needs to be established tonight and tomorrow night.

Pero necesitamos establecer estas realidades ahora y la noche de mañana. Through the word which the Lord will send. Porque es la palabra que el Señor va a enviar.

In the beginning was the word. En el principio era el verbo. So Lord, we're asking Así es que Señor, te estamos pidiendo In your precious jealousy over your own purpose and will.

Que en tu celo sobre tus propósitos y tu palabra. Which we understand only in part. Los cuales entendemos sólo parcialmente.

That you will redeem this night. Que tú redimas esta noche. And all of the occasions before us in these days.

Y todas las ocasiones en las que estemos juntos en estos días. To lay your own foundation. Para que tú pongas tus fundamentos.

To not only bless the church but make the church a blessing. Para que no solamente bendigas a la iglesia sino que hagas de la iglesia una bendición. That the church itself will be the highway of holiness.

Para que la iglesia misma se convierta en ese camino de santidad. In which your people shall pass over. Camino en el cual tu pueblo pasará.

So speak Lord. Así que habla Señor. For these great purposes.

Y cumple estos grandes propósitos. Filling my mouth with good things. Llena mi boca con cosas buenas.

Opening the ears and hearts of your people. Abre los corazones y los oídos de tu pueblo. The remarkable phenomenon of your word.

El fenómeno excelente de tu palabra. Even as it constitutes an event. Incluso que pueda constituir un evento.

More than instruction. Más que mera instrucción. But establishes something.

Sino que establezca algo. Even by the speaking. Incluso por hablar.

In Jesus name we pray. En el nombre de Jesús oramos. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Thank you.

Some of you may have been offended last night after the service who came up for personal prayer. Tal vez algunos de ustedes salieron ofendidos cuando se acercaron a nosotros para oraciones personales después del servicio. Instead of answering your request as I could easily have done.

En lugar de contestarles su petición como fácilmente pude haber hecho. I asked you a question. Les hice una pregunta.

Have you brought this request to the elders of your own church? ¿Le han hecho esta petición a los ancianos de su propia iglesia? Before coming up to us. Antes de venir con nosotros. And most were surprised by the question.

Y la mayoría a los que les hice la pregunta se sorprendieron. No, no lo hemos hecho. Or they come from congregations where the elders leave something to be desired.

O venían de congregaciones donde sus ancianos, sus líderes no tenían nada que ellos pudieran desear. I said, you go to them nevertheless. Y yo les dije, vayan con ellos.

Sin embargo, no importa. Because there is something at issue here more important than your personal need. Porque hay algo aquí en juego que es más importante que su necesidad personal.

It's the issue of the government of God. Es el asunto del gobierno de Dios. Which is the issue of the kingdom of God.

Lo cual es el asunto del reino de Dios. Which is the issue of the word of God. Lo que es el asunto de la palabra de Dios.

If any among you be sick, let him call for the elders of the church. Vaya con los líderes o ancianos de la iglesia. And have them anoint with oil and pray the prayer of faith.

Y que ellos lo unjan con aceite y hagan oraciones de fe para que sea sanado. We don't want to circumvent that requirement in God's word. No le queremos sacar la vuelta a esas instrucciones que nos da la palabra de Dios.

Because it weakens and demoralizes the church. Porque eso debilita y desmoraliza a la iglesia. And robs the elders of their responsibility.

Y les quita a los ancianos o a los líderes su responsabilidad. And the exercise of their authority. En el ejercicio de su autoridad.

That's why they are weak. Esa es la razón por la que ellos están debiles. Because you haven't called upon them.

Están debilitados porque no los buscamos. And reminded them of their responsibility. Y porque no les recordamos que tienen una responsabilidad.

To be in that place of God. Estando en ese lugar. That can confer blessing.

En ese lugar en el que Dios los ha puesto para que ellos den bendición en la asamblea local, en la iglesia. We must honor the principles of God. Debemos de honrar los principios de Dios.

