

(Blood Covenant) the Mark of God or the Mark of the Beast - 2

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of holding to the testimony of Jesus and keeping the commandments of God in order to overcome the flood of words from Satan's mouth and experience the blessings of dying in the Lord.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the importance of possessing the land and entering into God's rest. He emphasizes the need to fear falling short of this promise and encourages the audience to set their minds on things above. The preacher also warns against being deceived by false signs and images, referencing the book of Revelation. He concludes by urging the listeners to listen to the entire series of teachings in order to fully understand the message.

Transcript

This is tape number two in a series. We urge you to listen to all the tapes in this series, in numerical order, so that the whole teaching can be received and understood. Listening to a part of this series, or to the tapes out of sequence, can lead to a misunderstanding of the nature, the intent... It's all over the Bible.

I'd like to have one month straight to just go through and start a foundation, have a bunch of people, you know, like you are right here, and just start and just teach for one month, right there. And they don't get to go out in the world of the things in the world for one month, and we just stay right there and go through this whole thing. Some of you'd do it, wouldn't you? And the rest of you are going to want to before we finish tonight.

All right, Revelation 12. We're going to look there at verse 9. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old, who's called Devil and Satan, and what does he do? He deceives the whole world. Now, verse 15.

And the serpent poured water like a river. You know, the Word of God comes out of God's mouth. It was coming out right here, right now.

Satan has words that come out of his mouth. And what are these words? You see them right up here. These are the words that he comes to put you in.

He tries to get these words. This is his river and blood he tries to get in your heart. Well, let's just finish seeing this.

And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth, right? That's the torrent you see, or the river you see in Matthew 7 and Luke 6 that come against the house. If you own the wrong foundation, look here. If you have a foundation of sand right here, you're going to receive all these things, the works of the flesh, amen? Is that right? But if you're standing on the Word of God, you're not going to be moved with this flood of words from Satan's mouth.

Is that right? Shake your head. Because you're holding on to the testimony of Jesus, and if you're holding on to the testimony of Jesus, you're obeying the commandments of God. Is that right? Amen? Okay, now.

And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth, after the woman, the church, so that, and the reason he's doing it, so that, so that, he might cause her to be swept away or carried away from the faith. Amen? With this flood of words. Amen? Now, let's look at verse 17.

And the dragon, Satan, was enraged with the woman, the church, and he went off to, what? He's going to make war with the rest of her offspring. Who, what? Who's he going to go to make his war with? To do what? To keep the commandments of God. May I ask you something? Who keeps the commandments of God? Those who are led by the Spirit of God, the church of Jesus Christ, are the only ones who keep the commandments of God, because you don't practice these sins of the flesh and keep the commandments of God.

The saints keep the commandments of God. How do they keep the commandments of God? Do you see it? And holding to the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen? Is that, is that pretty good? Now, let's just see.

I want to just refresh your memory from last night, because, you know, I like to tell you, I'm real familiar with this, and because I've gone through this, but I want you to remember something, that we see the opposite of those, the whore harlot church that does not hold to the testimony of Jesus, but she breaks the commandments of God, because these things right here of pride and malice and anger and all these things come out of her mouth. Now, let's just remember, so you'll see where it comes from. Turn back to Mark 7. You can hold in your place now.

Turn back to Mark 7. Mark 7, verse 20. Now, here she is. And he was saying that which proceeds out of the man, we see him right there on the screen, that is what defiles the man.

Now, I want to ask you something. Well, let me just finish this right here. Far from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, fornication, self-murders and adultery.

And here deeds of coveting is coming out of their mouth and from their heart. There's wickedness as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. Now, let me ask you something.

Now, look at me right here. Are these people right here holding to the testimony of Jesus? Are anyone who practice these things today holding to the testimony of Jesus? Are they then, does your Bible right there then say, man, amen? So, if you have a doctrine and tradition that teaches you that you can practice

these things, would they not lead you to be defiled rather than have a pure heart? Is that right? Now, I want you to see, don't disagree with me because I'm saying something. I want you to see it.

I don't want you to agree with me because I'm the one standing up here or whatever. I want you to agree because you see it. Now, when you're defiled, you are speaking words right here that break the commandments of God which shows you're not holding to the testimony of Jesus.

Now, let's just see this in context because this is a whore, harlot, violent church that defiles people instead of leading them to have pure hearts. Amen? Now, back up there, we'll see what we saw last night, verse 6. These are hypocrites. These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

I do not have their heart, but in vain, in vain, they are worshiping me in vain. This is a harlot, whore, church who draws near with their mouth and their heart is far from the Lord. They speak, bless, bless God while they curse men and they break God's law.

He said, you're teaching as doctrines of precepts of men. Let's stop right there and don't look any further for a minute. Let me ask you something.

When you follow after the precepts of men and their rules like 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and you're slaves, that's not beginning to look too good right there anymore, is it? You're not really holding to the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen? So then what will she do? This whore, harlot church will lead you here to make this commitment, some kind of commitment, and you may or may not have the Spirit of God right there. But then you're not going to walk in it because you're going to practice breaking.

You don't hold the testimony of Jesus and you don't fulfill the commandments of God which we were seeing over in Revelation. So then right there, you're teaching as doctrines the opinions of men. And then verse 8, what does it say? Folks, hold up your hands if you see what I'm saying.

That's not holding to the testimony of Jesus. This is a whore, harlot church. You are sitting today in the great falling away from the faith.

You have to adjust from that. I'm telling you what, there's something wrong with a whole bunch of us. We've been asleep.

That's what the great falling away is. We either come to the light now or you don't come to the light. You want to come to a little light and kind of hold on to some of these opinions of men and hold on to it.

