

# The Lord's Controversy Concerning Zion

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*God's controversy with nations is a call to repentance and a reminder that His interest is in the church, the body of Jesus Christ.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the love of Jesus and His desire to give peace and rest to His followers. He warns against the flood of sin and deception that is being spread in the world, attributing it to the influence of the devil. However, the speaker reassures the audience that God's love and forgiveness are available to all who seek it. He encourages the church to stand strong in faith, even in difficult times, and promises that God will not forsake His children. The sermon concludes with a call to sanctification and a reminder that God is in control, regardless of the circumstances.

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## Transcript

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None of these messages are copyrighted, and you are welcome to make copies for free distribution to friends. I want you to go to Isaiah, the 34th chapter. And by the way, for you visitors, you are visiting today in the annex.

The room on the second floor in the annex in the main chapel is room 204. That's the hospitality room. We would like to give you a free book.

I think it may be Revival on Broadway. And one of our preaching tapes. And also some refreshments.

And any questions you might have of our hospitality team. Verse 8, Isaiah 34. My message.

The Lord's controversy concerning Zion. For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance and the year of recompenses for what? The controversy of Zion. Now I want you to lay hold of those.

Look at those words again. For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance. There's a terrible day coming of God's wrath.

And the year of recompenses, it's payday, for the controversy of Zion. Let's pray. Heavenly Father, I have no question, no doubt in my mind that you gave me this message.

It came from your heart and your throne. And I pray, Lord, you give me a double portion this morning of your spirit that this word may come forth, Lord, and help us to understand what is about to happen and what your plans are for the future. You said you would not hide it from us.

We are not in darkness as others are in darkness. You will shine the light on our present and you've already shined it on the past and you will shine it on the future. So give me your anointing now.

Let this word come forth as you have ordained it to come forth. Sanctify me wholly that I may be a pure vessel. These words flow from a pure heart and pure lips.

Sanctified by the power of the Holy Ghost. In Jesus' name, amen. I tell you, friends, that God has a controversy with every nation on the face of the earth today.

I believe we are now living in this prophetic time Isaiah spoke about. It's the day of the Lord's vengeance and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion. Now, Isaiah is prophesying about a time when the Lord is going to take retribution against nations for a very special reason.

It's payday for offending a holy, compassionate, loving God. Now, what is God's controversy with America? He has a controversy with all the nations, Isaiah said. That includes the United States of America.

God has a controversy with this country. He has a controversy with this nation. We're going to discuss that.

He has a controversy with all nations. He has a controversy right now with Russia, where our young people are headed right now this afternoon. Its shipyards have been shut down.

Its iron curtain has been shredded to pieces. This once impregnable iron nation has a government that's shaking now. Its currency is about to crash.

Millions have been thrust into poverty. Hundreds of thousands of workers have not been paid for two and three months now. The Russian mafia is rising in power.

It's siphoning off the wealth that remains in the nation. And you as a Christian and I as a Christian, we say, well, we know why God has a controversy with Russia. It was communism.

It was godlessness. It was the ism. It was the atheism.

And that's why God is judging it. Folks, God's controversy with Russia was not communism. I'm going to show that to you.

It wasn't atheism. Not at all. His controversy goes far beyond that.

And what about Korea? Bosnia, Indonesia, Thailand, Japan. All the African nations that are on the brink of depression and social chaos. South American countries that are now beginning to shake.

If there is another devaluation in Korea, Brazil goes down because Brazil holds most of the paper and many of the loans that have been made, they hold much of their paper. If Korea goes down, Brazil goes down. God has a controversy with these nations.

They're being plunged into chaos. Indonesia, 80% drop in their real estate and in their currency. Half their population, 50% of their population have been thrust into poverty.

Some that were wealthy just a year ago are now walking the streets. There's a controversy. You say, well, that's because of their Hinduism, the Muhammadism, all of their isms.

All of this false religion, God's dealing with it. No, folks, that's not the controversy God has with these nations that are falling like dominoes now all over the world. Today's New York Times has an article regarding Reuben, our Secretary of Treasurer, and how the world is hanging on the brink of a worldwide depression from their own lips.

It's in today's New York Times. He said all the nations are being shaken. Folks, that's biblical.

Those are the words of Christ himself. He said, go shake, everything's going to be shaken. And we're living in those times where these scriptural prophecies are being fulfilled before our very eyes.

But we've got to understand why. We've got to understand why God is going to strike this nation's economy and why we're headed for a depression. We've got to know, then, how God's going to care for His children, how God's going to take care of you and me and our families during this time.

