

The Last Hour Sifting

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Brian Guerin emphasizes the importance of allowing God to sift us for holiness and blessing in the last hour.

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Description

Brian Guerin emphasizes the urgency of spiritual readiness in 'The Last Hour Sifting,' urging believers to allow God to sift out the chaff in their lives to prepare for His return. He draws parallels between the sifting by God, which leads to holiness and purity, and the sifting by the enemy, which seeks to expose weaknesses and sin. Guerin highlights the importance of living a generous life, rooted in biblical principles, and warns against the dangers of clinging to sin and mixture, as exemplified by King Jehoram. He encourages the congregation to embrace the sifting process as a means of becoming a pure and powerful bride for Christ. The sermon concludes with a call to prayer for the Holy Spirit to cleanse and prepare the hearts of the believers.

Transcript

Let's jump in. I want to take up an offering and we'll jump straight into the word. I'm really excited.

I have a word that's stirring. I'm going to go through a good bit of scripture, but I'll do most of it, I believe, in paraphrase form. That way you guys don't get bogged down too much in the letter alone, but just more from a story standpoint so we can cover a lot of ground.

I really feel like it's a now word for the body, you know, and I think you guys would mostly agree. First, just want to go to Malachi 3.8 that many of us know regarding the tithe and offering. Look, I'm just going to tell you this point blank right out of the gate, you know, as a leader in the body and now, of course, at church and things like this, I would hope that I would lead people into what I aspire to walk in myself, and I don't want to get to heaven one day and have fallen short in areas where I know I could have just knocked the top off of barriers over people's life that they had so much more they could have accessed in God.

Does that make sense to you guys? Whether it's, you know, first and foremost, intimately knowing him highest feet of life to know him intimately, there's no second place close enough. But in him, we see clear scriptural principles of walking in wholeness and healing, and I'll be hammering that doing our academy as well, and walking in victory and head and not the tail. Well, one, as we know, is the financial area.

And you just see this common thread old through the New Testament of walking in all that God intends us to walk in, you know, not a prosperity preacher by any means, but a Bible preacher. And look, we serve a God who owns the cattle on a thousand hills. Deuteronomy 8.18 says he gives us the power to get wealth.

Solomon was the richest man to ever step foot on the earth. Recorded history has his net worth at 2.5 trillion. Solomon, he could have knocked out a big chunk of our national debts, just Solomon alone.

The Bible says there's been no man before or since that will be as wise or wealthy. So there'll never be another man that stood on the earth as wealthy as Rockefeller, all these guys, your Facebook guy, which is named Zuttenberger or something. What did I say wrong? Anyway, all these wealthy powerhouses, they don't even step foot on he who walked with God.

Wise man has some hiccups, of course. Anyway, all that being said, I pray we would be that people that are walking in the fullness of all that God has for us. And I've seen it far too often where we're lopsided.

You know, we have revelations that are real to us walk in the fullness thereof, but others were limited. And it's real clear in scripture, generous life that stays true to the things of God. Out of generosity, it unlocks blessing that you can't run away from.

I propose in both tithe and offering, look, anybody I run with to all of my close for covenant friends, generosity. We're all like fighting over checks to pay. And, uh, and, uh, I pray we'd be the same, but you see it here in, in verse eight, Malachi three, where he says, uh, well, a man robbed God yet you have robbed me.

But you say, in what way have I robbed you in tithes and offerings? Watch this. When we, when we withhold this from God, again, scriptural principle, it says you are cursed with a curse. We have robbed me.

It kicks in the default of a curse and a principle of lack over our life. And if we're honest, often the wisdom of man's like, no, I need to save and get a savings account. Hang on to what I've gotten because I can see the bills this way.

The kingdom's totally opposite. If you're in the world, not a child of God, you better do that. But if you're a child of God, we've got to figure out the principles of his word and unlock them.

And it's totally backwards. The other way of, you know, kingdom principle is generous. So just to let you into my world, when I start sensing lack, I look for the first outlet to give it's foolishness to the world, but heaven's like, there we go.

His trust is in me. Now I can trust that. And so I'm like, man, I've given shoes, watches, seriously.

Uh, I've got stories that, that we just be a generous people. And I pray again, many of you in a second, I'll say it now, but if this is not your home church, we, uh, we don't condone tithing here. You want to tie that your house, but giving unto God.

