

What Is the World Coming To

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The world is moving towards a great worldwide movement against God and Christ, but God is not disturbed and is going on with His plan and program.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the use of cameras in television programs and compares it to the way God communicates with humanity. He describes how the Spirit of God uses two cameras, one in heaven and one on earth. The camera on earth captures the actions and words of humans, while the camera in heaven captures the words of God the Father and God the Son. The speaker emphasizes the importance of recognizing that God will judge the world and urges listeners to serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.

Transcript

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! But more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled. Fear not, I am with you. What comes to mind when you think about the Great Tribulation? Maybe the words of Jesus in Matthew 24 fill your thoughts.

He said to His disciples, And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled, for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

All these are the beginning of sorrows. But long before Jesus spoke these words, King David wrote a psalm that prophesied the events at hand and the results that would come from them. So Dr. J. Vernon McGee's message takes us to Psalm 2 and answers the question, What is this world coming to? Dr. McGee served as the pastor of the historic Church of the Open Door in downtown Los Angeles for 21 years.

And he gave this sermon sometime after his retirement from the pastorate, and during the early years of the Through the Bible radio broadcast. Let's go to the Lord in prayer. Heavenly Father, we ask that You bless Your Word as it goes forth today.

May it minister to the hearts and minds of all who hear it. In Jesus' name, Amen. Psalm 2. I like to think of it as a television program.

And I recall that several years ago, in fact, at the very beginning of television, we had a program in Southern California. And since we were so new at this new medium of communication, we asked a couple of Christian friends. One was the director of CBS for these situation family type programs.

And the other was a cameraman of a local station. And they came together and gave us some valuable advice. One of the things they said do, do not use one camera.

Use two cameras because you can't have a smooth program with one. Well, I know they've come a long way since those days. I noticed some of the programs today have as many as five to seven cameras.

Well, the Spirit of God used two cameras. And this is dramatic beyond any imagination of man. One camera is in heaven and the other camera is on earth.

And the first camera on earth comes on. And when it does, why, we hear the masses of the earth. We hear a little man speaking his little piece and playing his part.

And as Shakespeare says, strutting and puffing across the stage of life. Little man. And then the camera on earth goes off and the camera in heaven comes on and God the Father speaks.

And then after he speaks, the camera shifts to his right hand and God the Son speaks, has his part. Then the camera in heaven goes off. And the camera on earth comes on again.

And God the Holy Spirit has the last word. Now we want to see that tonight. First of all, the camera on earth comes on and we see the mankind.

And he's put before us here in this question, why do the heathen or the Gentiles rage? And the people or the masses imagine a vain thing. And when it says a vain thing, the word vainer means empty. It means that this that has so enraged the Gentiles and this that has brought together mankind in a great mass movement and it's a great protest movement that it will never be fulfilled.

It'll never be accomplished. It's an empty thing that has brought mankind together. Well, what is it? Well, let's note further.

The kings of the earth set themselves and that's the political rulers and then the rulers take counsel together and that's the religious rulers. And they are coming together now. And you find that those that are coming together, not only do you have mankind in this protest movement, but the establishment has joined in with it.

Here are the rulers, both religious and political rulers that have joined together. Now, what is it? Well, it's against the Lord and against his anointing. And the word anointed here means Messiah.

That's what it is in Hebrew. And it is brought over in the New Testament as Christ or Christos. Here is a great worldwide movement that is against God and against Christ.

Now, when did this movement begin? Well, Scripture lets us know about that over in the fourth chapter of the book of Acts, when the first persecution broke out against the church. We are told at that time that when the apostles, that is Peter and John, they returned back to the church and reported to them. And

verse 24, when they heard that, that is the report, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord and said, Lord, thou art God.

I'd like to pause there a moment tonight. I would say today that that's one of the things the church is not sure about tonight. Lord, thou art God.

A lot of people are not sure about that. They're not sure he's God tonight. They're not sure that he's God.

They wonder. May I say to you, the early church had no qualms or questions. Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven and earth and the sea and all that in them is.

Who but the mouth of thy servant David hath said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? That's quoted now here by the early church. The kings of the earth stood up. The rulers would gather together against the Lord and notice against his Christ.

For of a truth, now here is the Spirit's interpretation. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of God, a people of Israel, were gathered together. Now, here is this movement.