And be turned away from personality. Y darle la vuelta a esa conflicto de personalidad. The visiting speaker.

Bueno, no debemos de acudir con el orador, con el predicador que todos pueden ver. As if he has some special kind of magic. Como si tuviera algún tipo especial de magia.

And that assures the immaturity of the church. Porque hacer eso asegura que la iglesia siga siendo inmadura. So we want to turn the attention away from ourselves.

Así que queremos que no sea la atención colocada sobre nosotros. And direct your attention to where it belongs. Sino que ustedes pongan su atención a donde pertenece.

To the elders of your own church. A los ancianos de su propia iglesia. And to find your healing there.

To find your healing there. Para que encuentren su sanidad ahí. And not in some magical hope that has to do with a visiting speaker or his personality.

Y no en una esperanza mágica que tiene que ver con el predicador invitado. So don't feel insulted if we direct you in that way. Así que no se sientan insultados si son dirigidos por ese camino.

It will be a blessing for you, a blessing for the elders. Será una bendición para ustedes y una bendición para sus líderes. Para que la iglesia sea la iglesia.

Y para que el orden divino sea restaurado a la iglesia. En el respeto por sus autoridades y su gobierno. Y en la preeminencia de la palabra de Dios.

Se dirigirán a los enfermos. Los ancianos de la iglesia son los que harán eso. Eso es humillante.

Los conoces demasiado bien. Los miras en su humanidad. Ellos no tienen esa misteriosa calidad carismática que el predicador tiene.

Pero si los conoces así de bien. Si nos conocieran a nosotros así de bien, verían que no hay nada mágico acerca de nosotros. Así que acerquémonos de la manera correcta al Señor.

Amen. I think that by and large we're much more sick than we should be. We are more sick than we ought to be.

We have too many ailments. Tenemos muchas enfermedades. And I think that the problem is our preoccupation with ourselves.

Y pienso que la raíz de eso es la preocupación de nosotros mismos. We are too much the center of our own concern. Nos preocupamos demasiado por nosotros mismos.

Which roots us in the earth. Estamos aquí en esta tierra. We're looking down.

How we feel, how we appear. Como me siento, como me veo, como es mi condición. When God calls us to look up, we are heaven blinded people.

We need to break the power of self-interest, self-centeredness, even as Christians. Because all that is earthly is carnal, selfish, and even devilish, gives the enemy opportunity when we are preoccupied with ourselves and the things of the earth. Amen.

God has given the church a remarkable provision in this regard. That provision is Israel itself. So when the church in Rome asks Paul, Is God finished with the Jew? What does he answer? God forbid you should think that.

Dios impida que ustedes piensen eso. They have only momentarily stumbled, even in the crucifixion of their own Messiah. So that salvation might come to the Gentiles, so as to move them to jealousy.

That's in the book of Romans, chapter 11. I think it's verse 11. What a remarkable statement.

Salvation has come to the Gentiles through the momentary fall of the Jew. But there's a purpose in God for which reason salvation has come, which was such an astonishment that required Peter to receive a

vision in a trance, for salvation is of the Jews. And Peter was asleep on the roof of the house in Jaffa, and the Lord brought him into a trance, and he saw a vision of a scroll, a parchment coming down, full of pictures of unclean animals, that Jews were forbidden to eat according to the law.

And the voice said to Peter, Peter, kill and eat. And even in his trance he cries out as the Orthodox Jew. Lord, you know I have never eaten anything unclean.

And the Lord said, what I have made clean, call thou not unclean. In that moment there's a knock at the door. A group sent by a Roman authority, that Peter would come and speak to them about the holy faith.

Having received the trance, what is no longer unclean, Peter went. For he would not otherwise have entered the house of the uncircumcised. And as he was sharing in this house of the Roman with his family and staff, about what had happened in Pentecost, that while he was speaking the Spirit fell on those who were listening to him.