And Bible doesn't leave us ignorant of these things. You're going to see it in just a few moments as it unfolds here from the Word of the Lord. Is it God dealing with idolatry and the suppression of human rights? No.

And what about America, the land of the free? Why does God have a controversy with this nation? Now, Isaiah's not making an idol talk here. He's saying God has a controversy and God is going to come with recompenses and vengeance. That's His prophetic word concerning the last days.

Is it because we have boasted of this nation that we're too big and too powerful to fall? That was the boast that they made in Japan just eight years ago. At that time, they said that the wealth of Japan was so great that the land upon which the imperial palace stood in its grounds, that one palace in its grounds was worth more than all the real estate of California. Now it's worth ten cents on the dollar.

In eight years? And most of those treasury people who boasted that Japan was too big and too powerful to fall, eight of their leaders have committed suicide. The same men who made the boast, they're gone. Exactly what is the controversy that God has with America? Is it the flood of pornography? Ten thousand theaters now pushing smut and filth? Didn't God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah for its violence and its militant homosexuality? What is it that is going to move God so quickly against this nation? Is it because we are trying to outlaw God from our society through our court systems and our government, pushing God completely out of our institutions? Is God going to strike this country and its finances because of its rampant immorality? Is it just the killing and the slaying of so many innocents and the bloodshed, an ocean of blood? Is it now a runaway drug problem? The United States is sucking up the drugs of the whole world.

What is the controversy that is igniting the wrath of God according to Isaiah? Certainly God has reached a point that he can no longer stomach what he sees and hears coming from the United States of America,

its ruinous immorality. Folks, God has crossed empires before for such iniquity as we see in the United States now. There's no doubt, there can't be any doubt in any believer's mind in this building listening to me right now, that America deserves the full fury of God's wrath right now.

You know it, I know it. Every sinner knows it. The wicked know it.

However, God's controversy with the nations and with America is not only about idolatry and its wickedness and its immorality. His controversy has to do with Zion. We just read it.

The year of recompense for not immorality. I don't care how ruinous it may be, God hates sin no matter who's guilty of it. Yes, God does judge societies for that, but the real controversy God has with the nations of the world and with America has to do with Zion.

A controversy concerning Zion. Now, I told you last week what Zion is. I'm going to try to go over that very quickly with you now.

For the controversy of Zion, he is going to send his vengeance and recompenses. I'm going to give you infallible proof in the Scripture that Zion, and in the New Testament, Zion, S-I-O-N, represents the last day overcoming church of Jesus Christ. Now, there are Christian Jews who are very strong on this issue, who say that a Jew is a Jew, that Zion was the ancient city of David, his capital and his home, and there's only one Zion, and that is a geographic Zion in Israel.

There's only one Jerusalem, one Israel. I beg to differ with you. If you're a Bible believer, it's very clear in the Scripture there's a duality concerning Judah, Jerusalem, and Zion.

In fact, there are two kinds of Jews the Bible says in the Scripture. I want you to listen very closely, please. It is called Zion, S-I-O-N, seven times in the New Testament.

Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone. That's the Zion of the Old Testament, S-I-O-N in the New Testament. I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense.

Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Who is that stone? That is Jesus Christ. This clearly nails it down that the Zion of the New Testament, a type of Zion in the Old Testament, the Old Testament Zion, God destroyed it, burned it down when Cyrus and Titus came in with their armies, wiped it out, it's gone, it was gone.

God, through Jesus Christ, raised up a holy city, a new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven with a new kind of Jew. Now listen closely to me, please. Romans 11, 26, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer and shall turn many away from their ungodliness.

Hebrews 12, 22, New Testament, But you are come to Mount Zion and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem to innumerable company of angels. Clearly the New Testament identifies Zion as the body of Jesus Christ, the overcoming body of Jesus Christ. Not everybody who says Lord, Lord.

Not everybody calls themselves a Christian. Holy Zion is a city coming down from God. In other words, someone has been in the heavenlies with Christ Jesus.

This is a sanctified body of Jesus Christ where Christ is Lord of all. You are born, when you were born into Christ, you were born into Zion. So that you can say, I was born in Zion, I am a Zionian.

Again, I said to you, he is not a Jew. Romans 2, 28, 29, He is not a Jew, which is one outwardly. You're not a Jew because you were born a Jew.

Now, that may not sit too well with some of you. Well, brother Dave, I'm a Jew. I was born in Israel.

I'm a pure Jew. There are no Jews in Israel other than those who are born again in Christ Jesus. There's no preacher on the face of this earth that has loved Israel more than I have.