And that would be a people that just live this way. And if we're honest, sometimes it takes time. We feel, have you ever done this some months you feel better? Like, Oh, you're bold.

I mean, given strong. And then the bills get tight next month. You're like, no, let me, let me dial it back a little bit.

But I pray we'd test God in this. This is one of the only scriptural times where God says, test me. So they look, test me in this.

You know, so he says, even this whole nation, bring all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be food in my house. It's always his house for sick first, his kingdom and try me, test me in this. God's saying, test me.

But God, have you seen my bank account? He's like, look, that's beside the point. Test me, says the Lord. If I will not open up for you, the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

That's the Bible. That's truth. That's real.

So I say, test him. I want to go out testing, you know, and, and so I would encourage you guys in life again, as a sheer principle, of course, this morning through tithing offering, but in life, you want to be pushing the envelope here because it unlocks the blessing of God so much so that you can't contain it. It starts to overrun every area of your life.

And then it's just like, God, what do you want me to do with what you've given? And it's not so much for the purpose of having things by any means. It's, it's because it's God's heart for us and that he, you know, he desires we be blessed so we can be a blessing. We all know that, but just want to encourage you guys that we would be a generous people.

Keep it unlocked. Don't let that trap of the world and the fear of what's going on in society. Start.

We don't, we don't run by that economics. We don't go by any of that. We go by the kingdom of heaven.

We want that unlocked at all times. So, um, if you have your, uh, tithe and offering envelopes, you can go begin to fill those out. We'll pray.

And again, the ways to give a sin church, atl.com online texts to give, have the number here, 7 7 0 2 8 2 4 1 1 1 and checks made payable to ascend a church. And so, um, just want to pray over you guys and, um, and just speak the blessing of the Lord. I really, I want us to people just to come around us like, what is up with you? Doesn't matter what's going on in the world.

The lack that hits society, whatever it is, we just walk under a different covenant of unlocking heaven. So, uh, let's pray Jesus. I thank you so much for your goodness.

And I pray even now for those, those windows of heaven to be open over your people in regards to finances and all across the world online, that your blessing would come upon each and every one as they bring forth their tithes and offerings into your house. We test you in this Lord. You actually desire us to, that you may unlock abundance so you can be glorified in and through your people, Lord, bless your people.

I pray abundance, great breakthrough in Jesus name. Amen. Awesome.

You may bring your offerings to the front. We have baskets on both sides. If, um, if you have envelopes and checks online, obviously would be through phone and text to give, you can come and we'll jump into the word.

Yeah. And I'll jump into while we're, um, coming up forward and everything. I'll jump into a quick announcement like we do with our academy.

Um, many of you know this, but watching online across the world, we have a two-year school of ministry that we have a fresh trimester to enter in coming up this spring in may. We'd love to have you guys with us to your school of ministry. If you jump in now, you would graduate in the class of 2024, which is pretty exciting.

How many students in here? Give him a shout. Oh, I wish I had our fellowship Friday picture. I would've thrown it up there.

It was epic. Um, I don't think we have it, uh, ready, but anyway, it's amazing time of community going deep together. You know, in this hour, we really need to go deep in community, deep in the Lord and who the Lord's called you with and, um, deep in the word, the spirit, his presence.

And so I want to encourage you guys to join us at the Lord's leading you and, um, incredible journey. Okay. Let's jump in.

I'm going to pick back up in the next chapter. I'll come on the floor. We got some free seats up after the first day.

Everybody come to support on the launch from out of town and stuff. Got our baptismal pullback. I'm excited about that.

I was wondering how we're going to dump folks with all them chairs up there, but okay. So watch this. I'm going to, I'm going to hop around, but I'm going to go to John 14, one verse I want to emphasize.

Again, we're in that, that window where Jesus, it's his last hour chapter, John chapter 13 through 17. It's one of the most phenomenal deepest as far as spirituality scriptures and all of the word John 13 last week, remember we touched on the washing of the feet, both first thoroughly by the Lord, but then each other. Well, right after that, Jesus dips bread as a symbolism, I believe a foreshadow of his flesh and blood and empowers Judas to betray him.

You remember that basically simultaneously, though he gets Judas out of the way. Now he's got those who he's loved to the end. We're down to 11 now, and he starts going into some of the deepest truths ever.