You're not perfected in love. You're not going to walk and pray and say we're going to be holy or we're going to be like Jesus. Well, you're not going to be like Jesus if you're not perfected in love and if you don't put to death the flesh.

Amen? It's the whole thing. These old general words don't want to be like Jesus. Just speak in generalities and let's be nice and sweet.

You understand what I'm saying? Neglecting the commandment of God, you're holding to the traditions of men. That's not holding to the testimony of Jesus. That's holding to the traditions of men.

That's the whore, harlot, babbling church of the last days. She doesn't hold the testimony of Jesus. Her heart holds traditions and opinions and precepts of men.

He said you nicely set aside the commandment of God in order to keep your traditions. That's the whore, harlot, babbling church who glorifies and boasts in her fleshly achievement while she fulfills the visions and dreams of men. All right, now let's go back and read that verse again and see if you see what I'm saying right there in verse 17.

Now Satan, there's no use Satan making a war with somebody who's already got captured, is there? Amen? So remember now we're back in Revelation 12, verse 17, and the dragon was enraged with the woman and he went off to make war with the rest of her offspring who keep the commandments of God. That's who you make the war with and hold to the testimony of Jesus. That's the very object of the whore, harlot, church of the last days.

Now I want you to look with me as you're holding Revelation 12 and 13 right there. I want you to look with me and I want to give you an example of someone in Revelation right there who is this true church who holds to the testimony of Jesus. Does it take a lot of perseverance and endurance to hold to the testimony of Jesus? Folks, do you know the big secret in all this is really loving the Lord with all your heart? Do you know why all these tests come up and everything which seem like impossible things to go through? It's impossible for a man's point of view to go through all these things.

But God has got these tests lined up so only those who are going to love Him with all their heart are going to make it through. And the other ones who are not going to make it are just wanting God to be one of their idols. And when you walk in this thing and everything, you get to find out like the children of Israel that God has a provision for every need that we have.

And it's a walk of peace. It's resting from your own labor. It's obedience.

It's letting God be God. There's nothing wrong with that, isn't there? So it takes endurance. It doesn't matter what is it saying for James 1, 2 through 4. Count it all joy when these trials come up because you're not really lacking in nothing because it is there to perfect you and establish you and make you complete.

Amen? He said you're going to be perfect by day. He's going to make you like Him. Because when you stand in these things like this, these trials like this, you're saying, God, I'm not wanting to please people.

I'm not even wanting to please myself right here because the people don't understand me being in this place. My motive in my heart is I'm standing right here just going to please you. And that's where the joy of suffering is.

Amen? It's a fellowship and you have an opportunity to please God that Jesus suffered. And this is what he shows us over in Hebrews 5 about that we're going to suffer and he suffered and salvation and he gives us. I'm not going to turn it over.

I'm going to get into that. Let's just strike that right now because I'm going to have to go get into too many things right now and it's getting a little late. All right now, so we're going to see who this church is.

Let me change Bibles at this point right here. See, I'm in the midst of changing Bibles. See, this one right here is coming apart and I can't even hardly read it sometimes.

Now I've started this one. This is one with giant print. I use it when I teach healing to some folks.

I don't have to wear my glasses. You know, a big Bible, you have a big print. I tell you, I don't have any secrets.

You know that by now, don't you? That builds their faith. I'm telling you, we learn a lot about these things, you see. Now we're going to see about the perseverance.

This true church when Revelation 14. Now folks, when, you know, that's not really foolishness I'm saying right now. I'm just really, just I think in the midst of things like something that's serious right there.

That just a little lightness and things like that is all right. It's not meant in any way to be disrespectful and not reverent before God. I tell you what, this is a joyful time to find out that we're finding out the truth.

And being joyful shouldn't hinder your repentance and things of that nature. But that's not really true what I said and I'm going to have to repent of saying that I use this Bible so I can teach healing. I just did kind of pull something there and I wasn't even thinking what I was saying.

And you forgive me. All right now, in Revelation 14, and I ask the Lord to forgive me too. And see because you get into a bunch of things sometime and the next time you think the Spirit of God's working all over the place and then you get a little dark like that and then you figure it out and then the next thing the Spirit of God has left the place.

The Spirit of God, you know that it's peace that's here right now. If you ever teach and preach and you start saying things you know that's not a God right there and everything, you get that in there and BANG! The Spirit of God's gone. And then you got the powers of darkness all over the place.

Amen? Now we see there in Revelation 14 verse 11, I mean verse 12. Here is the perseverance of the saints who do what? To keep the commandments of God and their what? When you keep your faith in Jesus, you will keep the commandments of God. Is that correct? Now we're going to come back over there but I want you to see is that opposite of what we saw the folks over there in Mark 7? Amen? All right now.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, wow, right. Blessed are those who are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Are we supposed to die in the Lord? Amen? See isn't that interesting how many different ways you can read the word? Because it's talking about the perseverance and faith in Jesus and keep the commandments to die right there.

But let's just see what it says. Blessed are those who die in the Lord. Are you blessed when you die in the Lord? That's where the blessings come.

Amen? And that's what in Christ is. So blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes says the Spirit that they may what? I can't hear you.

You enter into holiness which is a walk of holiness. A holy walk which we see in Hebrews and that's from where you rest from your own work. Amen? And it's all Jesus.

Right? So you rest from your labors for their deeds will follow them. And now we're talking about the deeds right there. We're talking about.

Let me just. I'm going to quickly just touch on these because I think I need to do it to establish and rather than skip that verse. I wanted to use it right there.

That for example. I'm going to just look back. Hold your place in Revelation.