It began, we're told now by the Spirit of God, it began back yonder when Pilate joined up with the religious rulers and Herod in order to put Jesus to death. And that is a movement that has been against God and Christ that has come down through the centuries. And it's been snowballing as it has come down through the centuries and it will break finally like a mighty crescendo upon this earth, a worldwide revolution against God and against Christ.

Now, somebody says to me tonight, you really don't think that the world's moving that direction. May I say to you, I think it is. Someone comes to me and says, Dr. McGee, you think the world's getting better? And I say, yes, I do.

And somebody comes and says, Dr. McGee, don't you think the world's getting worse? And I say, yes, I do. And somebody says, what in the world are you trying to do? Go with the hare and the hounds? Go with the crowd? No, both are true. And that's what the Lord Jesus said.

The Lord Jesus said that He's the sower. He's sowing seed in the world. Now, He said an enemy came in and sowed tares.

And the servants, they went in and they wanted to pull up the tares. When I entered the ministry, that's what I wanted to do. I was the best puller up of tares you've ever seen.

And I soon found out that we're not called to pull up tares. I sure found that out the hard way. But we're not called upon to pull up tares.

That's the reason I don't try to straighten anybody else out. I'm having enough trouble with Vernon McGee, so I don't worry about the others. He'll take care of that.

But what He said was this. The wheat's growing, the tares are growing, and they're both growing together. He'll do the separating.

He'll take care of that. So that today the good is growing. Did you know that there's more Bible teaching going out today than any period in the history of the world? The Word is going out today more than it's

ever gone out before.

Wheat's growing. But I want to tell you, brother, the tares are growing also. Evil is growing.

And there's an opposition against God and Christ today that's unbelievable. I wish tonight I could spend time just on that particular facet of the enmity that we found today. Now somebody says, well, I just can't quite buy that.

I believe that over yonder on the other side of the Iron Curtain that you have atheism growing, but not on this side. Well, may I say to you, it is growing on the other side, and it is rather amazing. Did you know that you and I have seen a peer in our day, in our lifetime, I see a few of you that I think are as old as I am here tonight, we have seen appear in our day a nation whose basic philosophy, basic political economy is atheism.

There's been nothing like that in the past. No nation of the ancient world, that great pagan world of the past, not one of them was atheistic. Somebody says, I thought they weren't.

They were the opposite. They were polytheistic. They worshiped many gods.

None of them were atheistic. You see, you're too close to the mooring mask of Revelation. Noah knew a man who knew Adam.

When you're that close to it, you don't deny God. And in Noah's day, it was a world filled with violence, but there wasn't an atheist in the crowd. Why? Too close to it.

You've got to come on down. Now, when you get to the time of David, you meet atheists, and there are a great many atheists by that time. And David labels them, though.

He says, the fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. Now, the word for fool in the Hebrew there is insane. The insane.

The nutty individual is the one that's the atheist. Of course, he may be a Ph.D. in a university, but he's the nutty individual. The Bible says he's insane.

It's insane for a man to say that there is no God. But you see, we've come a long way since David's day. When God gave the Ten Commandments, He didn't give any one of them against atheism.

He gave two against polytheism. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, any likeness, heaven above, earth beneath, or beneath the earth, and et cetera.

Two commandments against polytheism. None against atheism. Why? There were none.

You have to come to our day. And today they're beginning to emerge. And I believe that there is as much opposition to Jesus Christ on this side of the Iron Curtain as there is on the other side of the Iron Curtain tonight.

I believe that with all my heart. There is opposition against Jesus Christ. Somebody says, wait a minute.

I just hear many today talk about Jesus and how wonderful Jesus is. Had you ever stopped to think that the Jesus today of liberalism, the Jesus that the world thinks of actually never lived? The Jesus of the Bible and the Jesus of liberalism are just two different individuals. And the Jesus of liberalism never lived.

Let me give you an example of what I mean. For many years, when I was pastor in downtown Los Angeles, there was the leading liberal. And he's the leading liberal, I suppose, in this country today was for many years.

But I had great respect for him. He was one liberal who was honest. He would just come out flat-footed.

He didn't believe the virgin birth. He'd say it. And if you don't believe it, I like for you to say it.

Not beat around the bush. And he said he didn't believe in the bodily resurrection. So at Christmastime, he had a question-and-answer program.

I have a question-and-answer program. And people would feed questions into both of us to set us in opposition. And every year, while we went through that same little ritual, I always enjoyed it.