And at the end of John 14, he says right here, verse, um, 29. He says, and now I have told you before it comes that when it does come to pass, you may believe. And this is what I want to touch on right here.

Verse 30, I will no longer talk much with you for the ruler of this world is coming and he has nothing in me that right there. I want to hit this morning that we, we like Jesus would be able to say he has nothing in me. I'm telling you in this hour, this right here really matters having nothing in us.

Of course, we claim not to be perfect, but we need to strive to be holy as he is holy. But I want to talk to you this morning about the last hour, great sifting. And I'm telling you, we're in the early stages of it.

It's only going to increase not a popular message, but look, I'm not going for popular. I'm going for quality of him and his body. I don't care if we get down to two people in the seats, I'm serious.

I want people that carry potent glory and know him intimately. Otherwise I don't want to run with you. It's nothing personal.

He's looking for a deep company and, and we've got to like Jesus. He's looking for a bride that can say, Oh yeah, he's coming, but he has nothing in me. And the games are over.

Do we have fun? Oh yeah. Full of joy. Jesus in the kingdom know up more than everybody, but the time is coming.

I'm telling the last hour sifting. I'm going to talk to you about it's a great sifting that we're in and you're going to see an increase. And if we don't start choosing now, him, his word in a deep way, sifting is going to catch you on one side of the fence or the other.

And I'll show you the two, two, um, depictions of that. But so John 14, Jesus says, he says, look, I'm not going to talk with you much longer. Meaning these last few things I say in chapter 15, 16 and 17, he goes into abide in the vine.

Some of the most richest teachings of all. So basically boys pull out your iPads, put a star by what I'm about to tell you, highlight it under, I'm not going to talk with much longer because the rule of this world's coming and he's coming. Uh, buddy has nothing in me.

If you read further, he says, but basically I give myself up because I love the father and I obey his commandments and I need the world to see that. But he goes out of his way to tell the disciples, he says, he has nothing in me. And I love this.

And I pray that it would be set of us more and more. There'd be less and less in us because the enemy, there's, there's two siftings happening. So watch the first sifting, Matthew three, um, I'll start in verse seven.

This is John the Baptist, Matthew chapter three, verse seven. Uh, John says, but when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to him, brood of Vipers, who warned you to flee the wrath to come? John the Baptist was super seeker friendly. I mean, man, spirit of Elijah on, I'm just gunner who warned you to flee the wrath to come.

Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance. How many of you know you can, your beautiful tree and the spirit can bear glorious fruits. When repentance comes into the picture, we've got to live a life of repentance and the fruit becomes beautiful.

You know, it's, um, it's a beautiful thing. Uh, and do not think to say to yourselves, when we have Abraham as our father, for I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones, verse 10. And even now the access laid to the root of the trees, therefore each, sorry, therefore every tree, which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Verse 11, I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. But he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I'm not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire and watch this interesting connection in verse 12.

His winnowing fan is in his hand talking about the Lord Jesus, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor, gather his weed into the barn, and he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. So you

see the connection from 10 and 11. John's like, look, he's coming.

He's going to baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. We normally stop there. Shaka laka tongues, power miracles.

And it should be the dunamis empowerment of the spirit, but John connected it differently. He says he's coming with the Holy Spirit, which is a wind, a breath, the wind of God and fire. And that wind and fire is that fan in his hand and the fire that's going to burn up chaff.

Look, you can tell when the Holy Spirit's really in and through somebody's life and has his way because he produces that which he is holiness. He's the Holy Spirit. You can shock a lock all day long, but if holiness is not there, Holy Spirit really doesn't have true residence.

So Jesus is coming with a winnowing fan in his hand. The picture here is, you know, they, they separate the chaff from the wheat. This is sifting.

It's the last hour sifting. Basically all the, the housing of the wheat that you really are going for the grain that makes up bread, wheat's top uses to make bread and interesting that the bread of life, Jesus Christ is looking for the bread kind of reflection in his bride. It's like the manna of heaven is looking for the manna of his bride to ascend into heaven with him and become one.

So he's trying to get this chaff off to get pure wheat. So on this side, you have the Lord where he's sifting and he's got the wind of the Holy Spirit coming in and they, they would throw up the wheat and the wind would separate the chaff to get the wheat out of it. And then the fire would burn up the, the chaff.