If you want to do this quickly. If you're quick turn back. If you don't just sit there and listen because we've already used the verse.

I'm going to use in John John 12. You know. 20 into the earth and dies.

Now this is how you die in the Lord. And there is actually physical death that you can die in the Lord also. Amen? And either case you're going to rest from your labors.

So it's no big issue one way or another. And it's going to be perseverance and you're going to keep the commandments of God so it doesn't change the scripture one way or another if you belong the Lord. So I say to you unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies it remains by itself alone.

But if it dies. If it dies. It's going to die in the Lord.

And it's going to bear much fruit which is love. He who loves his life. Once again we see that fleshly life loses it.

But he who hates his life. Fleshly life in this world. Because he sets his mind on things above.

Shall keep it to life eternal. Amen? And then. You know when I'm in it.

I want to just. See. Those scriptures there in Hebrews 4. Since I mentioned that.

And I think I need to. To have this all in there. Just turn back to Hebrews 4 just quickly.

Folks. I'm not going to be too long before finishing right now. But I want to have this all tied together.

This is our last night. And like I'm saying. I don't think anything more important to do right now.

And I'm really. Sensitive about things that we. Other things and obligations commitments you have to do.

But I want us to see these things. Now. In Hebrews 4. Verse 9. You know we've already seen.

Well let's just see it real clearly right there. Verse. Chapter 4. 1. Therefore.

We've been talking about possessing the land. And then chapter 4. Verse 1. Therefore. Let us watch.

Let us fear. Yes. While a promise remains of entering his rest.

His resting place. Any one of you should seem to watch. Come short of it.

Now. And how do you enter into that resting place. We see it.

Verse 9. Now there remains. Therefore. A Sabbath rest.

For the people of God. That's when you see. From the works of the flesh.

For the one. Who has entered his rest. When you see.

From the works of flesh. You have a hedge around you. And that's how you have peace and rest.

Amen. As himself. Also rested.

From his works. As God did from heaven. When you rest in your work.

You're depending on God. Is that correct. So that's just obedience.

And folks. Let me stop and tell you. This is all grace.

And obedience. And I want you to know. It's a work.

Of God. And it doesn't. This is something you get in on.

And I'll tell you what. You look at the book of Acts. For that church.

That you're supposed to be like. Don't let any patterns pop up. And when you get where you love the Lord.

With all your heart. And your neighbors. Yourself.

You can say. That's it. This is it.

All right. Now. While we're there.

Let's see what this church. Is going to be made of. In Hebrews 12.

Let me just do that quickly. I want to show you. What this heavenly Jerusalem.

Is going to be like. We've been talking about Jerusalem. And Hebrews 12.

And we're going to see. What we're going to see. What Mount Zion.

And this heavenly Jerusalem. Looks like. Verse 22.

But you. Verse 22. Hebrews 12.

22. But you have come to Mount Zion. And to the city.

Of the living. God. The heavenly Jerusalem.

This Mount Zion. Is the heavenly Jerusalem. And to the marriage of angels.

To the general assembly. And what is it? That's the church. Of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Of the firstborn. Who's enrolled in heaven. And to God.

The judge of all. And who's going to be in this church. To the spirit.

Of righteous men. Who are what. Folks.

Does that sound like. Sanctification. Right there.

Having a pure heart. Hey folks. Don't make anything.

Real complicated. Out of this thing. Of going in.

To have a pure heart. And all obstacles. There's no earth.
There's no way. People trying to do it. Out of the flesh.
That's what. They're not resting. From their work.
It's trusting God. In each situation. And having a mind.
Put on God. And living a different life. Which is a life of love.
Rather than a life of suffering. All right. Now I just thought I'd mention those things.
And that's. That's. That's.
That's how you're made perfect in the Lord. Now we're back in Revelation. Twelve.
I skipped a verse. About. Twelve.
You know. He said. I want you to read this verse to you.
In Revelation twelve. Verse seventeen. And the dragon was enraged with the woman.
And went off to make war. With the rest of her offspring. Now who are the offspring.
Who is this church. The one. Who.
Keeps the commandments of God. And what. They hold to the testimony of Jesus.
That's how they keep the commandments of God. Isn't that right. So they're not swept away by the flood.
They're. So he makes war with them. And so how did they overcome them.
In verse eleven. And this church right here. Who keeps the commandments of God.
They overcame. Because of the blood of the Lamb. As a victory at Calvary.
A place to put sin under the blood. And because of the word of their testimony. And the blood of the Lamb.
And they did not love their fleshly life unto death. Listen to me folks. They didn't love their fleshly life.
In this world. You do not practice the deeds of the flesh. And when you do not practice the deeds of the flesh.
You don't break God's law. And when you're not breaking God's law. You're holding to the testimony of Jesus.
Do you see that. That's how you overcome. Now what else are we going to do.
See that. See that's the very opposite. Of the harlot whore church.
Isn't it very simple. How she's going to be swept away now with the blood. Because she doesn't hold to the testimony of Jesus.
And she practiced these abominations. And the abomination that makes desolation. Will come in to her.

Because she's standing on a foundation of carnal doctrines. As sand. And they'll come in.

And they'll put all of these thoughts right here. Because she's not standing where. And they'll fill her heart full.

To speak all the things that break God's law. And all the chains and bondage. And fortresses will come in there.

And she's going to be destroyed by the flood and the fire. Amen. Now.

So when you don't lay at love your life. Fletch your life into death. That's how you lay down your life.

In John 15 verse 13. And then that's how you fulfill the commandment to Jesus. The testimony of Jesus.

This is my commandment. That you love one another. Just as I have loved you.