And they began to speak with other tongues, exactly of the kind that Peter and the disciples experienced. Peter said, how shall we deny them baptism in water, seeing they have received the same gift? And Peter said, well, how shall we deny them baptism in water, seeing they have received the same gift as us? He was in astonishment. God was saving Gentiles.

And the salvation which is of the Jews. And they still have the same Spirit. And that had never happened before.

This was unprecedented. That such grace and mercy should come to the Gentiles. And they came back with the report to Jerusalem.

God has done something new. He is establishing a church, both of Jew and Gentile, as one new man. We need to appreciate the gracious gift that has come to us, because we were far off and without God and without hope in the world.

You have received the salvation intended for the Jews, and have shared with them in their faith, in their covenant, their hopes, their promises. So later on Paul is explaining to such a church, who are asking, is God finished now with the Jew? Are we now the new Israel? God forbid you should think that. They are only temporarily set aside.

The natural branches have been broken off that you might be grafted in. So through their false salvation has come to the Gentiles, then Paul adds that one further statement. So as to move them to jealousy.

Let that sink deep into your hearing. For you are not exempt from that responsibility 2,000 years later. You cannot plead that, well, I'm not capable.

I'm just an ordinary believer. I have no distinction. I can't begin to impress these Jews.

There's no excuse for the church anywhere. Because this is not only a provision for the Jew, it's a provision for the church itself. There's a purpose for your salvation beyond yourself.

And a purpose of such magnitude, that it has the power to break self-interest. Ego-centrism. The deep thing that keeps the whole of mankind in bondage.

Self-centeredness. I, me, and mine. My health, my economy.

Me, me, me. So, in the world before we were saved, that self-centeredness was expressed in wanting a different car, a better place to live, a food. But when we come into the church, we bring it with us.

We still have this orbit, this centeredness. But it may not be expressed so carnally. But we are still the center of our own universe and our own world.

So we are a congregation of individualities. More than the organic body of Christ, which is the genius of the church. What can break and cancel this so great power that we are first and foremost in our own consideration? The purpose of God to move the Jew to jealousy.

And Paul doesn't tell us how. But it's got to come through you. It's the reason for your salvation.

Beyond the benefit which salvation has brought, you need to recognize the mystery of God in the church and the Jew, which is as binding tonight as the day in which Paul first spoke it. A church that is ignorant of that mandate, of that requirement will retain its selfish character. It will become a thing unto itself.

It will live for its own enjoyment. It will be outside the purposes of God. It will fall short of the glory of God.

It will have no place in His eternal purpose and glory. I'm glad that the Lord restrained Paul to tell us how to move them to jealousy. But I want you to sense the magnitude of this responsibility that cannot be demonstrated as individuals, but only in the totality of the church as the church.

You've got to exhibit something together. Another kind of reality as seen in your relationship in speaking the truth in love, in the way in which you respect each other. You're not stopped by differences of race, of nationality, of sex.

It's another society of a heavenly kind that is rooted in love and righteousness and truth that speaks and does and acts rightly and is not selfish. It's sacrificial. It exhibits the character and nature of God.

It's a piece of a kingdom already come. That Jews have never seen and could not themselves know because it's the work of the Spirit by those who have the Spirit the church. Thank you Lord.

So I'm walking ever so carefully. I don't want to overload you. But I want you to turn to Ephesians chapter 3 and show you another piece of the Apostle Paul's wisdom and understanding by which the church becomes the church as more than a place for a succession of services and benefits that we would receive although of course there are benefits they are not the first purpose for our being as a church.

God has established the church of the Gentiles to perform a particular function for His people Israel to move them to jealousy and also to extend mercy that they might obtain mercy because the hour is coming and is now at hand when Jews the world over will need mercy or they will all together perish. In Ephesians chapter 3 Paul reminds the church of His commission and call that we might understand the knowledge which is His and the mystery of Christ in verse 4 of the things which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs of the same body and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus. Paul is summing up what I have already said of this remarkable mystery being revealed now that the Gentiles who were far off without hope without God in the world have now been brought near by the blood of the Messiah Jesus that they should be fellow heirs with the Jews of the same body partakers of His promise in their Messiah through the Gospel.

