

(February 1987) 04 - the Time of the End

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The speaker is calling for a return to divine order, which is based on the Holy Spirit's control and guidance, as all the systems of man will malfunction in the last days.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the state of the world and how everything is spinning out of control. He compares the current system to that of the Roman Empire, highlighting the greed and selfishness that underlies it. The preacher emphasizes the need for change and mentions the increasing sin and homelessness in the nation. He also talks about the signs of the end times as described in the Bible and encourages the congregation to lift up their hands and heads in anticipation of their redemption. The preacher shares a personal experience of encountering someone who appeared to be Christ but was not, emphasizing the importance of discernment in these times.

Transcript

God's doing a lot of good things while we're here. Now, the wise Solomon said, in the writing of the Proverbs, that when you correct your child with a rod, and he starts crying, don't quit, because you're delivering his soul from hell. So your crying ain't gonna make me quit.

How many wants to go to heaven when this thing's over with? Amen. Amen. Now, I probably preach a little different message than you hear in a lot of places, but the reason I do is because we're living in the end time, the last day.

All the prophecies that God said in this book, all the things that God said was gonna come to pass, they're coming now. They're not going to come, they're coming now. And ever since I was saved in 1963, just a few months after I was saved and called to preach, I was saved in August of 63, called to preach in October of that same year.

I quit my public job in February of 64, and started fasting and praying. So a preacher came through town and taught me that if you fast and pray and seek God, that He'll reward you for it. And I did.

I went on a seven-day fast. First one I ever went on. I turned green.

My daddy called me a fool, but praise God, it was the beginning of God revealing some things to me, and I didn't ask for it. I didn't ask for it. I was not seeking that.

I was seeking to go out and tell others. I had been delivered from a life of an alcoholic at the age of 23. I came out of the army at the age of 20.

A total wreck because of alcohol and sin. And I had been delivered, like I say, from a real life of sin. When I got saved, I had such a zeal to go tell others.

I went on the streets with tracks. I'd leave my job in the morning at 8 o'clock, go home and clean up, get me a bottle of tracks, pockets full of tracks, and I'd go to the square in the town that I lived in, meet folks on the street and hand out tracks. At that particular time, I was going to the Thomaston Church of God.

I got all the Church of God people to bring all their old literature, Christian literature. I took that literature and rolled it up like the evening news. I went from house to house.

I liked to go to jail for doing it because I started putting it in mailboxes. And I learned you have to have stamps on stuff you put in mailboxes. I liked to go to jail for doing that, but I had a zeal.

I wanted to tell others that the same Jesus who set me free could set them free. But I started fasting and praying. As I began to fast and pray, the Lord spoke to me, told me, said, quit your public job, give your life to me, and as I began fasting and prayer, I'm going to show you some things concerning the latter day.

The first thing, one of the first things that God ever showed me, the first thing that God ever showed me was I saw, I saw in the heavens, I saw a figure come down out of the heavens that I, you know, we've got these pictures painted of Jesus. And this is what I saw. I saw a figure that all the things, you know, all the pictures of Jesus, they basically look the same.

Well, this is what I saw. I saw a Christ coming down out of the heavens, just easing down. And as I looked into the heavens and saw it, I thought it was Christ.

It had all the resemblance I've ever pictured, I'd ever seen of Him. And I watched Him until He set His feet on the earth. And when He set His feet on the earth, it was like once He went down, I was, you know, behind the trees, I couldn't see Him from where I was.

I had to travel from where I was to where He was to see Him. Now you listen real close. Okay, when I got to where He was, when I got to where He was, I realized then that it was not the real Christ.

It appeared that He was. But a voice said to me, and you listen close, a voice said to me, Father, that man. And I began to follow this Christ.

This that I thought was the real Christ. And I followed Him and I began to watch Him. Now I already knew that it was not the real.

You say, how did you know? I don't know how I knew. But here's a lesson that I was fixing to learn. As I followed this Christ that I thought was the real Christ, I had already been reading and studying the Word for months on my face in a little church where I were.

And spent eight, nine hours a day with my face in the Bible fasting and praying. I'd already learned enough of the Word of God that I watched this Christ. And here's where I began to pick up something.