That's how you perfected in love. You fulfill the commandment of Jesus. Which fulfills God's law.

Amen. That's the rest. Okay.

Now. In Revelation 13. Let's begin looking at this beast.

Now. How many first know. That the sea.

And the flood. Is a place where all the powers of darkness. And let me.

Look at me in Revelation 18. I want you to. In Revelation 18.

We know. That she is a stumbling block. And in verse 21.

A strong angel took up a stone. Like a great millstone. And threw it into the sea.

And we know. That sea is the flood. And it's the powers of darkness.

Thus will Babylon. The great city. Be thrown down with what? Violence.

And not. So. That's the powers of darkness.

You know. The powers of darkness. Are the violence.

That's going to throw her down. They're the sea. Now.

Let's just see. If you look back over. In.

Verse 8. You see this sea. You see this sea of fire. You might want to call it a lake of fire.

Look in verse 8. I'm not ready to call it a lake of fire. I'll call it a sea of fire. Because I'm seeing a. You know.

Another lake. Okay. Lake of fire.

So I'm going to retract that right there. But call me. I won't call it a lake of fire.

Unless they're two lake of fires. Okay. Now.

And look at verse 8. For this reason. In one day. Her plagues will come.

Here's your violence. That's violence. That's the sea of violence.

There's pestilence will come. And morning. And day.

And. And. And.

You look over in Jeremiah 3 and you see where it's thrown in. The throne of Jesus is in the church. Amen?
The true church.

Amen? Praise God. Now, look at verse 10. If anyone is destined for captivity, your margin right there, if you look, it says, are led into captivity.

How can you be led into captivity? Folks, you're led into captivity by falling the deeds of the flesh. Amen? Let me tell you another way. By being led by the nature of Satan.

Amen? If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity goes. If anyone is killed with a sword, which is a curse, to the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints, because they're not the curse and the sword.

The captivity is not going to get them. Is that what you, is that right? All right, now, that's the perseverance of the saints. And that's where we have the hedge around us.

Now, look in verse, you know something? I'm going to stop for just a little bit here. I'm going to help change the Bible. I'm going to, I want to show you something about where the fire does not touch you.

I'm going to have to go a little further first. I know a place I want to get to before I read this to you. That's where we'll end it at.

The fire doesn't touch them. And verse 11. I saw, now this is not the saints.

Here is another, here's the false prophet and the false church. Anna horns like a lamb and is spoke as a dragon. Look at me, folks.

That's Babylon. That's the whore. That's the harlot.

She comes in cheap clothing, but inwardly she's a wolf. She looks at the words of Satan, the dragon. She speaks like the dragon.

She bears the fruit of Satan. Are you hearing what I'm saying? See, that's the opposite of keeping the commandments of God. That's the other beast.

You know why they're all called beast? That's what Satan is. That's what the powers of darkness, the son of destruction, and that's what the church is. They're the image and likeness of beast.

That's the reason. Because when she walks and produces this fruit right here of a form of godliness right there, that's who she's the image and likeness of. You see what I mean? That's why she's called another beast.

She's the image and likeness of Satan and the powers of darkness. Because she produces the fruit of demons, hatred, envy, jealousy, the other spirit of the devil. Are you hearing what I'm saying? Amen? All right, now.

I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. That's the whole harlot church, and it had two horns like a lamb, and it spoke as a dragon, and he exercised all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And see, it's in the presence of the powers of darkness there, and it has authority, and he makes the earth and those who dwell on it to worship the first beast whose fatal wound was healed.

Now, let me ask you something. Does the whole harlot church, who teaches a form of godliness, bring you in and causes the whole earth to be slain and teaches sorcery and causes you to produce the fruit of the

flesh, which causes you to worship and bow down to the powers of darkness? Is that the fact? It's not complicated, is it? It's not complicated at all. Let me read it again.

He exercised all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast whose fatal wound was healed. And this, see, were the powers of darkness defeated at Calvary? Does the true church overcome them by the blood of the lamb? But they got him on their feet, is that right? But this one doesn't. His fatal wound is healed.

I mean, he was done in at Calvary, but if you're not standing in the word of God and standing on the word of God and standing in doctrine, when you know they're not going to overcome, you can't overcome. So now, and he, this is a false prophet, this is the whole harlot church, performed great signs so that he even makes fire come down on the heaven in the presence of men. Do you know what happens now? Look at me, folks.

Do you know who sits the harlot poor church? Do you know over in Matthew 24 that says even the very elect could be deceived by these signs? Is that correct? All but the elect are going to be deceived by these signs? And they're going to call fire out of heaven? There was a meeting just here the other day of what is the women's chapter of the full gospel? Women's as low who sent out a letter that one person that they had to minister there, and I don't know this for a fact, but I mean, I've watched some of these things. If someone ministered there, they just wanted to warn the people that it was demonic manifestations that were there. But see, you can call fire out of heaven.

You can call the wrong fire out of heaven. You can call the fire of the powers of darkness who can make men look good. And a doctrine, see, what did the man over in Matthew 7 do? He performed miracles.

He did, he did miracles. He prophesied and he cast out demons in the name of Jesus. And Jesus said, I never did know you, you who continued to practice not keeping the commandments of God.

The law wasn't being fulfilled. You practiced the sins of the flesh. Are you hearing what I'm saying? Amen? So, you can have the wrong fire.

Oh, see, if you've got the boastful pride of life, let me just give you an example. This is what Satan, one of the temptations that Satan, if you've got the boastful pride of life, you will never lead people after the Spirit. The powers of darkness have got you and your heart speaks in pride.