What a remarkable revelation that we have taken altogether for granted have not understood have not appreciated and therefore we're living beneath the glory of our calling. We think we invented the church. No, it's a continuation of the faith already understood and held by believing Jews and you're being joined together with them into the same body to have part in their promises and their inheritance in the Gospel of which He's made a minister.

Before that you were wild branches. That could not bear fruit by its very nature but God has grafted you into their tree that you might receive the sap and the life through the root and the fruit bearing a special fruit that cannot be had and formed except through the life flowing through the sap and it's that fruit that will move them to jealousy for they themselves cannot bear it because they're broken off out of their own tree.

Paul says, don't you boast lest you be broken off for if you disinherit to break them off for unbelief for they hesitate to break you off so do not boast you do not support the root the root supports you so be fruit bearing by the life that is now available to you when you are consciously grafted into their root and understand it and are grateful for it to receive the benefit of it otherwise you remain a dead fruitless branch even though you're grafted in the sap flows by your gratitude by your awareness that you're grateful to be grafted into their tree and you're not too proud as so as to despise it you're counted as privileged to be grafted into Israel's tree of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob of the patriarchs and the prophets of the holy prophets and apostles the whole history of that

people then Paul continues so I made a minister according to the gift of the grace of God unto me who am less than the least of all saints verse 8 is this grace given that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world has been hidden in God who created all things by Jesus Christ to the intent that now stop we're not going to read this quickly we need to prepare ourselves the chief apostle who is the least of all saints in his own estimation because the more authentically spiritual you become the more you recognize you're least therefore to him can be given the revelation of the mystery hid from the beginning of all time that now is to be revealed that God who has

created all things through Jesus Christ in order that and here's where we should stop breathing in order, what Paul? what's the purpose for God creating all things? what's the purpose of this creation, this world? the races and nations of men the resources God has placed in the earth that's only an enablement but it's not the purpose it makes the purpose possible the great apostle is about to tell us what is God's purpose in having created all things through Jesus Christ in order that are you ready? in order that through the church unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places my verse says might be known the manifold wisdom of God amen in order that through the church let this sink in dear saints God has created all things in order that through the church if we were not told

anything more this we know that in God's sight the church was so important to Him that He did not think it extravagant to create the whole world of the universe in order for the church that something might be performed through the church and only and exclusively through the church we need to wake from our sleep the church is more than a succession of services even good services it is a mystery that goes back to creation that God foresaw the church and His purpose through it that required the creation of all things may you rise to the importance of what it means to be a member in the church of Jesus Christ in the world for which reason God has created all things because we are suffering from a sense of inferiority we are poor and we do not have large things in which to boast we have a

makeshift church it is not a glass cathedral we do not have many material advantages and we are living beneath the estimation that we ought to have for the church which if we understood it would enable us to rise to the stature and the fullness of Jesus Christ unto a perfect man oh, if you could but see it oh, if you could believe it what a calling and what is it for which we have been created the church and the world to demonstrate the manifold wisdom of God to the principalities and powers in heavenly places now that is stupefying what kind of wisdom? and to whom is this demonstration made? it is not even for the world it is for something in the air the principalities and powers of the air that this is important to God He wants to demonstrate something to them that will bring a final

defeat to their influence in the world and it can only come through the church I'm always wanting to pray again for more grace I'm holding my breath as if the whole history and future of this congregation this work and the church of Latin America is hanging in the balance right now in the understanding and the receiving of this mystery of which Paul is made a steward that he might teach the church the inestimable riches in Christ and the reason for its own existence beyond its own enjoyment beyond its own self-centered interests beyond the issue of its health its poverty its possessions its reputation, its enjoyment there's a purpose in God to make a demonstration that would never occur to us to be important but the fact that he has created all things for this ought to persuade us that