We are building a church right now in Mount Carmel. And it's becoming one of the largest churches in all of Israel. And I'm going there in September.

I'm going to hold crusades there and in Jerusalem. This church has supported Jerusalem. I'm a lover of Israel.

But there is one spiritual Israel. There is one spiritual Zion. And there is one spiritual Jew.

Because there is no Jew or Greek as far as natural is concerned. All the walls are down. There is one blood.

There is one body. He's not a Jew, which is one outwardly. Neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly. And circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not of the letter. Folks, listen to me, please.

We are brought in. We are the children of Abraham, the Bible says. Jerusalem, which is above, is free, which is the mother of us all.

The city of God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven. The whole New Testament says that Zion are those who have given themselves wholly to Jesus Christ. Who are walking in the power of the Holy Spirit, led by the Holy Spirit.

They're lovers of Christ. They have forsaken the world and they are not of this world. If you're expecting something from this world, if your heart's in this world, you're not in Zion.

You've heard me say, I want to finish my work and get out of here. I'm ready to go to Zion. But folks, I'm not going to Zion, really, because I am in Zion.

We're in Zion now. I am living in Zion. Can you say it again? I'm a Zionian.

Amen. Now listen to me, please. God has a controversy with all nations, including America, concerning Zion, his bride, his church.

And I intend to show you this morning that everything God does with nations on planet Earth has to do with his church. Everything he does, the blessings on a nation, the curses on a nation, all the commotions, all the stirrings, everything God is doing in the world has not to do with our immorality. It has to do with how they affect the body of Christ.

How it affects Zion. God's real controversy with the nations goes far beyond immorality and idolatry, sensuality, lust, rape, murder, and bribery, and all of these sins that you can name. Every action God takes regarding any and all nations, whether he prospers that nation or whether he chastens that nation, is

all subordinate to the church and his plans for his church.

God's interest on the planet Earth is his body, the body of Jesus Christ. That's where God's whole interest is. I'll show it to you.

God said, I will shake not the earth only, but also heaven, and this word yet once more, signifying the removing of all things that are shaken, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. God shook Russia, tore down its iron curtain, began to shake everything for one reason. Because the gospel of Jesus Christ was being threatened.

Because Zion, believe me, God has a hidden body in Russia. He's had it for centuries. He has a hidden body.

He has a people of Zion in Russia. And God says, I will not stand by and allow the devil to have a curtain that keeps out my missionaries, my gospel, to minister to my body in Russia. Everything God is doing in Russia right now has to do with the freedom of the gospel in Zion.

Communism, God laughed at communism. God said, I can just breathe it, and it's dust, it'll blow away. But when you touch my church, the apple of my eye, you are going to face my vengeance.

I have a controversy with you because of Zion. Consider what God's doing in Asia, the Asian Rim nations right now. All the stirrings and the shakings in Bosnia, the former Yugoslavia.

Why all these ethnic wars? Why is God smiting their economies and their currencies? Why all the bloodshed and the problems and the chaos? Because God says, I will not allow Islam. I will not allow Islam to kill my servants and my bride. I will not let them cut their heads off anymore on their hands and their feet.

I will not let them shut my church doors anymore. God has a controversy with every nation of Islam. Every Islamic nation.

Because we're at the end times. And he said his gospel is going to be preached to the ends of the world. And God says, I will not let any nation shut their doors, if I have to smite the nation and bring it to its knees so it opens its doors.

That's why all the persecution that hit just before this economic storm, all through the Asian Rim nations, all the persecution of God's people, all the shutting of doors and shutting their borders to all missionary work. God said, no. Because my controversy is about Zion, my holy people.

Centuries ago, God prospered England. Britain became a great nation. It had colonies all over the world.

And it was said the sun never sets on the British Empire. Because around the world, colonies and commonwealths were established. And folks, during that time, God would prosper Britain for a reason.

Because he's interested in reaching every generation with the gospel. And God began to raise up powerful preachers in England and Scotland and Wales. Powerful missionary churches.

And those churches spawned great missionary movements. Great missionaries from the Moravians all the way to the Puritans. There was a great move among the churches to send missionaries.

In fact, the great cry of the church was, go into all the world and preach the gospel. And wherever the trading ships went, missionaries were on them. Every colony had a mission station.

But as God prospered, God was blessing the nation for the sake of Zion, his church, to send the gospel around the world. England was not prospered, Britain and Wales. The British Empire was not blessed and prospered because of any merit or any goodness of those people.

Not at all. God was raising up Zion. His blessing had to do with the church.