Sorry, I just rubbed my little five o'clock shadow. And so basically that's what John's talking about. Look in Acts two, remember the manifestations that came with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, wind and fire.

Well, the wind separates the chaff and the fire burns it. It also empowers to spread the gospel. It's beautiful, but this is what the Lord is doing.

Jesus is sifting right now in his bride. How do you know it's a glorious thing? It's not a scary thing. It's like, yes, Lord, please.

You, we need to embrace, embrace, sorry, the Lord sifting. It's a glorious thing. That's what takes out the spots and the wrinkles.

Only he can do it, but you'll see in a second, a yielded life is what it takes though. Because you can cling to the chaff and not let it go. And the Lord's got the wind coming, but you want to hang on to the chaff.

And, um, and if you aren't sifted by the Lord first, second through time, you'll be sifted by the enemy and you'll get exposed. And this is the last hour of great sifting that's happening right now. I would mark my words.

It's happening. It's going to only increase, not a scary thing, just a Bible thing. Love the Bible, love Jesus and his kingdom and his ways.

So if we don't let the Lord sift us, Lord sift me, burn it out. I want to look just like you. I want to be that, that fresh bread of heaven that you are.

If the wheat produces, but if we don't, then ultimately the enemy will. So go to Luke 22 and we'll see the enemy sifting. It's funny.

A lot of us don't realize, but both kingdoms are sifting. They just have different purpose behind, behind each. Uh, Luke 22 31.

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, indeed, Satan has asked for you that he may sift you as wheat. Uh, some versions say that Satan demanded that he have you. And actually, if you look in the Greek, it's all of you.

Satan asked that he have all of you, Peter, your mind, your thought life, what you're looking at, what you're listening to your relationships, your choices, you make day in and day out. He's in, he's looking for chaff though. The enemy sift.

So he's, he's trying to capitalize on chaff. That's what he goes for. He separates the two to accuse and bring down and minimize the wheat and, and maximize chaff.

And look, it's, it's not going to fly in the last hour. We're not in practice anymore. And so the Lord's like, look out of my love.

And he's so patient, merciful, he'll blow wind and sift for years before you get exposed on this side. But I'm telling you through time, it will happen in the sifting is what's going on. So he demanded, Satan asked that he could sift you and all of you, everything.

You kind of saw a picture of it back with Job. You see a picture, you see it in the new Testament as well. I'll probably touch on that later, but the enemy comes and he's just looking for chaff because he'll maximize and capitalize upon it.

So I'm going to take you to a peculiar chapter here of second Kings three, and you'll see a picture of both and then we'll land it and pray. I saw somebody has an issue with an ankle. Is there anybody in here that needs to be healed? Is it a right ankle? Anybody? Is yours a right ankle? Okay.

He'll heal left ones too, but it's just want to, okay. Praise God. I believe God's going to heal you.

I saw that. I'm in prayer, but watch second Kings three, um, in this, I'm going to do more. I'm going to land at some verses, but I'm going to probably more do it in a storytelling form to, to just gain ground because we'll go through the whole chapter.

So I don't feel like you have to follow me, but it's a beautiful picture of, you see two people in this entire, um, occurrence in second Kings three of one who the Lord has sifted beautiful, victorious aligned by heaven, then one who's not been sifted. He won't allow the Lord to sit them. And so the enemy system and he gets exposed.

And we just want to be again, not out of any other reason, first and foremost, but to let him have his way to love the Lord God with all of our heart, mind, and soul. And so what you see here is a verse one, chapter three, it says now Jehoram, the son of Ahab became King over Israel at Samaria in the 18th year of Jehoshaphat verse two, and he did evil in the sight of the Lord, not like his father and mother, for he put away the sacred pillar of Baal that his father had made. So, so, um, Jehoram is the son of Ahab and Jezebel, some of the most wicked rulers in all the day of Israel.

And so the Bible saying Jehoram, he comes into power. He's King of Israel and he's not so much steeped in sin, like his parents, basically the word is saying he did away with the full out demonic worship to the pillar of Baal, but he still did evil in the sight of the Lord. And this paints the backdrop for the entire thing.

Verse three, nevertheless, he persisted in the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nabat. Yeah, let's put that one up there. Okay, we got it.