it's important for him and he did not think it extravagant to create all things in the world that it could support the church so that it might make this demonstration of the manifold wisdom of God to the principalities and powers of the air that cannot even be seen that are invisible but brood over every nation including Mexico every city and local including Monterrey and have been exerting throughout all time their influence their power to suppress mankind to excite anger and violence and bloodshed and death because they have another wisdom that is based on selfishness lust, ambition and they want to rule and they want to manipulate nations and peoples and they've been having a field day till now as history shows it history shows it in Africa black against black wholesale genocide by the

million men, women and children cut to pieces in bloodthirsty anger because they were not from the same tribe because the pride of one people excites them against another oh you dear saints if you will not and cannot understand that there is an invisible realm of reality that broods over nations and exerts nefarious influence to jerk and manipulate men to cause violence riot and disorder chaos, death then you are naive and you're lost to the purposes of God then you don't know where the action is and everything that you do is speaking against the air is futility because you have not recognized not understood not come to a maturity of understanding to recognize this conflict and our place in it is bringing it to an end through the church you say brother if that's true in recent history has

there been a demonstration of this influence that can actually though it's invisible and in the air over cities and nations as any man knows who travels between nations as I have and merely crossing the border you're breathing another air there's something in the air that's different and other than the country from which you've just come that shows the influence of the principalities and powers in that place in keeping with the history of that place and you can feel the opposition it's real what's the greatest demonstration in recent times of this?

Nazi Germany Nazi Germany the most civilized highly accomplished nation, civilization that has given to the world Beethoven, Mozart do you know these names? these great composers? do you know what philosophy means? great philosophers great theologians great poets great ethics, great culture, great civilization but in the space of ten years some gutter snipe in the bottom of beer cellars led by occultic

influences celebrating the swastika the broken cross formed a political reality of which the Jews said this shall pass this nation with its history will not tolerate that such a piece of scum as that will never rise to any kind of place of influence and within two or three years he was the chancellor of Germany and Nazism had taken possession of a great nation and set in motion the

development of its military power that it could sweep through its neighbor nations Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria no one could stop them they conquered the whole of Europe and were stopped only by Russia in winter or else they would have conquered the world in the process of which they systematically annihilated six million Jews called the Holocaust oh dear saints, don't you know about this? don't you have a responsibility as the church to have some understanding of history and what is happening in the world and what might yet happen and understand what the root of the evil is that not only can influence nations but possess them and perform its evil especially against the Jews which they hate why? why? because they know better than you if the Jew is ever restored to the God of their

fathers if the redeemed of the Lord ever returns to Zion the king will come who said to them, you'll not see me again until you shall say blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord will you understand me when I say the return of Israel is the coming of the king not the present political state which is yet to experience judgment, uprooting and expulsion to then have a final restoration which was prophesied by the prophets before the foundation of the world that the king would come and take his place upon the holy hill of Zion as the son of David to be able to sit upon the throne of David and rule not only over Israel but over all nations and that will mark the end of the false rule and influence of the principalities and powers of the air we have prayed that the Lord would enlarge

your capacity to receive these things the church is called to a great last days drama the conclusion of all the ages the coming of the king who was born to rule out of Bethlehem shall he come forth unto you whose goings forth have been from old and from everlasting whose to be ruler in all Israel that the law might go forth out of Zion and the word of God out of Jerusalem the church is called to a great last days drama the conclusion of all the ages the coming of the king who was born to rule out of Bethlehem shall he come forth unto you whose goings forth have been from old and from everlasting whose to be ruler in all Israel that the law might go forth out of Zion and the word of God out of Jerusalem to all nations that they would study war no more these powers crucified Christ Paul