And so one time, we were invited to a banquet. And I think this was done purposely. He was put right next to me at the banquet, or I was put next to him.

I don't know which way it was. Well, we found ourselves together. I got there first, sat down.

I saw his name there. And in a minute, he came in, and I felt somebody put his arm around me, put his arm around me. He says, you know, Brother McGee, you and I ought to be much closer together.

We preach the same Jesus. And he sat down. I said to him, are you sure we preach the same Jesus? Oh, don't we? I said, I don't think so.

I said, let me ask you some questions. I said, does the Jesus you preach, was he virgin born? Oh, he said, of course not. Well, I said, the one I preach is virgin born.

And I said, does the Jesus you preach, did he perform miracles? And he said, I do not believe in miracles. Well, I said, the Jesus I preach performed miracles. I said, did the Jesus you preach, did he die for the sins of the world on a cross? Well, he said he died on a cross, but not for the sins of the world.

Well, I said, the Jesus I preach died a substitutionary, vicarious death for the sins of man. And I said, do you believe that Jesus rose bodily? Oh, he says, no, of course not. Well, I said, obviously then, you and I are not preaching about the same Jesus.

And I said, I want to ask you a question. You see, these men, liberals, have called some of us fundamentalists intellectual obscurantists. Now, whatever that is, it's terrible.

And so I said to him, I said, look, what are the documents or where are the documents for the Jesus you preach? And he laughed. He just laughed. Passed it off.

Oh, he said, of course, we don't have any. May I say to you, my friend, the Jesus that the world believes in today doesn't even exist. He never lived.

The Jesus we preach is the Jesus of the Bible. And that's the one that there's opposition against in the world today. And so there is this tremendous buildup that'll break like a mighty crescendo on this world of opposition against God and against Christ.

Now, how does it manifest itself? Well, it's manifesting itself just like he said it would. Let us break their bands asunder, cast away their cords from us. Let us break their bands.

What are some of the bands God's put on the human family? Well, marriage is one. God has made marriage for the welfare of mankind, whether you're Christian or not. God has given marriage to mankind.

And today they want to get rid of it. And they are getting rid of it. I was rather shocked two or three years ago.

I'm a square. And so I was at this young people's conference. And the sweetest little girl got up.

We had a question-answer period. And she said to me, she says, Dr. McGee, why does a young couple have to get married? If they love each other, why just can't they start living together? Woo. You know, I mean, I'm a square.

I'm a back number. May I say to you, let us break their bands asunder. God gave marriage.

And God intended for it to be followed. But they say let's break their bands asunder. And then cast away their cords from us.

Now, the Ten Commandments are cords. When somebody says that I believe you don't need the Ten Commandments, you're wrong. You're not saved by keeping them.

Because I've tried it and it won't work. But I'll say this. May I say God gave them.

And when they are thrown out the door today. And right now we're experiencing lawlessness in this country. Because of the fact that crime is not being punished.

You see, we're living in a day. Let us break their bands asunder. Let's cast away their cords from us.

We want to be free and do as we please. God says you can't make it that way. It won't work.

You've got an old evil heart. It just won't work out that way at all. But that's the way mankind is moving today.

Now friends, this is disturbing as you look at this world. You and I are living in a world in which there's. In the political world there's confusion.

In the moral realm there's corruption. In the spiritual sphere there's compromise. And indifference.

And in the social sphere there is comfort. This affluent society never had it so easy. Other than they want it more easy.

We're living in that kind of a day. And it's disturbing. And I'll be honest with you.

I do worry about it a little. Now the question arises. How does God feel about this? I suppose that as God looks down at this little earth tonight.

That he slipped over to the edge of his throne. And he's biting his fingernails. And he said oh my, look down there.

They just slipped away from me and what in the world can I do now? There's nothing left for me to do. They've just absolutely gotten away from me. Is there that kind of a disturbance in heaven? Of course not.

May I say to you this perfect calm around the throne of God. God's not disturbed tonight. God's not biting his fingernails.

He hasn't developed an ulcer. God is going on with his plan and program. And listen now.

The camera on earth goes off. Camera in heaven comes on. He that sitteth in the heaven shall laugh.

The Lord shall have them in derision. Now what kind of laughter is this? And let me say at the onset. It's not the laughter of humor.

He's not being funny. Now may I say to you that there is humor in the Bible. There's a great deal of humor in the word of God.