I began to watch Him do things that was contrary to the Word of God. Now first of all, I knew by the Spirit that it was not the real Christ. But God has a system of checks and balances.

That's the Spirit of God and the Word of God. Is that true? You never take the Word alone and you never take the Spirit alone. They always go together.

Okay? I began to watch Him. And I began to realize then that this that I thought was the Christ was not the real. You know who He was? The Antichrist.

The next thing I seen, I saw myself and another preacher walking down this road together. We were on the left side of the road and on the right side of the road was a group of people. And I was made to know that this man, he was a preacher now, but I was made to know that this man was a false prophet.

And here's what I saw. I saw Him with so much control over those people. He had such power over those people that He could say the Word at His command.

They would stop dead in their tracks and they could not move until He gave them the permission to move. And as He began to do this, He could almost stop me. He'd give the command and I'd almost, I'd have to, you know, make myself keep going because He had such power and such authority till it would almost make me, bind me in my tracks to where I couldn't move.

And I saw then the coming of a false prophet ministry that was going to deceive the very elect. That's what the Lord spoke to me. There shall arise false Christs and false prophets that shall show great signs and wonders that if it were possible, and I think those words have been added, they shall deceive the very elect.

And that was 1964, brother and sister. This is 1987. We're in a time that the things I saw then, I'm seeing take place in the church today.

I want you to read with me tonight first. This is not what I'm going to preach on, but I've got to read this before I preach on what I preach tonight. From Daniel 11 and verse 32.

I just want to spend just a minute here, just a few minutes laying some groundwork for what we're going to talk about tonight. Daniel 11 verse 32, And such as do wickedly against the covenant, shall he corrupt by flatteries. How many of you know what the word flatteries means in the Word of God? Have you ever looked it up in Hebrew? Look it up.

It means undue praise. It's giving praise where it's not due. It's patting you on the back when you don't need a pat on the back.

Okay? Shall he corrupt by flatteries? But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits. Now, in this area right here of a strong people coming forth, God has gave me some deep insight and revelation. Now, I don't know what all the future holds, but I do know one thing.

There will be a church standing when Jesus returns that the gates of hell will not be overcome. How many believe that tonight? There will be an overcoming church when Jesus returns. I don't care what comes on this earth.

There's a people coming forth that's going to be strong. Now, verse 33 says, And they that understand among the people shall instruct many. Now, God has opened the door of this church of God in Stone

Mountain for me to fulfill this Scripture right here.

To pass on to you the understanding that He has passed on to me that you can become part of that strong people that God is calling for in these last days. There's a people coming forth, brother and sister, that's going to have the backbone of a saw log and the boldness of a lion with the power over demons and devils to stand once again like the church is supposed to stand. And I'm here to instruct you with what God has instructed me with.

Now, I want you to look at verse number 37. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any God. For he shall magnify himself above all.

But in his estate shall he honor the God of forces. And a God whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold and silver and with precious stones and pleasant things. Now, you'll have to study this to get this, but it's there.

I don't get up here and preach something that I had done my homework on. But here, Daniel is focused in on two things. Number one, he's focused in that there will be a people that's coming forth that's going to be strong.

Number two, he's focused in on a particular time. It's called the time of the end. And he's focused in on something happening here.

It's a time that there is a spirit in the land that begins to be a replacement for the real. It takes the real and replaces it with something else. Now, you cannot understand the book of Daniel unless you also understand the book of Revelation.

Because Daniel was told to seal the book. If the Lord had let Daniel, he would have told us more. But as he began to write and explain what he was saying, he said, seal the book and it will not be opened until the time of the end.

Is that right? And to understand what Daniel saw, you've got to understand the book of Revelation. Now, in this area of this God, this spirit that replaces the true God with a replacement, God has given me some insight. Now, what you do with it, I don't know.

But I want you to know, brother and sister, we are in the last days. Jesus is coming again. How many believe that tonight? Now, in the Revelation, how many of you know who wrote the book of Revelation? John.

But, you've got to also understand there's four more books that he wrote. And all four books was received at the same time he wrote the Revelation. That's the Gospel of John.

John 1, John 2, and John 3. All of them are the results of the visitation of John on the Isle of Patmos. Now, I don't know if you ever noticed this or not, but John is the only writer that uses the term Antichrist. No other writer in the book uses that term.