says in 1 Corinthians if they had known they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory he said but brother I thought the Romans crucified him they were the instrument but the wisdom and the will came from these powers expressing their fury and their anger and their indignation against God and the Son of God thinking to remove him from death who received their vicious death in humility without complaint and did not answer back in kind he did not answer back he went as a lamb to the slaughter silently he didn't complain that I'm innocent of what I'm being charged you need to stop what you're doing I don't deserve this fate how dare you I'm the Son of God not a single complaint nothing in his own defense he had to fulfill the prophetic word he went silently as a lamb to the slaughter and

when the people were provoked by the powers to antagonize him come down from the cross and we will believe you and everything that should have brought him to a boil of resentment that they're mocking him even in his suffering until death if ever he had a reason to be indignant you unbelieving Jews I suffer for you and in my agony I have to listen to your mocking then let this curse be upon you in heaven he answered not a word because in his death and in his suffering he was revealing the wisdom of God the willingness to suffer without complaining unjustly trusting the Father to vindicate him eternally and saying

of his tormentors let not this sin be to their charge forgive them and they know not what they have done forgive them he was full of mercy and more mercy for his tormentors than

for himself so Paul tells us in Colossians that in his suffering and death at the cross he inflicted a defeat upon the principalities and powers of the air he publicly revealed them and disarmed them but he did not extinguish them he left that for you they suffered a basic defeat they are stripped and disarmed but they still continue to function through intimidation and threat and lust to move mankind away from God to the gods of this world therefore Paul says in chapter 6 of Ephesians we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against the principalities and powers of the air the world rulers of this darkness that's the reason for the drug trade and for corruption of governments and authorities that can be bribed and paid off and elections won or lost by bribery the world is corrupt and

its governments and its missions its trade, its prostitution its drugs, its crime we don't wrestle against flesh and blood but against the root of evil the principalities and powers of the air the rulers of this world's darkness which is why Jesus said the prince of this world comes but he has nothing against me wake up there saint we're called into a war and to conclude it we begin it we finish it we wrestle this is not some light activity because the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but spiritual to the bringing down of strongholds through prayer through intercession through fasting through true worship through obedience and sacrifice that's the wisdom of God demonstrated by the church that is the church that is the we who can wrestle there is a purpose for our being there is a

purpose here that we need to recognize and receive as an ultimate responsibility that we would say with the apostle Paul who is sufficient for these things who can Lord, you have called us to that which is beyond ourselves no meaning intention can not fulfill this requirement even to be charismatic and Pentecostal we have got to come into the reality of the life of God himself into the overcomer into his resurrection power into his authority as the son of God who was resurrected and ascended and is seated on his throne on high we have to reach that level we have an apostolic responsibility that can only be fulfilled on the apostolic ground which is the resurrection life of the ascended Christ not just the acknowledgement of the truth of the doctrine of resurrection but the actual

appropriation that we might say with Paul for me to live is Christ that's why you can ask my brother Tony we have been together in many places in the world he says the greatest things that ever issue from you is when you are exhausted when you are weak, uninspired because it gives God the greater opportunity to be all in all can God succeed in making of the Latin American church in all of its Spanish, Latin and Romantic culture an apostolic reality then when they are sick they need to call for the elders of the church they need to subscribe to the word of God they need to humble themselves and ask prayer from men whom they know and whose weaknesses they have seen and yet believe that those same men can by a prayer of faith bring healing and do not have to be overlooked in preference to

the visiting speaker who appears to be so anointed that you would bypass the government of God and be encouraged in your immaturity to run after personalities and seek to be healed when your illness has more to do with your own condition your spiritual immaturity than you think if we are going to defeat the powers of the air it is by a people who have come of age who obey the word of God who respect the authority of God in the church and make the authority respect itself only a church of this kind displaying a reality of this kind can move Jews to jealousy nothing less nothing other but a church that has come of age to a people who have no distinction in themselves to a people who have no distinction in themselves whom God has called beggars of the country which I also am one and he makes

them sit with the princes of his people and makes them the nobility of God the aristocracy of the kingdom men and women who have come of age of maturity of responsibility who are living lives appropriate to the kingdom and the glory to which they are called who will not make excuses for themselves oh brother I didn't have your advantage I never had education I come from a poor family I never had a real father I never had a father who loved me we have all things in him with whom we have to do the wisdom of God is this that he has chosen the weak and the foolish thing to confound the world in what he thinks is wise and powerful that out of the mouths of babes and sucklings he has perfected wisdom so as to stop the mouth of his adversaries the Lord has made the poor to be rich in faith in