Those of you who go with us through the Bible know we find a lot of it. But this is not the laughter of humor. He that sitteth in the heaven shall laugh.

What is it? Well, it's just simply this. May I say to you, a little man down here. Parading up and down.

Shaking his fist in heaven's face. And saying, come on out and fight me. I'm against you.

God looks down at that puny little creature. He could draw the atmosphere off this earth and kill a whole lot of them. He looks down and laughs.

It's utterly preposterous. It's so ridiculous. He that sitteth in the heaven shall laugh.

The Lord shall have them in derision. My friend, it is insane to oppose the living and true God. A man must be mad that would do a thing like that.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath and vex them in his sore displeasure. That is the judgment that is coming upon this earth. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

And God is going forward to the accomplishment of his purpose. And what little man does down here won't deter him. Deter him or defer him at all.

God did not read anything in the morning paper. Especially the Los Angeles Times. And I do think sometimes he does find things in there that he didn't know about before.

Because of some unusual things. But God did not read anything in the morning paper, friends. He didn't already know about.

There's nothing that has surprised him at all. And God is going forward to the accomplishment of his purpose. I believe he has a two-fold purpose in this world.

I think he has a heavenly purpose. I think he has an earthly purpose. Right now he's working on his heavenly purpose.

The writer to the Hebrews expresses that. Of bringing many sons home to glory. And God today is calling out of this world a people to his name.

That's his present purpose. But God has another purpose. And that is, yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

And God is moving forward today. Undeviatingly, unhesitatingly, uncompromisingly. To the establishment of that throne on which Jesus Christ will sit on this earth.

And my friend, this idea. I hear folks say today, if the Lord delay his coming. Where in the world did that get in? That he's not delaying anything.

He's going to come on schedule. His schedule, not mine. Because I don't know when he's coming.

But he's running on schedule. And nothing, nothing will stop him. Nothing can cause him to change his plans.

Now will you notice. The camera in heaven shifts to God the Son on his right hand. Now listen to this.

I will declare the decree. Those of you that have studied theology know that the Lord Jesus executes all the decrees of God. I will declare the decree.

The Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my son. This day have I begotten thee. Now Paul, when he preached in Antioch of Pisidia.

I think he preached there one of the greatest sermons that we have recorded that he gave. And in that sermon he says this. God hath fulfilled the same unto us, their children.

In that he hath raised up Jesus again. Now he's talking about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He's raised him up again.

As it is also written in the second psalm. Listen to this. Thou art my son.

This day have I begotten thee. The reference in the second psalm is not to the birth of Jesus. He was never begotten.

He is the eternal Son of God. And God the Father is the eternal Father. There is no time for a beginning.

They were that throughout eternity. It's their position in the Trinity. And it hasn't anything to do with somebody being born.

But it does have something to do with somebody being begotten from the dead. It has to do with the resurrection. Now listen to this.

Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance. The uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. The scepter of this universe will be helped by a man with nail pierced hand.

He's the one that's yet to rule. Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance. Now here is a verse that's been used in missionary conferences.

I suppose that I have heard a dozen sermons on missions from this verse of scripture. Probably you have. The only thing is this verse ought never to go to a missionary conference.

It hasn't anything to do with it. I remember listening to a graduate of Union Seminary in New York City. He brought a missionary message.

He used this verse. I was then a student in seminary. That, as you can see, was a long time ago.

And I went up to him afterward and I did something as a seminary student that I think I got more sense. I wouldn't do it today. What I did was very impolite, very rude.

But I went up to him after he preached the message and I said to him, Doctor, why didn't you use the next verse? He acted as if he didn't hear me. I'm sure he did. And he began talking with somebody there.

And I said to him the second time, I said, Doctor, why didn't you use the next verse? And he turned his back on me. And he just ignored me. Well, I should have left, but I didn't.

I walked around in front. And I said to him, I said, Doctor, why didn't you use the next verse? He looked me right straight in the eye. He says, because it would have ruined a missionary sermon.

And it sure would. Notice the next verse. And it goes with it.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron. Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Do you think that's the gospel of the grace of God we're to preach today? It is not.

That's not the gospel we're preaching today. This hasn't any reference to his first coming. This is his second coming when he comes to this earth to judge.

And this is the way he's going to come. And he never asked me to apologize for him, so I won't apologize. He says that he intends to come to this earth and put down the rebellion that's broken out in this earth.