So, you'll be led, you'll want the approval of men. And when you want the approval of men, you'll lead them after fleshly achievements and ways of the world to do the work of God. Do you understand what I'm saying? Now, that's what the boastful pride of life does.

Because the boastful pride of life wants to help God out why it gets about 30% of the glory. That's how the blind lead the blind to the pit. Folks, this is not complicated.

This is not supposed to be. Now, verse 14, and he deceives those. This is a, you know, I'm going to have to read just a little bit right there.

Hold your place and turn back to Matthew 24 because we can't go this far and you not have this clear in your mind. You've got to have this clear. And I'm just going to take just a minute.

Now, Matthew 24. And I want you to see this clearly. Verse 1. And Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when his disciples came up to point out the temple buildings.

Now, I want you to circle those temple buildings. Where are the temple buildings today, folks? We got a temple. If you don't understand it, you're not going to understand what he's saying in this chapter.

The temple's being built today. This is something I wish I'd had time in, you know. Go buy a book and it's in the last chapter about building a temple in the last days.

Isn't that a good idea? Now, verse 2. And he answered and said to them, Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another which will not be torn down. And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately and said, Tell us when will these things be and what will be the sign of your coming at the end of the age?

He's showing them the old is going to be torn down and we're going to have some new kind of temples, some new stones are going to be put together. This is what he's telling them in the parable right here, okay? And he said, Not one stone here will be left upon another which will not be torn down. And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately and said, Tell us when will these things be and what will be the sign of your coming at the end of the age?

And Jesus said to him, See to it that no one what misleads you because you can be misled about the coming of Jesus. For many that, and it could be the harlots, will come in my name saying, I'm the Christ or the body of Christ. And what are they going to do? They're going to mislead many.

And look at verse 7, And nation will rise against nation, kingdom, a kingdom of darkness, a kingdom of light. And in various places there are going to be what? There's going to be a famine of the word and then the earthquake where the powers of darkness are turned loose to come against the foundation in the very last days. Amen? Now we're talking about the coming of Jesus.

But verse 8, what does it say? But all these things are just the beginning of what? The birth pang at the torment and hell that the powers of darkness come and a spiritual earthquake. If you're standing on the wrong foundation, everything, only those things that cannot be shaken are the only things that's going to stand. Amen? That's it.

We saw the perfect spirit. If I kept reading over in Hebrews 12, you would have seen it a while ago. Amen? And they will deliver you to tribulation and will kill you and you'll be hated by all nations on account of my name.

When the persecution comes in the name of Jesus, people walk out of the flesh. You're going to hate those. You won't participate in it.

At that time, many are going to what? I mean they're falling away from the faith. They're going to deliver up one another. Are people hating one another today? All of them, instead of the unity of the faith, they're hating one another.

And many what? There they are, the false prophets, false preachers, false church. What are they going to do? They're going to mislead many. And what are they going to lead them to do? They're going to lead them to break the commandments of God instead of killing the testimony of Jesus.

They're going to lead them into lawlessness. And because what? What is that word? And because, verse 12, lawlessness is increased, people walking out of the deeds of the flesh, because this is where the false prophets are going to mislead people, to lead them out of the nature and character of Satan out of the flesh. Amen? They're going to lead them there.

Because lawlessness increased, most people's love is going to what? Look at me here. It's going to grow cold because when a doctrine leads you into lawlessness right there, they lead you into jealousy and separate ambitions. When you're practicing these deeds right here, the nature and character of Satan, you're in self-love.

You're living for yourself. You're not walking to love your neighbor. You're walking in self-love.

And then that's how your love grows because lawlessness increased, and that's what the doctrines lead you to, the doctrines that do not conform you to God, is you practice the sins of the flesh, and your love grows cold, and you hate one another. Amen? Now, that's what the false prophet and the false teaching, this is what this poor harlot over here will do because that's how they lead you to worship demons, which we see in 1 Corinthians 10. You take the table of the Lord and the table of demons for this many a week, sick in the number of sleep.

When you take the covenant of the Lord, the supper of the Lord, you're renewing death. All right? But the one who endures to the end, verse 13, he is the one that does not turn back. He does not fall away.

He overcomes. Amen? But the one who endures to the end, he's the one that's going to be what? He is the one who's going to be saved, if that's what I've been telling you. Now, in verse 14, this gospel that we're talking about right now, circle this gospel, it's the eternal gospel of the kingdom.

You see it in Revelation. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all nations, and it's being preached right now, and then the end is coming. And it's not going to be long.

You're already in Revelation. Verse 15, Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation, that is the powers of darkness, which is spoken of through Daniel, the prophet standing in the holy place. They're in the holy place, and that's what 2 Thessalonians 2 is talking about.

Let the reader understand, and then it better, you better flee to the mountains and so forth. And because 21, it says, then there's going to be a great tribulation. And then we're talking about the tribulation.

Let, verse 22, And unless those days have been cut short, but if anyone said that here is Christ, or here is the body of Christ, there is, do not believe him, for false Christ, or false bodies of Christ, and false prophets arise. They're going to show great signs and wonders. So as mislead, if possible, even elect, let me tell you something, folks, they can call fire down out of heaven.

They can minister from that, from spiritism, and divination, and witchcraft, and smile, and cry, and quote scripture like I do, but they don't teach and preach holiness. They talk about the cover being holy, and maybe that little thing that hangs down there, being holy, and all that stuff, but they don't know about all this. They don't teach it.

They don't teach it. They're not teaching the divine nature of God to overcome. Now, verse 29, Well, no, let, while we're there, let's just go ahead.