Nevertheless, watch this. He persisted in the sense of Jeroboam, the son of Nabat who had made Israel sin. Look, he did not depart from them.

Uh, King James says, nevertheless, he clung to the sins of Jeroboam, son of Nabat, and he did not depart from them. So look, sometimes the Lord's trying to sift and the wind exposes chaff, but we cling to it. We want to hang on to it.

We persist in it. We keep walking in it. We don't want to depart from it.

People say, well, that's old covenant. I'm the righteousness of Christ. Well, second Timothy two, Paul writes straight to Timothy, his top gunner, his son in the, in the Lord, he says, Timothy, there's a found foundation stone under the life of every believer.

And look myself and my father, we built homes for years. And we'll tell you the most important thing in building homes is its foundation. You do that wrong.

You might as well just hang up the rest of the whole project because through time, doors aren't going to shut. Well, when those are going to get off, crack, start going up walls, the foundations, it means it's what everything stands on. So he writes to Timothy, he says, look, there's a foundation stone and there's an inscription on it.

Meaning this is permanently engraved into this foundation stone of a believer. And it says this, he who belongs to the Lord must depart from evil, must turn away from it. We are the righteousness of Christ, but also there's a yielding and a choice-making and keeping ourself unstained from the world, James one 27.

So Jehoram, he persists in the sins, he clings to them. So the Lord's like, come on, Jehoram, man, I need you to yield to my ways. You know, the, the wind of the spirits coming, the chaff gets exposed and he clings to it.

So he hangs on to it. And then, um, now I'm going to go into storytelling just to blow through verses. So in Jehoram's day, um, there's this King of Moab.

Oh, we have a map too. That'll be fun. If we have time, I want to give you a visual on where this thing tracked through if we can in a second, but, um, Jehoram basically, uh, reigned and there's this King of Moab named Misha.

He used to, out of an agreement he was forced into have to give a hundred and thousand lambs to Ahab, to Israel and a hundred thousand, the wool of a hundred thousand rams. So lambs are basically sheep that are 12 months or younger. The finest of meat speaks of food provision, lamb, then the wool of a hundred and thousand rams, basically clothing top two provisional needs of man, food and clothing.

So Misha King of Moab, he stuck in this agreement with Israel that he had, he's a sheep breeder as well. So he would have to provide this for Israel every year. Well, Jehoram comes in living in mixture and all of

the sudden, um, Misha was like, you know what, man, Jehoram seems kind of soft.

This is my version. He's like, I'm not, I'm not doing this anymore. I'm not giving them, I'm not keeping my, you know, whatever to the agreement.

And, uh, cause they have, I feel like he was more of a wicked dictator and he demanded, um, you know, there's a couple kinds of leaders in the world. Some that just dictate and rule that way. And they get what they want for some time through time, the typically people of greater power take them over.

Then you have true godly leaders that live in peace and their kingdom and prosperity because the Lord's favor is upon them. Well, Jehoram was in between. He's lukewarm.

He's gotten mixture. He's not quite as wicked as his parents. He's trying to do the thing, but in God's sight, he's evil.

So Misha's like, man, we're cutting that off. I don't want to do this anymore. I'm not scared of him.

And so Jehoram's like, man, I need help. I'm going to go down to the King of Judah, which is Jehoshaphat godly man. He's the one who he's allowed the Lord to sift him.

He lives upright, incredible King. If you check him in history, Jehoram was like, let me go. He says he left Samaria mustered up all of Israel to go against the King of Moab, try and get his provisions back, goes to Jehoshaphat.

He says, Hey, will you help us? Joseph has to share, man. He's just a covenant guy. Just top tier ally, man.

He says, my people are your people. My horses, your horses would just tell me what you need. Which way are we going? Just a covenant type guy, but he, he lived for the Lord.

And, uh, he says, let's go around about down through Edom to attack Moab. Let's see if we have that map or if it'll fit and work. Um, and I can, yeah, sweet.

How cool is this? So look, see Samaria up top. This is where, you know, Jehoram and all them are. And he comes down to Judah, the blue and rallies up with a Jehoshaphat.

And then the kingdom of Edom is down in this, uh, yellow down here. And then Moab's here. Well, typically the front battle line where, where Israel would come in is right through Moab right here and fight this way.

But Jehoram is kind of like, man, I need to round up a deeper squad. Also, I'd rather just go through Edom this way and not have all the backlash in my country. Just one of those guys, man.