And he'll break them with a rod of iron. Maybe you don't like that. But you take it up with him because he said it.

And he's going to do it just that way. Now, I have a question to ask you. If you think he ought to do it the way that some of these political leaders are talking about doing it today.

Suppose Jesus came back to this earth tomorrow like he came 1900 years ago. The man of Galilee. The carpenter of Nazareth.

The gentle Jesus. And he was that. Suppose he came back like that.

Suppose he went to the Kremlin. I do not know who's keeping the store. But he'd go there and knock on the door of the Kremlin.

Whoever keeps the store would come and say, yes. He'd say, I'm Jesus and I'm here to take over. What do you think? You think they would say, my, we've been waiting for you.

They'd have him before a firing squad in the morning. My friend, how do you think he'd take over if he came to Russia today? He'd have to break them with a rod of iron, wouldn't he? And I think that's what he's going to do. Suppose he went down to Rome.

I went over to Taiba and I listened to a man over there speak. I couldn't understand what he was saying. And I was told that he was telling the world how they ought to do it.

He'd like to take over. Suppose our Lord would go and knock on the door there. And this man with the long garment would come to the door.

And the Lord Jesus would say, I'm here to take over. Now look, you've come a little soon. I'm having trouble.

I'm having trouble with some of my priests. They want to get married. But I'm going to work that out.

You can be sure of that. I'm going to get all of this straightened out. And I don't need you.

I don't think they'd want him. Suppose he came to this country. Suppose that he went to the Democratic headquarters.

And he went to the Republican headquarters. I'm not discussing politics. And he said, I'm here to take over.

And somebody says, oh, they'll take him. Why don't they take him then? They're not. Because they won't have him.

My friend, he's going to come just like he says he's going to come. Thou shall break them with a rod of iron. Thou shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

He intends to put down the rebellion when he comes to this earth the next time. Oh, my friend, the night. This patsy way of thinking today.

That our God is not going to judge. You and I are living in a world that's moving to judgment. And he's going to judge.

The camera in heaven goes off. The camera on earth comes on. Now God the Holy Spirit speaks.

And will you listen? Be wise now, therefore, O ye kings. Be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear.

And rejoice with trembling. One of the most startling things that I've encountered in the past few years in studying the Bible. Has been little things like this.

Have you ever noted how God in the history of this world has always gotten in a message to the rulers of this world? Always. No exception. Always he gets a message in.

Down yonder in the land of Egypt. Ancient Egypt. There is a Pharaoh on the throne.

There is a boy in prison. And God has kept him in prison. Because at the right moment he's going to bring him out.

And make him the prime minister of the Pharaoh. At one of the most crucial periods in the history of the world. Because that's the way God does it.

Down yonder when the first great world power came into existence. Babylon. God put it beside of Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel. And he not only became his prime minister. But he brought him to a saving knowledge of the living God.

And he kept him there. Until Cyrus came to the throne. The Persian.

And Cyrus even made his decree in the name of the living God. God's always had. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings.

Napoleon. He said, I'm a man of destiny. He said, I was told that God raised me up.

Interesting how God has got the word in. May I just say this in passing. I had heard that before the late Jack Kennedy went to Texas.

He had an interview with Billy Graham. For about three hours. And I hadn't been with Billy.

Or had seen any member of the team. For two or three years. And then I was in Florida.

A winter before last. In a banquet. And I sat right next to Grady Wilson.

And I said, Grady, I've been waiting to ask some of you that know about this. Is it true that Billy had an interview with Jack Kennedy for three hours? Well, he says that part is true. But the time is wrong.

He said he was with him eight hours. And they discussed. And one of the questions was.

What's the difference between my church and your church? What is this that you preach about Jesus coming back again? Those were some of the questions that were discussed. I don't know what it is. But God just had a way of getting a message into the rulers of the world.

Those that are in high places. He's always managed to get a word into them. And he says to them, serve the Lord with fear.

Rejoice with trembling. Now listen. Kiss the son, lest he be angry.

And ye perish from the way when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him. Kiss the son.

The late Dr. George Gale used to tell us in class. He said, kiss the son is the Old Testament way of saying. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

And thou shall be saved. Kiss the son. Do you know who kissed him? Judas kissed him.

Kiss the son. And have you ever noted what our Lord said to Judas after he kissed him? Remember when Judas came out, he said I'll identify him by kissing him. He came up and kissed the Lord Jesus.