They deceive, mislead, if possible, even elect. Now, that's that false, that's that false prophet that comes up out of the earth. That's the beast that comes up out of the earth, and then verse 27, For just as lightning comes from the east and flashes even the west, you read over in Amos 5, 18, well, read, read all Amos, and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming of the son of man be, and that's that flash, and he's coming forth in destruction.

Wherever the corpse is, that's the dead body, as there are these birds of midheaven, the vultures are gathering. You hear what I'm saying? What's that, the second word? I can't hear you. Then the sign of the son of man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and then they'll see what? They'll see what? They'll see the son of man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory, and he'll send forth his angels with great trumpet, and they'll gather together his what? Elect from the four winds.

All right, now, we're back over in Revelation. Now, we saw, now, I want to read 12 and 13, so you won't lose your thought right here. Verse 12, and he exercised all the authority of the first beast in his presence.

He makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the powers of darkness, the beast, whose fatal wound was healed. You understand that? And he, this is a false prophet, the false church, performs great signs, though they even cause fire to come down out of heaven in the presence of men, and that's the signs that we're seeing right now. Are you hearing what I'm saying? And he deceives those who dwell on the earth.

Can you understand it? Only the elect are the ones, the only ones that can even see through this. You understand? You have to have a heart for the Lord. You have to have a heart for the Lord, then you know what the Word said, because they've been a family of the Word.

Then we see what the Word says, then we're going to start purifying. When we purify ourself, then we're going to see a spot. Isn't that right, brother? We're going to spot it.

We'll spot it all over the place. Right now, you can't, at this present time, it's hard to tell what is false and what is true. You start walking in this and purifying your heart, and you're going to pick it up just wherever it is.

You're going to pick it up, you'll hear it, and you'll quick, and you're going to know. But you're not going to be able to relate it to anyone else, because they're not going to understand what you're saying unless they know the Word of God. And they're not going to know the Word of God unless they love the Lord with all their heart.

Now, I don't care whether it's family or friends, and that's how the Word's going to separate in your family. You've got to love the Lord more than your family, wife, brother, children, husband, more than nice folks. Let me say it again, nice folks, an old-time religion.

Now, verse 14. Now, here's what this whore-holic church does. He deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which is given to him to perform in the presence of the powers of darkness, the fire, the beast, which are there, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and come to light.

Now, look here. Let me show you something. Now, what they do, they perform in the signs of the water, and they make an image.

They make an image for you to come and bow to. Right there it is. It's doctrines that do not conform you to God.

It's why the signs and wonders are there to draw you in the image of the beast. They have you to do with the precepts and opinions of men, and you bear the fruit of Satan instead of holding the testimony of Jesus and the commandment of God, and you're bound to the beast when you produce that, or you know what I'm saying. See, and they see the powers, see, the signs and wonders, the false signs and wonders look very attractive, but see, because the people have not learned to know false teaching by their what? Fruit.

But until you start having the people, the remnants start cleaning themselves up, they're not going to have any discernment about what's going on around them, are they? Huh? Have we all been deceived one way or another? I don't think none of us have anything we can brag about except the grace of God, can we? If we're seeing anything in the world right now, it's the grace of God, folks. Don't you think this has just happened? And this move is gathered around Jesus. When I leave here, I'll go on to the next place.

I don't have any falling dough on any. I'm finding a way myself. I'm part of the body of Christ.

I've just got a part. That's all I want. I don't want nobody else's part.

And this is the reason I'm led, and I want to say, instead of doing a sermonette and these things, I want you to get this because I want you to be a success in Jesus. You hear what I'm saying? And you go give yourself to others. You don't be, you know, just a big buzzard where you just get revelation for yourself all the time.

You want to share and give it to others, amen? That's exactly what it's about. Now, we're back on there. Verse 14, and it's Steve's verse 14, 14 and 14, 13 and 14.

He deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which is given him to perform in the presence of beasts, the powers of darkness, and make them those who dwell on earth to make an image of the beast who has had the wound of the sword and has come to life. And he has come to life there. And then we look there in verse 16.

And he causes all the small, the great, the rich, and the poor. This is the poor harlot church today. They cause the rich, the poor, the free man, and the slave to be given a mark on the right hand and on the forehead.

You know what that is, folks? It's a harlot's forehead. You see, the opposite of a harlot's forehead is have God's name written on it, which we're fixing to see in the next chapter. You have God's, you know what, you know what God's name written on your forehead is? You know the use of care of the word right there on the front of their forehead? It's having a mind of Christ.

People who practice the deeds of the flesh right here, they have the mind of Satan. You hear what I'm saying? That's a harlot's forehead. Are you hearing what I'm saying? And you know what this poor harlot does? She's saying, by my own strength and by my own right hand, my own right hand, I'm going to enter into heaven.

In other words, God, you're, I'm my way into heaven. God, you're received, obligated to receive us the way we want to come. By my, see, that's the harlot whore.

She's got another way besides the cross to come into Jesus, taking up her cross. You know what I'm saying? And she causes people to receive this mark. It's the mark that the powers of darkness come along and recognize because they have, it bears this fruit and the powers of darkness move on those and they, as much as they've sinned against the Lord, we're not guilty.

In other words, we have ground. Okay. Now, we're going to see who has the mark of God.

That's what we're really interested in, isn't it? Boy, this is so clear and so plain. Get one, you don't clear out of this place so you can throw up there. Chapter 14, verse 1. And I looked and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion.

Did I tell you where is Mount Zion? That's the church of Jesus Christ. He's standing there. That's where he's thrown in.

And with him 144,000 having his name and the name of his father written where? They have the name written on their foreheads. And you look at verse 3. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and elders and no one could learn that song except the ones who had the mark of God. They're the ones that love the Lord with all their heart.