So he rounds up Jehoshaphat, king of Edom and all three of them go on this journey. You guys can see that, right? He goes under and around and serve just straight through. He could have gone to Moab.

He gathers up three Kings now himself, Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom. And they start heading to Moab and watch this in verse nine. It says, so the king of Israel went with the king of Judah, the king of Edom.

And they marched on that roundabout route seven days. There was no water for the army, nor for the animals that followed them. Look, man, Jehoram, he's one of these guys.

So, so there's so much here, but for the sake of time, I'll, you know, um, kind of speed it up, but Jehoram, he's living in mixture. And how many of you know, it's not wise to team up with people that have mixture in their life. You just don't go into covenant with those type people that there's no favor on them.

They can't hear God clearly and their problems become your problems. And you can't fix them because you didn't even start the issues or have the leverage and authority to say so in their life. Anyway, you just get attached to problems.

And it's like the Velcro to your life. And so Jehoshaphat, I think out of his heart, he meant well, but now he's stuck with Jehoram. And he asked, if you read it says Jehoram, which way you want to go? He says, let's go around about all the way down through Edom.

The Bible says they went around for seven days, ran out of water, couldn't drink for their soldiers or for their animals. They're about to die. And Jehoram starts just crying.

He's like, we're going to all die. The Lord's given us into the hands of Moab. This is another thing.

When you have mixture in your life, you can't hear God clearly. You think the Lord is doing something else. You can't make sense of anything.

Favor lifts, you can't hear God. But Jehoshaphat, he was a powerful, godly man. He destroyed Baal worship, demonic worship.

They said he was the closest to his ancestor, King of David, than many of the Kings with a heart after God's own heart, righteous man. He was over here letting the Lord set himself me, Lord. I don't want anything that's not of you.

I don't care if it's popular. I don't care what it is. I want to, I want to please you.

I have a heart after your heart. And he's over here clinging to the sins of Jeroboam, persisting, not departing from mixture. Wasn't as bad as his parents, but look, how many of you want to be, just have a little bit of sin? We, you know, we want him to purchase.

So Jehoshaphat being the godly man he is, he's like, no, look, man, is there anybody with the word of the Lord? Is there a prophet in the area? He knew, he said, if we have the presence and voice of God, we're good. He is life. Jehoram's over here crying.

We're dead. All three Kings, we're going to die. You know, I felt like King of Edom was just jumped into it to get a free lunch or something.

He's like, sure. Y'all are coming through my town anyway. I don't even mention his name.

He's just the third one in there. So Jehoshaphat is there, you know, is there a child of God, sorry, a man of God that we can get God's take on this thing and watch. Yeah, I'll pick up in verse 11, but Jehoshaphat said, is there no prophet of the Lord here that he may inquire of the Lord by him that we may.

So one of the servants of the King of Israel answered and said, Elisha, the son of Shaphat is here who poured a water on the hands of Elijah. So you see the remedy starting to happen in this desolate situation. Sure enough, it's still didn't come through Jehoram.

Jehoshaphat initiates the idea and one of the servants of Israel knows about the man of God. Look, even though there's wicked rulers in place, there's always somebody that's hungry for God. That's knowing where the voice and word of God is.

So a servant knows where Elisha's at. Jehoram's over there just crying and thinking we're going to die. He didn't even know where the voice of God could come from.

And so it says, so Jehoshaphat said the word of the Lord is with him. So the King of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the King of Edom went down to him. Verse 13.

I love this. Look, you get to Elisha and Elijah. These boys did not play around.

There's the same spirit of Elijah that was on John the Baptist. So they get down to Elisha in verse 13. Watch this.

Then Elisha said to the King of Israel, see, he's singling out Jehoram. Now the mixture he singles, looks him dead in the face, the King of Israel. And he says, what have I to do with you? Basically says, go back to your pagan gods of your parents.

Just rebukes him flat out. Like, why are you talking to me right now? I don't want nothing to do with you. He just doesn't like mixture.

Elisha just calls him out point blank. And sure enough, um, it says, but the King of Israel said to him, no, for the Lord has called these three Kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab. He's still stuck on, you know, we're going to die.

He can't hear the Lord clearly. He thinks it's the Lord trapping him. Listen, you, when there's mixture in our life, you cannot hear God clearly.