But prosperity eventually brought wickedness and lewdness. And they forgot God in England. And God began to strip Britain.

Took away the empire. And now Hong Kong is the last of the empire. It's gone.

This year, Hong Kong went back to China. The last of the British Empire, commonwealths and colonies, all gone. England was abandoned because it abandoned.

The kingdom came down because it lost its purpose for being prospered. It lost its reason for that. I'm telling you, God so orders nations, he blesses and disposes of them to accomplish his purpose and design for his church.

Now, that's the premise, and I'm going to keep pounding it all through this message. Now, in the past, God blessed the United States of America, raised it up as a powerful witness, with strong churches to go into all the world and preach the gospel. In fact, folks, for many, many years, the number one export of the United States, the most important export was the gospel and missionaries.

We sent missionaries all over the world. Every denomination under the great revivals that God sent to America. Great revivals.

And out of those revivals went missionaries all over the world. And when people thought of America, it was a land of the gospel of Jesus. Anywhere on the world you ask about America, well, that's the missionary, that's the Jesus people.

And now, after all these years in our prosperity, we spend more on dog food than we do missions now in the United States. That's a fact. More on dog food, more money than all missions combined.

The number one export now is Coca-Cola and technology. You can't go anywhere on the face of the earth without seeing a Coke sign and a bottle of Coke. We are exporting false cults.

Do you know that Yale and Harvard and Princeton and Columbia, all of these colleges that are now hotbeds of atheism and communism, do you know that every one of those institutions were started as Bible schools to train missionaries to go around the world? You can't even walk on those campuses now with a Bible without being mocked. Ridiculed. Forgotten God.

God kept blessing this nation, not for its technical skills, not for its wisdom, not because we had better work ethics. The blessings of God came on America because God had his kingdom in mind. He's saying, I want you to go to the world and preach the gospel.

That's why I blessed you. And now that blessing has become the last warning, the last prosperity call before judgment. Just like Israel and Britain and all these other highly blessed and prosperous people in

history, prosperity ended up in deceiving us.

Jezebel waxed fat and kicked. You waxed fat, you've grown thicker, rich. They were covered with fatness or materialism.

Then he forsook God which made him and lightly esteemed the rock of his salvation. Listen to me, please. When any nation rises up to seduce or enslave the body of Jesus Christ, and that nation magnifies itself against Zion, judgment will quickly follow.

When any nation, and this is where America is now, why is our nation going to be smitten with economic and social chaos? Why is God going to smite the stock market and bring down the world's highest prosperity in all of history? You would say, well, it's probably God's controversy with our political institutions, trying to obliterate God from our society. Of course, God's going to deal with us for that. But I'm telling you now that that is not the primary controversy with the United States of America.

God's greatest concern is not the growing wickedness we see around us, though it's almost overbearing, it's too much to hear and believe. Some might say, but Brother Dave, didn't God destroy Noah's society, send a flood because of his anger against their violence and their materialism? Didn't God destroy Sodom because their sins reached into heaven and he couldn't take the militant homosexuality and their violence? And I'm going to answer it this way. God hates sin and wickedness, no matter who's guilty of it, whether it's in Noah's day or Solomon's day or in the United States of America.

But I see a very more important reason, and the reason God is going to smite us. Now, I've set the foundation for it, now follow me closely. How many righteous people do you think were in Noah's day when he first started to preach? Now, the Bible says God was going to destroy them because all the earth had corrupted itself.

I believe in my heart that there were at that time a righteous remnant. God's always had a righteous remnant in every generation. Now, how many of those people that probably once gathered with Noah and shared the truth, believed it, and how many of those in that 120 years, a window of opportunity to be saved and hear the gospel of God through Noah? He was a preacher of righteousness, the Bible said.

He preached righteousness, he just didn't warn about the coming judgment, he preached righteousness. How many of those that once stood with Noah began to fall away one by one to the materialism and to the lust and the sensuality of Noah's generation, until finally only Noah himself and his family are left as the testimony of God? God sent a flood because he would not allow the powers of hell to obliterate his testimony on earth. It was not just because they had rejected Noah.

It's because of a design of Satan himself to destroy the church. Noah represented the church of the Old Testament, the testimony of God, and eventually Jesus Christ as the seed. The judgment came upon the earth because Satan was out to destroy everything holy, everything godly.

And God said, it won't happen. I'll smite the nations and I'll save my remnant. How many righteous were in Lot, in Sodom when Lot went there? Do you know I've got a, something I believe, do you know why I believe Abraham asked for 50 people? Lord, if you find 50 people that are righteous in Sodom, will you spare it? Could it be that when Lot went there, he found at least 50 righteous and had prayer meetings and he had studies with them and he, did he go to his uncle and say, don't worry about me in Sodom, I've got 50 like me, we've got a body there.