144,000 who've been purchased from the earth. I often say I believe that song is Jesus is Lord and all the ones that can sing it, the one that know it. Amen? Now, I want you to see who the ones that have the mark ahead right now.

I want you to stay with me and don't no one wrongful leave me right here. I want you to see this. These are the ones that have the mark of God.

These are the ones who have not been what? Uh-oh, have not been what? Uh-oh, look at me. Look at me now. Everybody look at me right here.

Did we see that when you... It's not what comes out of a man. It's what comes out of his heart. It's what defiles a man.

Is that exactly what we saw? And when you bear this fruit, is he defiled? Is this what we saw? The harlot whore leads you to do and you do not keep the commandments of God? You ignore it. You hold to your traditions and do not keep the commandments of God. Is that right? Is that the opposite of the ones who hold the testimony of Jesus and keep the commandments of God? So the harlot whore, it leads you to bow to the image and then you have the image of the beast.

Isn't that right? That's defiled because you bear the fruit while you bless God and then you're going to curse your neighbor and then that's who James 3 and 4 says the adulteress is. Is that correct? Amen? All right, now. Now, the ones who have the mark of God have not been defiled with a woman, this poor harlot church.

She's not unevenly, she's not been unreliable. That's the reason the Lord says, my people come out of her, right? For they have kept themselves, what? They've kept themselves pure. They have a pure heart.

They've not been defiled. They've kept themselves pure. Amen? The nature of God.

These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Jesus says, my sheep hear my voice and a stranger's voice they will not follow. Glory be to God wherever He goes.

And they follow the Spirit of God, leads them wherever Jesus goes. Amen? That is the church of Jesus Christ. That's the one that have God.

Isn't that good? And then, these have been purchased from among men as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb, and no lie was found in their mouth. Now, where is the lie? Where we see over in Colossians 3, 9, it said they no longer walking after... Oh, dear me. Let me read it to you right there.

"...set on things above." Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, General Electric Power Company. Colossians 3, part 3. "...therefore consider the body as dead to impurity, passion and evil desire, greed and idolatry. It is on account of these things the wrath of God to come.

And in these things you once walked, you don't walk there when you were living, but now you put aside all anger, wrath, malice, slander, abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another since you laid aside the old self which is flesh for this evil practice." Now, you see what I'm saying? No lie is found in their mouth because that's what the whore harlot church practices, but this doesn't practice it. And so, no lie was found, verse 5, we're back in Revelation 14, "...for no lie was found in their mouth, and they are..." what? Blameless! That is the bride that Jesus Christ is coming from in Ephesians 5, 27.

He's coming for a holy blameless, without spot or wrinkle bride who had been perfected in love, who have the nature of God, who keeps the commandments of God. Amen. Without the sanctification, no one shall see the Lord.

They're blameless. They're pure. They're not defiled with the whore harlot woman.

They are the elect. Amen. And look in verse 6, "...and I saw another angel flying in the middle of heaven, having the eternal gospel." There it is, folks.

Here's that gospel that's going to be preached. It's the eternal gospel to those who live on the earth and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people. Amen.

And he said with a loud voice, what does that gospel say? Fear God. Are you learning something about the fear of God here tonight? Fear God. That's the gospel.

The whore harlot church is blind. She can't learn the fear of God. She's asleep and never wake up.

Fear God and give Him glory because of what? The hour of His judgment. What is the hour of His judgment? The hour of His judgment has come and worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and the springs of water. And another angel, a second one, saying, Fallen, fallen, destroyed, babbling.

She's made all the nations in the world. She's that whore harlot church, the false prophet who makes the nations drink of the wine, which is a teaching, and she teaches passion and immorality. It's the very opposite of Galatians 5. 24, it says, Those belong to the Lord Jesus Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires or immorality because the immorality is spiritually immoral to walk and talk like the world.

Wine is a teaching. They drink it. And verse 9, And another angel, a third one, Fallen, saying with a loud voice, If anyone worship the beast and his image, that religion, and receives a mark on his forehead and on his hand, he is going to drink the wine.

The wine is the word of God or the wrath of God. He'll drink it, which is going to be mixed in full strength in a cup of his anger. And he's going to be tormented with fire and brimstones and the presence of the holy angel, the presence of the Lamb, and the smoke of their torment.

If they worship this image, if they don't separate their self from all of this image and harlotry and horror and the smoke of the torment, this is for the bride. They're going to be a remnant. They're going to be few.

They're going to find the gate because it narrows the way. And the smoke of their torment is going to go up forever and ever. And they're going to have no rest day and night.

And the hedges down on the whore harlot churches, they're going to have no rest day and night. There's no peace there. Those who worship the beast, that's the deeds of the flesh and his image, which is the harlot whore doctrine.

And whoever receives the mark of his name, having the mind of Satan instead of the mind of Christ. And verse 12, now we see these verses we looked at. Here is the perseverance of the saint.

It's obvious from Bible to keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus or the testimony of Jesus. And we've already seen back in 12 that they overcome the blood of the lamb and the worst of their testimony and they do not love their fleshly life unto death. And therefore they do not worship the image and become like the image and likeness of Satan and the beast.

Amen. So now let's read the next word. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, right, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

They are blessed. They're not cursed to die in the Lord. From now on, yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors.

And that's fear that you come short of this. What we saw in Hebrews 4. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors for their deeds will follow them. How many believe you're in the very last days right now? Now, you know what we've been programmed? We've been programmed to let judgment, anything that comes off that seat, look here.

We had our experience right here. We've received the Spirit of God. But the Spirit of God is the wall.