James chapter 2 the apostle James tells us hearken my beloved brethren what does that mean hearken what does that mean hearken don't just listen casually hear this take this into your deepest consideration take this into your deepest consideration God has not chosen the poor of this world rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to them that love him but you have despised the poor it's not only the rich who have despised the poor but the poor who have despised the poor who despise themselves and think little of themselves and are not living in the dignity which is their gift in the salvation of God that God has appointed that the poor should be rich in faith and are not to be despised because they are poor because they are weak because they are foolish in the world

sight because through such a people and only such a people will the glory of God be obtained when he defeats the principalities and powers of the air which celebrate power, strength learning, prestige, wealth force, violence he will defeat them by the demonstration of his own wisdom in the beauty of holiness in the simplicity of the saints whom he has taken off the dung heap which he has taken and made to sit with the princes of his people and has given to them his spirit and the gifts of his spirit the gift of wisdom and knowledge and understanding and discernment and every provision of Godliness in life that they might together constitute a church of an organic kind that is truly united as the body of Christ with every joint supplying a body that can wrestle and discern and recognize

the evil over their own country over their own locality and defeat it not by carnal means but by spiritual means through intercession through prayer, through fasting by devoting the powers of darkness that have kept the entire locality and city and nation in bondage demonstrating that there is a God who has set men free by the freedom which you yourself enjoy and exhibit without license you are not living in fear intimidation that what about the future what about money what about because you are people who believe God and his word who said seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things will be added unto you so this precious rabbi with whom we met yesterday and today this precious rabbi with whom we met yesterday and today born in Buenos Aires lived his entire life in

Latin America who are you he said what are you about why are you here in Monterrey well I said for the same reason that I was in Singapore Malaysia, Indonesia Holland, Germany, Israel I've gone to Africa I've gone all over the world I'm serving the God of my fathers and I've the author of several books traveling widely serving the Lord he said what is your organization your movement how you're paying for this who pays the bill I said seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things will be added unto you we are not limited by the Mexican economy we are not affected by what are the natural resources of our nation God is not limited by the earth which he himself has made he has seen to it that certain areas would be impoverished that if there is a people in the midst of

those areas that are enjoying prosperity it's not to be attributed to the accident of resources or the skill of their manpower but to their faith in God who will give all things to those who seek first the kingdom of

heaven and his righteousness so let me conclude for tonight and ask you a question it is the question what is first for you your self interest your health how you're feeling your son, your children, your family, your husband these are legitimate natural concerns but they're not your first concern when you make them your first concern you're substituting an idol against God seek first the kingdom and the king and his purpose which is other than your own and according to what we have read in Ephesians has no benefit for the world at all a demonstration through the church of the

wisdom of God against the principalities and powers of the earth as Paul says is the eternal purpose of God in Christ Jesus so God has sent me all the way to you where others have rejected and are unwilling to receive this to put this question to you the church that is the church that will fulfill the eternal purposes of God and have a distinguished inheritance and eternal reward because they will suffer if they put the interest of God first the powers of the air will take notice and they will begin to fear and oppose you because up until now they have not bothered you because they say we know Jesus we know Paul but the church in Monterey in Buenos Aires who? so long as the church lives for itself its own self interest its own benefits its own enjoyment the powers of the air yawn in our