I think it's why he was encouraged to ask for 50. And then he got a little nervous about it and then 40 and 30 and 10. I wonder how many righteous there were.

And they were caught up in this flood of iniquity and they began to fall away. Folks, Lot was the only one left. You know that his wife was already enticed.

She turned and became a pillar of salt because Sodom had her heart. You know that Lot's fathers were scoffers and mockers. You know that his two daughters had no morals because they raped their father in the cave after the destruction.

But you see, God says, no, you will not wipe out my remnant. If it's one holy man, if it's one person who has the testimony, Satan, you will not destroy it. I will wipe you out and I will save my testimony.

The principle I'm sharing with you is clearly illustrated in God's dealing with the heathen nation called Moab. Do you remember Moab called in Balaam to prophesy against Israel and curse it, but God would let him do it. But instead, before he left, he got paid because he told them how to seduce Israel.

He made, in Numbers 31, 16, it's very, very clear. He instructed the government leaders of Moab to lay a scheme to seduce the men of Israel. And actually what they did, they formed a phony religion having to do with prostitution.

In other words, it was legalized prostitution. And these men had been in the desert and they said, look, these men are sensuous men. They have a God, but they really don't serve Him with all their heart.

They're serving false gods. And I'll tell you what you do. You put all your beautiful women and have big feasts at the edge of the camps.

And you watch these men come in and you can seduce them. They vexed, troubled Israel with their wiles or deceptions, Numbers 25, 17. And they, Moab, called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods.

And the people did eat and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Belpior. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel.

They seduced Israel with their dancing women, turned them into fornicators. And I want you to notice something, please, folks. As long as Moab continued in their wicked ways, God had no controversy with them.

God said, I'll deal with them on the judgment day. There was no controversy. He didn't raise up the armies of Israel against them.

He would not move against them. For years and years they went on their wicked ways. Prostitution, immorality, godlessness, idolatry.

No controversy from God. But the moment they seduced the holy Zion of God, God says, now, I have a controversy with you. First he was angry with his people.

Now he said, I'm going to wipe out Moab. And God, from that day on, had a war with Moab. Vexed them, the Lord said, smite them.

For they have vexed you with their wiles. They've seduced you. Wherewith they have beguiled and deceived you.

Even Jeremiah the prophet cried out, Moab shall be destroyed from being a people. Because he magnified himself against the Lord in his kingdom. Why? Folks, why is America going to be judged? If it weren't for the church of Jesus Christ in America, it could go on its sinful ways and God would have no controversy.

He would deal with them on a judgment day. But because the church is here, and it's being threatened now by laws to try to obliterate God from our society. Because God is being mocked and his church is about to be persecuted.

God says, I didn't have a controversy with you just because of your idolatry. Not because of your sensuality, your pornography. But now you touch my body.

Now you've touched my church. Now you've come against Zion. You've magnified yourself against Zion.

God has a controversy with Moab from that day on. The moment the leaders of the government had set out to destroy Israel through lust and deception. This meant that Moab touched the apple of God's eye.

And God said, I'll bring you down, Moab, from your high place. I'll bring lamentations to all your households. These are his very words, I'll bring lamentations to all your households.

Because you rose up against my people, I will not allow it. Because the gates of hell shall never prevail against my church. In Revelation, the twelfth chapter, you see the devil coming down to the earth having great wrath.

Because he knows his time is short. And immediately, as soon as he falls upon the earth, literally, he falls upon this earth. That's where he's at now.

He's not out in some cosmos. The devil is right here, working personally. He's taking full control of all the principalities and powers of darkness.

And the Bible said when he falls, and he's here now, and this is happening even now. Immediately, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man-child. The woman is the church.

Christ is the man-child. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away with the flood. And the dragon was angry with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Folks, that's spiritual Zion. And the devil is designed to flood. A flood of filth, of iniquity and deception, false doctrines, false religion, false revivals.

We are right now in the full fury of that storm and that flood. It's being directed by the devil himself. Lost fornication, every kind of media is being flooded now with seduction, deceptions of all kinds.

Beloved, this is war. We are in the war of all wars right now against the church of Jesus Christ. We've got to be on guard every waking hour.

God's been showing that to me. I, as a minister of the gospel, I have got to be on guard every step I take in the city, everywhere I go, to keep my mind fixed on Christ. I know a pastor who's going to be carried away with this flood.