I touched on that earlier. And I love this verse 14. This is one of my second favorites out of this.

And Elisha said, as the Lord of hosts lives before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat, the King of Judah, I would not look at you nor see you. He says, I run with people that get sifted by the Lord. And you are so lucky Jehoshaphat's with you.

Otherwise I'd let you and your whole camp all die of thirst out here. I would not even look at you less see you. You disgust me.

That's what he's basically telling King Jehoram. Jehoshaphat's basically backpack carrying Jehoram right now. Jehoram's in the backpack of Jehoshaphat with a noonie.

And he said, and Jehoshaphat's carrying him because he walks with the Lord and Elisha's like, man, if it were not, you are so lucky you teamed up with him. And I, and I encourage you, if you want to live in measure, you better try and find people that really walk with the Lord. And if you really walk with the Lord, I wouldn't advise making covenant with people with the mixture.

We need everybody just to come over to the ways of the Lord. Now's the hour where this sifting, it's going to start showing the men and boys real fast and the women and young ladies. Yes, Lord.

But this, this last hour sifting, it's going to start really purging and preparing his bride or really exposing those that want to cling to it. I'm telling you, you're going to, you're going to see it. So Elisha's like, man, you disgust me.

I would have anything to do with you were it not for Jehoshaphat. He says, um, but because of Jehoshaphat bring a musician and I'll, I'll release the word of the Lord. So he's like, I can just see like Jehoram, you go sit in the corner and put a dunce hat on.

You stare, you know, Jehoshaphat and is the word of the Lord even attaches to Jehoshaphat's favor. The only reason I had favor with him is because Jehoshaphat was in the company and you'll see how far it takes them. Um, this is another thing.

The, the word of the Lord and the favor of God can only go so far as the yielded life is to him and his, his ways. And because Jehoram was in the equation, it could only go so far. And, and you'll see that here in a second.

So it says, then it happened when the musician played that the hand of the Lord came upon him and he said, and I'm just going to read fast. You don't need to do all the verses I'm going to pick back up here in a second. He says, this valley, this dry valley be full of water.

By this time tomorrow, you won't see wind or rain, but it'll be full of water. Your, um, you know, your, your herd, your animals, your people, they'll drink. You'll be fine.

You'll actually come against the Moabites and go deep into it. Take out trees, the valuable land, stop up their waterways. It was a very favorable word of the Lord, but then Elisha just stops there with the word and doesn't give the ending.

I feel like he could only decree up to a point because of Jehoshaphat being in the company. But as long as your home was there, it couldn't complete to the end. I feel like Elisha knew this.

So you get to the end and this is where we'll land it fast in, um, in pray. And again, ultimately, uh, this is just a very interesting occurrence in scripture out of many where you can see the applications differ on who's sifting you. And that both kingdoms are sifting in this hour, but the Lord is burning chaff to get wheat and the enemy is trying to find chaff.

And he finds it here in a second in Jehoram. So we fast forward to verse, uh, verse 26 and it says, and when the King of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him 700 men who drew swords to break, uh, to break through to the King of Edom, but they could not. Then he took his eldest son who would have reigned in his place and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall.

And there was great indignation against who Israel, not Judah, not eat them Israel. Cause that's where the doorway was. That's where the chaff was.

Some versions say wrath, basically Moab knew a demonic King, complete pagan worship. He knew like, man, we can't even break through to get to the King of Edom. And so he literally performs a demonic sacrifice of his own son to draw dark powers.

And right when he does in the high places on the wall, it says wrath, demonic wrath came against Israel and put them on their heels and they had to run back to their land. They didn't complete the victory. So he got sifted and exposed.

They couldn't even get through the King of Edom. But you see here that like when there's chaff there that has not been burned out, the enemy has a legitimate place. And in this last hour, again, not a fearful thing at all, but just a Bible thing that we need, but need not be naive.

But, um, there's a greater sifting coming because like Isaiah 60, it says darkness will cover the earth, deep darkness, the people, but the glory of the Lord we know is going to shine like never before on his, his bride. So the light's going to be getting brighter, darkness increasing. And if you have mixture in there that you haven't let the Lord burn out, it will get exposed.