Have you noted what he said? He said to him. Wherefore, friend, art thou come? Isn't that interesting? He said, Judas, you've just kissed me. And you've fulfilled prophecy.

And you've satisfied all the theologians that are going to come along. And you are now free to turn and accept me. And turn that kiss of betrayal into a kiss of acceptance.

You can do that, Judas. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. And thou shall be saved.

My friend, the Spirit of God today is in the world saying to men and women. Kiss the son before it's too late. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ before it's too late.

Because he's coming someday. And he's going to establish his kingdom here upon this earth. And he's going to rule.

And he's going to put down all rebellion. I want to close with this little incident. When I first went to Nashville, Tennessee as a pastor.

Some friends thought they were doing me a favor. They called me and they said, we have tickets for the, I think it was the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra's coming to town. And we want to take you as our guest.

Well, friends, you probably know that I don't sing. I can't sing. And I help, always help the music by keeping quiet.

I love music, but I know nothing about it. And I can't sing. We went in, took our seats.

And in a few moments, I began to drift out from the sides. The musicians, they were in their shirt sleeves for the most part. And they went up to their instruments.

And each one went up to his instrument and was tuning it. The fellow with that, you know, that big one you keep putting on your chin, back and forth. Oh, it sounded terrible.

And the other one with the little you put under your chin, he went up and down with that one. And it was, oh, it was terrible. And the ones with the horns.

Oh, my. Nothing was in harmony. It was terrible.

And then after they got through that kind of a disturbance, they all disappeared again. They went out through the wings. And another five minutes went by.

And all of a sudden, the lights in the auditorium went off. And the lights on the platform came on. And the musicians walked out.

This time they had on their coats. And, my, they looked so nice. And each one came out and stood at his instrument or sat at his instrument.

And then there was a hush in the auditorium. And a spotlight was put on the side. And then the director stepped out.

And when he did, there was thunderous applause for him. And he bowed. Then he came up to the podium and he picked up a little stick, the thinnest thing I've ever seen.

And he took that little stick and he turned around again to the audience and he bowed. Then he turned his back to the audience. And he lifted that little stick.

And there was a hush that came over that auditorium. You could hear a pin drop. And then he came down.

And, my friend, it was goose pimples all over me. I never heard such music in my life. Oh, what harmony.

What wonderful harmony there was. I live in a world today where every man is tooting his own little horn. Every little group wants to be heard.

Everybody wants to tell you what they think. Everybody is playing his own little fiddle. And I want to tell you, it's a medley today.

Everything is out of tune. But one of these days, the spotlight's going on and he's coming. And when he comes to this universe, he's going to lift his scepter.

And everything that's out of tune with him is going to be removed. And then when he comes down, oh, the harmony. There'll be in this universe.

And I'm thankful tonight that I do live in a universe. And I can bow to him. And I can bring this little instrument of my body and my life into tune with him.

And I can bow to him. And I can acknowledge him. And I can make him my Savior and Lord.

I live in a world where he's rejected. I live in a world where the majority are not going with him. I'm going with him.

And I'm going to bow to him. Are you in tune with the Lord Jesus Christ? Have you bowed your knee to him? Paul says in Philippians that one day every knee will bow and every tongue confess. But today you have a choice.

You can choose life by believing in Jesus Christ and receiving him as your Savior. If you'd like more information about God's plan of salvation for your life, then we'd like to send you some helpful information. So call us right now at 1-800-65-BIBLE.

Simply leave a voicemail request for your salvation packet. And when you do call, be sure to include your name, address, and the call letters of this station. The title of our sermon was, What Is This World Coming To? And it's available on a single cassette tape or as part of a 16-sermon tape album called, The Best of J. Verna McGee.

That series also comes in a hardback book by the same title. For ordering information on any of these items, you may contact one of our service operators by calling 1-800-65-BIBLE Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pacific Time. As you may have noted, Dr. McGee indicated that we were on 163 stations at the time of this sermon.

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Now, as a reminder, this week we'll continue Dr. McGee's five-year study in the Word of God and, more specifically, his study in the Book of Revelation. We hope that you'll take the time and join us as we can be heard every Monday through Friday on this station. You can also listen to this program on the Internet when you go to our website and click on Listen to Today's Program.

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Again, it's www.ttb.org. This is Steve Schwetz with a prayer that God will fill you with His grace, mercy, and peace. Jesus paid it all, all to be my own. Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it my own.

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