A woman from his church wrote to me and said, my pastor stands in the pulpit and boasts that he goes to R-rated movies. And he said he goes there, quote, so that I can better see what the devil is up to, so I can better understand his devices. That man is being swept away with the flood.

Let me tell you where hundreds of thousands of Christians are going to be swept away by this flood of the devil. He's spewing it out of his mouth, the Bible says, against the woman in the wilderness. That is the church of Jesus Christ, the Holy Zion, a flood right out of the mouth of the devil.

And do you know where hundreds of thousands are going to be swept away? Did you hear and read in the front page of the newspaper that, I think it's next week, a lawyer has had a press conference, and he says that he represents two 18-year-old virgins who on Internet are going to break their virginity. On Internet. And one story says they expect multiplied millions to view this fornication act.

Can you imagine two 18-year-olds breaking their virginity, mocking virginity, millions of teenagers? Now, folks, let me tell you something. If there were no Christians involved, it wouldn't matter how filthy it got. God would deal with it on Judgment Day.

But let me tell you where the problem is. There are going to be hundreds of thousands of Christians tuning in to this and other types of this kind of filth. And you know what they're going to do? They're going to say, well, they'll look at it and it goes something like, can you believe how vile America has become? Isn't that awful? And they'll sit there the whole time, isn't that awful? Aren't we going to the devil? Look, isn't this awful? And they think it's all right as long as they demean it, as long as they rebuke it.

And there are going to be hundreds of thousands of Christians, not just that, but all kinds of pornographic, lustful things leading into fornication and adultery. It's into the pulpits. It's everywhere.

We have fornicating pastors, adulterous pastors, all over the face of the earth now. It's one of the great problems in the church. And there are whole churches that are just rife with it.

It's all through the church. Now, the Bible said there are sinners and hypocrites in Zion. And the Bible said the day is going to come that all the sinners and hypocrites in Zion are going to be afraid because when they see these things coming down, they know they're not prepared.

They know they're not in the safety net. They're out in the suburbs somewhere. I don't mean literally, but spiritually they're in the suburbs and they're drifting further and further away.

And the only protection, Zion itself means protection. It means fortress. Christ himself is our fortress.

And if you're not fully following Christ, you're not in the fortress. Don't talk to me about getting ready for what's coming. You're going to store food, and you're going to have money in the bank, and you're going to go out and get a place in the country, and you're going to dig a well, and you're going to have a cow for milk, and you're going to have some money, and you're going to have a shotgun and a bunch of... You're going to live out the... You're going to survive the depression that's coming, whatever's coming.

Don't talk to me about security if you're not in Christ. I don't have a bunch of rules and regulations. I'm not going to give you a list of things that you ought to do.

We may have some suggestions for you before this is all over, but we're not going to give you a plan. The only plan God has in this book is Zion. But folks, let me tell you, God's anger has risen up against the hypocrites in Zion, yes, but God is going to act soon.

We're going to see God's controversy with America unfolding because this flood is being unleashed for the express purpose of destroying, not America, not sinners, but Zion. God has a message for the devil, and here's the message God has for the devil. Listen closely.

He said, Devil, it's one thing for you to send upon this nation a flood of iniquity, lust, deception. It's one thing for you to send that to just entertain your own children and to keep them within your power, but it's another thing when you boast, and it is written and it is known that this whole flood is not designed to entertain your children. It's not designed for your sinner people.

You see, all of these things, you can look at all of the things that people are doing. They're just doing what their father the devil told them to do. They're just doing what the devil is leading them to do, but he's saying, When you design your flood specifically, and you aim it at my church, I'm telling you now, if I have to, I will bankrupt the nation.

I'll bring your Disney World down. I'll bring all those theaters down. I'll bring it all down.

I'll bankrupt them, because your flood is directed at my people. You're trying little by little to pick them off here and pick them off there. The weak and the lame and those who have no vision for Christ, you're trying to take them little by little so that at the end you want my bride to be a ragged, worn out, prostituted woman.

God says, I will not allow it. You will not prevail against my church. And folks, God has a strong church yet in this nation.

He has millions of believing Christians, and God is not going to allow the devil to destroy it. I'm going to close in just a minute. If you're in Christ, you surrender to Him, you're obedient to His Word, and walk in the Spirit, you are absolutely safe in Zion.

God, if He has to, will bring down any nation if He must to protect us and preserve His body. He's given us so many promises. Let me read some of them.

The Lord sits upon the flood. Yea, the Lord sitteth king forever. Oh, there's a flood, but God sits on top of it all.

Hallelujah. Isaiah 59, 19, When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will raise up a standard against him. The Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from their transgressions.