And that opening will be there. You know, um, I think it's James three says, um, or is it four where it says, submit to God, resist the devil and he'll flee. But a lot of us, there's certain areas in our life where chaff still is that we don't have those areas of our life submitted to God.

And we wonder why we resist the devil and he won't flee. He's got legal right to be there. He's just laughing, just sipping lemonade, you know? And, um, but when we, again, when we allow the chaff to be burned out, you can go into any situation you, you want and, um, darkness or not, it's, there's nowhere for it to land.

There's no place for it to grab foothold. I remember we were on a, um, I'll tell this one account and land it trip to Brazil team of about 40 ministry trip. And I go into a vision, I'm in prayer and I go into a vision of one of our team members, a young man on the team.

And I see a, um, like black and a black half black, white snake come down on his vision and wrap around in a seductive way around this young man and, and, and grab him. And I came out of the vision. I was like, man, that's not glorious.

And so I'm just praying. I told another team member said, man, that ain't good. Let's just pray.

I don't want to scare the young man. He's a young man, but he had open, he had chaff of sexual sin in his life. And we were in a high level witchcraft area, Macomba.

They take, it's like a voodoo type thing. And so again, with where the world's going, you want to hang on to chaff, go ahead. And the Lord loves you, but I promise you, if it ever gets to that point, you're going to look back and know for years, the Lord's been just out of loving kindness, been trying to blow that wind and trying to remove that chaff.

He'll, it takes forever before it gets to this point with the Lord. He's so patient, rich in mercy, I'm slow to anger, but if we keep hanging on and clinging to it, the wind of the spirit brings it up. We keep hanging on to it.

At some point in time, it's going to get exposed. Like it did here with Jared Jehoram. They were deep into victory too, when it really mattered.

And all of a sudden darkness hit the fan and it says great wrath was triggered and came against Israel because he was the king of Israel. So sure enough, next day we're on the bus going from a city to a

different city in Brazil. And that same boy, everybody's fine.

We're on the trip. 40 of us out of all of them, that same kid, all of a sudden he just goes, he just fell out in the chair, went flush white. We couldn't get him back.

We thought we may have lost him. And finally his pulse came back, but the whole day he was flush white and didn't know what happened, but he had been sifted. He was carrying chaff into a dark area.

And again, not a fearful thing, but a pure bride thing for the Lord. And knowing the times there's a sifting coming, both kingdoms are sifting. And that's why the Lord was like, look, Peter, I'm telling you things are getting hot.

I'm ending my earthly ministry and the devil's asked to sift you. Well, likewise, Jesus's earthly ministry through his bride has come into a close leading to his return. And both kingdoms are just kind of kicking it up a gear.

And right now, if we say, you know, Lord, and this, we'll pray together here in a second, um, sift me out of your loving kindness, your goodness. I don't want to cling to these things because I want to love you and, and be the bride you need. If not the sifting of this side, you know, well, sorry, that was a heavy one, but I've been feeling just such a, um, urgency on it.

Cause we're in that hour and I can tell you the great sifting of this hours here. And we want to be the people on this side, five wise virgins, uh, full of oil that the Lord's purging and making beautiful without spot or wrinkle. So yeah, you guys want to stand.

We'll pray. Thank you, Jesus. Maybe we can dim the house lights, please.

And just want to pray. And look, sometimes it looks like, I think we often I've been guilty of this plenty. We love to, you know, think of these, these deep, dark things that are the chaff.

But remember Matthew three, it says he's going to thoroughly purge and clean the threshing floor, meaning down to the intents and thoughts of our heart, uh, selfish ambition. The Bible says where selfish ambition and envy are, you'll find every sort of wicked and evil. Sometimes it masks itself and looks like, but I'm trying to impact the kingdom and gain influence so I can.

Okay. The Lord, I hope the Lord told you that because sometimes selfish ambition is what it really is. And then envy and jealousy can match it and wickedness.

So he goes into selfish ambition, the motives of the heart, um, pride, fear, doubt, unbelief. So many of these things are chaff. The Lord's trying to burn out in this hour and, um, and prepare us for his glorious return.

So let's just focus on him. Jesus, thank you so much for your word and your presence, Lord. I pray even now that, uh, the, the wind of the Holy spirit would come.

Why don't you just lift your hands to heaven and say, say, sift me, Lord, just burn out any, uh, chaff that would not be reflective of you in Jesus name. Amen.

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