Salvation is a wall for Jesus. You're saved right here. And the way you know you're going to be saved because you're going to overcome.

If you don't overcome, that Spirit of God is going to leave you. But not if you fall down or stumble or something like that. You know, as long as you really, you have desire in your heart to really, you know, don't let the devil tell you all a bunch of lies and everything like that as long as you're seeking the Lord and that we're all seeking Him.

That you don't get under any condemnation about the things. Well, let me get down here. Folks, don't receive any more lies in your mind from the devil or be contemned that you never can do it.

You're being very, very foolish not to recognize from what source you're learning what you're learning out of the Word. Who's given us this revelation that we're seeing in the Word of God right now? If Jesus, if we could fulfill the law without Jesus, it wouldn't be any need for Him to come, would it? Isn't that right? So then obviously, is this the whole gospel? In our case, the more things we're going to learn about the Word

of God? It's victory in Jesus, folks. And every time you suffer, you're going to do it with joy because you're pleasing someone you love with all your heart, God.

Because the only ones He wants in heaven to be His sons are the ones that's like Jesus. That's the reason you're going to love one another just as He loved you. You can't perfect that love in you.

Now, I don't want to come up here and say some words to explain away that you're going to have to walk in obedience. You're going to have to sit on the pile. I don't want to explain that word.

Now, don't you start reading something in here and don't get out of one ditch and jump in the other one. Amen? Salvation is a walk. Now, what we've got to do, you don't come to Jesus and you don't have your little experience.

You don't have your experience right here and then go over there and that's why you start sloughing off the Word of God. And when you hear judgment, you'll walk right out the door like what? Shake it off just like water off a duck's back or something. Don't do that.

You've heard something from the Word of God tonight and either you're going to take it to heart or you're not going to take it to heart. And if the Spirit of God is in you, He should have ministered you and it should not condemn you, it should encourage you. If I'm sleeping death on me and I'm asleep and I've just got one foot in hell, I want to thank God to know about it because what we're pointing to right here does not gather around men or anything except Jesus.

Amen? Wouldn't a man be a complete fool to teach a message like this and then say, try to point you to something else? Amen? Now you have business to do with God. Do you believe you have business to do with God? Or is it something you want to go back to the farm, the opsin, the business? See if I... I just think all kind of Scripture I'd like to go back to but I don't mean anymore. I hope you come over in December and there's a meeting and we just go through these three days where we're not distracted in things.

But there's a lot more we're going to learn. There's a lot more that God's going to show us in that Word that we don't know. But right now, I'm going to tell you what you've got to do.

You've got some repentance to do. Let me just say it over here. All of us have got some repentance to do.

Now you believe, did it kind of sound like off the wall when I was telling you about Joel? I didn't even get the chance to get in Joel and some of these other places. And we just were here four days and that's where we even had this... Are you seeing now why I kept you a little late and all these things? Was it good to get to this point? What about the people that dropped out? I couldn't have shared with you tonight what I shared with you if I... And who knows whether the Lord ever leave me and come back here again. May not leave Bob to have me back here again.

You don't know. And so I'm just going to do what the Lord leads me to do. Amen? I'm going to tell you something, folks.

You're never going to have that real experience on the front end unless there's a real repentance in your life. You're going through a form of God's right here and never even received the Spirit of God. Never did even have it.

Come and walk down the aisle to know. It's just a casual, just pick up the Bible once a year and know. That's your salvation.

Let me tell you something. I really believe. I really believe that Bob has some things to learn as well as myself.

I believe every one of us has some place to learn. And I tell you what, I don't know what ways I can do it. But I really want to help people.

But I don't want to miss God. I don't want you to miss God. I don't want blood on my hands that I wouldn't stand.

And that's why I miss a lot of opportunities and a lot of places, folks. And I'm just saying this for your benefit that you're going to miss some places too. Because I tell you, I've been so cornered in what I've been saying that it takes a supernatural act of God for me to get in places to share what I'm sharing because the powers of darkness so lied against me.

And old Bob right there came down to Houston down there. Can you imagine he invited me to come here? Flew down there. God told him to fly down there and talk to me.

And that's it. With all the stuff he'd heard about me and some things like that. And he said he, you know, he saw what my heart was.

And he just got it. And right then, you know, we made a deal. We came here.

And boy, we come here. And as long as we stay in the word, people of God don't get upset no matter what people are saying. And that's the way I found him to be.

But I want to tell you something, folks. The whole thing is this. It comes down to this.

We have all been asleep. The wise virgin has come to light. There's a lot to look at.

But you know the wise virgin is going to come to the light. The foolish virgins are going to be destroyed. Obviously, you know, the foolish virgin has a foolish heart.

Now, it could be a little late here tonight, so far. And I'm going to practice straight in another meeting. And they're long hours.

And won't you know the truth? And I pray that you'll not be like I'm watching so many people receive the word with joy. And then when persecution and affliction comes up, you fall away. And when the worries of the world of sickness and riches come up, and you just go and leave what you've heard tonight, this week.

And there's so much more. Folks, I believe there's a place with God that we haven't even comprehended. You know, it's something just to come home and just have jumping up and down.

It's because there's so much love poured out on us. We have been so rebellious and so disobedient to God. Folks, He's about to do something to you.

And I'm going to tell you what, after you've suffered for a while, you've proven you won't walk alone. He's going to confirm you, strengthen you. He's going to establish you in His covenant.

Jesus Christ is going to make you something you aren't. That's the only way that you'll ever fulfill God's law. It's all grace.

I want you to know it's all grace, and it's all Jesus, and you and I get in on it. Amen. Praise God.

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