And best of all, best of all, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I'll liken him to a man which built his house upon a rock. The rain came, the floods came, beat on that house, and it fell not, for it was founded on a rock. Hallelujah.

You visitors here, let me tell you what we're telling this church. I want you to take it to your pastor, to your church, wherever you are all over the world. We're not afraid of the mark of the beast in this church.

We don't even talk about it. First of all, we may be gone before that ever happens, but if we're still here, I want to tell you something. There's no way, there's no way God says, your house is not going to fall.

God is not going to let his bride be marked and branded by the devil. How can you even conceive? How can you conceive? How could you ever let it in your mind that a spotless bride, that the flood of iniquity, the Antichrist flood, the beast flood, all of these floods are going to come, and the Lord said, I'm going to open up the earth and swallow that flood. How can you take a body of people who've already been marked in their forehead by the brand of Jesus Christ? You and I will not have to make a decision about the mark of the beast.

God has made it for us. There is absolutely nothing to fear. God has made a commitment to keep his people in a fortress.

Hallelujah. Oh, you'll be calling on his name. Yes.

You'll be driven to prayer. Yes. There'll be suffering.

Yes. But God said, like David said, I'm old and gray, and I've yet to see God forsake his children under a seed big for bread. God will not forsake his church.

The church in the hard times is going to be stronger than it is now. The church always prospers under persecution in hard times. The church backslides when it's prosperous.

God's going to set fire in his church. Hallelujah. You're going to know Jesus like you've never known him in your life.

But you're not going to do it if you're going to sit there in front of internet or TV and fill your mind with smut and filth. Let God sanctify us. Will you stand? Folks, there's about five more of these messages coming.

And God's going to persuade you and me so clearly that he's in control that no matter how the mountains shake, no matter what happens to the economy, you will not be shaken. You will stand firm in your faith. You'll rejoice.

How else can you rejoice when you see all these things coming on the earth as Jesus admonished? But to be established knowing the future and what God has in mind. Oh, God loves his church. He died.

Jesus died for his church. You think for one moment he's going to let the devil nibble away at it, destroy it? No, no, no, no. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Lord, thank you for your Word. Lord, in the last days, the Word's going to become so precious to us.

Oh, God, we're not going to turn to psychologists. We're not going to get it from experts. We're not going to get it from the government or our leaders.

They've all failed. Lord, we're going to get it from the Holy Ghost in your Word. We're going to be led by the Spirit of the living God.

You will not hide anything from your people. You'll not hide it at all. Glory be to God.

Hallelujah. Now, there are people that are attending this church this morning. You came in, and I have the Holy Spirit anointing all over me.

And the words I speak to you now come from His heart, not mine. And there are some of you that came here now. You're not right with God.

I have to tell you, the very words I hear from the Holy Spirit is that you are fooling around, playing around in a very dangerous time in history, at a time that you should be drawing nigh to the Lord with everything in you. You're allowing things in this world and other things around you. Something has your heart other than Jesus, and it's just eating away, taking your peace from you, taking your joy from you, and leaving you a spiritual cripple.

And I know God wants to change that today. Now, in the annex, all our annexes are full over there. I think we have four auditoriums over there.

They're all full. Now, I want you, if the Holy Spirit's dealing with you, I want you to get out of your seat and go to the back of the auditorium, and the ushers will show you how to get into this auditorium, and you come down any aisle here, and I'll meet you here, and I'll pray with you. The balcony and the main auditorium.

To me, this is life and death. You sit here and hear a message that you might think is stirring or entertaining or convicting, but if you walk out on the Holy Ghost when He stirs your heart, it gets harder and harder to ever be stirred again. It gets almost impossible.

If you've grown cold toward the Lord, if backslidden, or you don't even know Jesus, if something has your heart, and this is what God's been pressing on me, if something's got a hold of you and it's destroying you, and God says, I want to set you free. I love you, and I don't want the devil to have you. I'm not going to let the devil have you.

I brought you here this morning to set you free. I want you to boldly get out of your seat. Forget everybody else.

The Lord said, if you confess Me before man, I'll confess you before My Father and all the angels of heaven. Take that step of faith. Don't come unless the Spirit draws you, but wherever you're at, come as we minister in song to the Lord.

Step out of your seat. Up in the balcony, there are a number of you there that need to go to the stairs on either side. Come down either stairs and come down any aisle, and in the annex, step right out into the hall, into the back lobby, and they'll direct you right into this auditorium.

Come down the stairs and come and meet me right here. The Lord's going to do great miracles here this morning. God's going to change many, many lives.