faces we constitute for them no threat but a people who will determine the first purpose for our being is the fulfillment of the purpose of God the eternal purpose which he has established in Jesus Christ is to create all things and order through the church the manifold wisdom of God might be demonstrated to the principals and the powers of the air whatever that cost whatever that means however much it is against our own self interest however much it goes beyond our own self interest however much it makes us vulnerable to a new opposition to a new kind of persecution we are willing and not only willing we count it privilege and rejoice for the honor of the call whatever the cost when the powers of the air see a people like that who are not just resigned to their fate well, I guess we have

to God called us but I'm not enjoying this when they see our rejoicing for the privilege of God and the high calling of God and Christ Jesus I have people who are willing to bear the opposition that has always come to those who make God first they will tremble they will break they will lift off the communities that they have over dominated they will release the captives so that your message of the gospel will find open ears and open minds because you have fought the spiritual battle and have looted the captives by your own spiritual warfare and wrestling against the powers of your own locality and freed the captives by the demonstration of the freedom that you enjoy and by which you are freely choosing to put God and His purposes first that if there is not a Jew for miles around you still

take it to heart that we have a mandate to move them together they may not be here now but they will be here soon and on that day may they see through us the foolish the weak the uneducated the poor the glory of their God radiating out of gentile faces who know Him and love Him so you need to be prayed for so you have enough material to pray what a call what a mandate who can even understand this in one hearing let alone obey it and obey it as the church the whole body together organically joined submitting to the government of God pure mature separated from the world free from ambition lust cannot be intimidated cannot be threatened not looking for their advantage in the world knowing that God Himself is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him it's a privilege to stand before you

and speak these things the survival of my Jewish kinsmen the survival will rest with you and also their salvation when you move them to jealousy by the heavenly quality of your life together that is expressed in total unselfconsciousness and unselfish love in truth in righteousness in mercy in the willingness to sacrifice even your own health and safety for those who are not like you who never did anything for you

who are Jews the brethren of the Lord whom you love as He loves by His love the unconditional love of God that cannot be offended that they have never seen and never expect to see through Gentiles that's how I got saved that's how they will get saved the issue of Israel's salvation and Israel's restoration and the King's coming and His Kingdom is with you now join me in prayer

that the Lord will seal your consecration that you say in your heart what this man is speaking tonight I don't understand it all but I understand it sufficiently it will require everything from me perhaps my physical life this may be the route the path to martyrdom but martyrdom is a privilege and it obtains a crown so I want you to know Lord I am not content to be an ordinary saint in the pew and I want my Christianity to be a succession of services I don't want it to come up to every visiting speaker and say, can you pray for me I need this, I need that, I, I, I I want to be overcoming mature walking rightly the light of the Kingdom and the Glory I want to rise to the fullness of your intention together with God with whom you've joined me to submit to the authority God has given by

growing up together in Him able to wrestle, able to serve able to move Jews to jealousy able to defeat the powers of the air over our own locality over our own locality we've been in bondage up until now because we didn't even know there's a freedom available from lust, from ambition from fear, from insecurity until they see it in us a people who are unafraid who cannot be intimidated because we know God because we trust His Word because He's made available all things so Lord seal something tonight this is more than message Lord this is transaction this is kingdom come this is uttermost reality this is the purpose for our being for our salvation beyond ourselves seal it Lord because if you cannot succeed with this people with this pastor with this congregation with and anywhere in the

world can you succeed bless them seal them help them to be what they must and ought to say yes to you tonight and declare to the principalities and the powers that we are at war with you we will not succumb to your influence to your seduction to your intimidation we have been freed by Him who has conquered the power of death through death and made of you an open spoil and has removed your weapons and we will finish what He has begun by the same demonstration of the character of God revealed especially in suffering unjustly in whatever measure of the cross we have to bear at the conclusion of the age that is the wisdom of God so we thank you Lord for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus which we receive tonight with sober understanding as we have never before understood and say yes and

count it privilege for the high call and the grace to fulfill it that life that broke the fetters of death and rose and ascended on high to a new life by that power we shall overcome we shall triumph you shall be glorified Israel shall be saved her king shall come and peace shall be ruled in the earth in Jesus name we pray Amen and Amen

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