Will you please move in close. Make room for those that are coming, if you will, please. All right? I have a word with you that have come forward now.

Just for a moment, before we pray. Can you look this way for just a moment? I am so convinced that Jesus loves you. Oh, He loves you.

How He yearns after you to give you the desire of your heart to walk in peace and rest in Him, so there's nothing that disturbs you inside. Oh, sin's an awful disturbing thing. It causes such restlessness, anxiety, fear, guilt, condemnation.

Nobody is happier, nobody is freer, nobody feels better and enjoys life more than those who've come to Christ and allowed the Holy Spirit to set them free. Are you free? Are you really free this morning or is something binding you? You can be free. You can be free now and you can, if you've not been saved, you can be born into Zion right now.

And you that have been born in Zion, you need a cleansing. The Lord still loves you. He's not mad at you, but you need to be cleansed and you need power to resist all of this flood of the enemy.

I want you to pray this prayer with me right now. First, I'm going to pray and then I'll lead you in prayer. Father, I pray for everyone that came forward now.

Lord, there are many that have responded. I don't know what the problem is, I don't know what the sin is, I don't know what the battle is, but Lord, there's a war raging in some hearts. Lord, bring an armistice, bring a peace.

Lord, settle it. Deliver from the bondage of sin. Deliver from the power of lust.

God, set people free. Lord, when they pray, let them believe what they pray. You said of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks, and as they speak it of their heart, let it become life.

I pray that the powers of the devil and darkness be broken. I speak against every demonic spirit that would try to hold the light and the power of the gospel out. In Jesus' name, take authority over that.

Now, pray this prayer with me. Now, even though I'm putting these words into your heart, they should be reflecting what is already in your heart. It should be what you were praying, even if you didn't hear it from me.

It should be something I'm just voicing that's in your heart and helping you, helping you to say what's in your heart. Pray this with me. Jesus, I come to you sincerely because I don't want to have this war anymore.

I want peace in my heart. I want to be at rest. I want nothing between me and my Savior.

Forgive me, Jesus, of the things I've watched, the things I've done and said. Forgive me. I repent.

I give you my heart, and I'm asking you to fill me with the Holy Spirit and give me power to kill every lust and every desire and every sin that is unlike you, Jesus. I thank you that you'll keep your word, that your word is true, that you've forgiven me. I accept that forgiveness.

Now, Lord Jesus, give me your peace that passeth understanding. As you've promised, I rest on the promises of God to save me, keep me, and preserve me until the coming of the Lord in Jesus' name. Now, I want you to just thank Him.

In your own words, right where you're at, just give Him thanks. Lord, I thank you. I give you praise.

I honor you with everything that's in me. It doesn't take God long when your heart's open. When your heart's open, He says, I'll come.

He said, I've been knocking. Have you just opened? I'll come in. I'll come in.

He's come now. This is the beginning. Now, would you look at me, please.

Listen. Get into this book faithfully every day because this is where your faith will be produced and how it's produced. And as you read it, pray God direct you.

Read no less than five chapters from the Psalms every day. Every day feed your soul on the Psalms. And every time you see Israel, put your name.

Every time you see Judah, put your name. Every time you see Zion, put your name. Now, in my Bible, I got a strong concordance everywhere it says Zion.

It tells you go to chapter 96 too. Go to 107. I have it all through.

I know where to go. And if you look at mine, every page is marked. If you don't have a Bible that can be marked, it's not a good one.

Mark it and let God talk to you through his word and then spend time. Say, brother, I don't know how to pray. Just get down on your knees and love Jesus.

Say, I love you Lord with all my heart. Jesus, I praise you. Just praise him.

Love him. He'll meet you there in your praises. And little by little, the Holy Ghost will teach.

None of us know how to pray. The Holy Ghost has to teach everybody how to pray and he'll lead you. You may only be able to take 15 minutes at a time, but if it's all your heart, don't look at your clock and don't feel good because, oh boy, I did a half hour today.

Don't look at your clock. Say, Lord Jesus, thank you. I'm here to love you.

I'm here on my time to give you my heart and just to love on you. Amen. And then, just stay in his presence for about 10 minutes and say, Jesus, do you have anything to say to me? Holy Spirit, do you want to talk to me? And just listen.

The first thing he'll tell you is how much he loves you. Then he'll tell you, don't be afraid. He'll take all the fear out of your heart.

The first thing, if that's all you hear, you're hearing from God. Don't be afraid. I love you.

I forgive you. I cleanse you. Receive that love.

Amen. This is the conclusion of the tape.

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