Now, you're like me. You probably take that word anti and, like me for years, you believe that that meant anti means against. And it does.

But that's not all it means. It means in place of, instead of, a substitution for. Okay? So John said, coming off the Isle of Patmos, beware, watch out for the spirit of Antichrist.

It will come in as a replacement for the spirit of Christ. John 1 says, try the spirits and see whether they be of God. John 1 said, you have no need that any man teach you the Holy Ghost will teach you.

You receive that anointing. You receive the right spirit. And He will teach you.

John 1 wrote about the spirit of truth. When He comes, you'll know Him because He will not speak of Himself. He'll testify of the Christ.

John wrote all these things. Now, something else John wrote. In the Gospel of John, the term world is used 87 times.

In the Gospel of John, the term w-o-r-l-d, world. In the first epistle of John, the word world is used, I believe it's 26 times. And in one of the others, it's used one time.

All of the other writings of the Bible put together did not use this term that John used. Or John used it more than all the other writers. I think it's as much as 3 or 4 times more than all the other writers combined.

He used this term called world. Now, why was John talking so much about the world? I'll tell you why. Because God had opened the book to John that he had closed to Daniel.

Okay? God had given John some understanding in some areas that Daniel had, but God wouldn't let him write it. And Daniel and John are talking about the same thing. If you'll notice that in the book of Daniel, the 11th chapter, he says he will replace the real God with another God.

Not do away with God, just replace Him. Move Him out and in His place substitute something else. Okay? And in John's writings concerning the world, I believe about 80 percent or maybe 85 percent of the times that John used the term world, it's the word cosmos, which means world system.

Now we're fixing to preach. I want you to turn with me to a scripture that I've already used in the book of Isaiah, chapter 9. Y'all ready? You want the truth or you want tradition? You're going to get the truth whether you want it or not tonight. And I'm not going to hush for your strong crying either.

We're headed somewhere. This thing's coming on down, praise God. I'm thrilled tonight at what God's doing.

Isaiah 9 and 6, For unto us a child is born, unto us the Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsel, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, of the increase of His government and peace, no end. Those words there shall be has been added. Upon the throne of David and upon His kingdom to notice that word, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever.

Now one night, I'm going to preach on those two words judgment and justice, but not tonight. I'm going to preach on this word right here tonight found in verse 7. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end upon the throne of David and upon His kingdom to order it. I'm going to preach on divine order.

Now, we're coming. And when I say we're coming, I include myself and I hope and pray you. We're coming in this hour back to divine order.

Now catch the word. Not order. Divine order.

How many wants to come to divine order? Now the reason we're going to come to divine order is this. Whether you will accept this or not. But a lot of the things that we're calling God today is of the cosmos.

What we call order is not the order of this book of the Holy Spirit. It's of the world system. We was warned by John over and over and over.

Why didn't we get the message? See, when John was writing to the church, he was sent off that island to turn the church back around. She had already begun to go away from divine order. So he come off that island with a message talking about the world, the cosmos, the world system.

Something had already begun to take place. The church had begun leaving divine apostolic order. What is apostolic order? I'll tell you what it is.

I'll tell you what you do. You read the book of Acts the next few days. I'm talking about read it.

And really read it. Look at it. What is the order of the book of Acts? It's the Holy Spirit in control.

Amen. They didn't move by having council meetings. They moved by prayer meetings.

Hallelujah. Amen. They were baptized with the Holy Ghost.

They were led by the Holy Ghost. They were controlled by the Holy Ghost. They were sent by the Holy Ghost.

They were made overseers by the Holy Ghost. They moved in total precision with the movement of the Holy Spirit. I don't see how anybody in a Pentecostal church get mad at me for preaching that.

How can we claim to be Pentecostal and reject the order of the book? But we do. You know why? Because we feel threatened by God's order. I like it.

We are coming to divine order. How many of you have read the Come to Divine Order? Why is it so important? It's the preacher wants you to talk to us about financial blessings and all this kind of stuff. I ask, what's wrong with you now? True prosperity has been replaced with a prosperity that's not God.

But John warned us. Watch that world. Watch that system.

Amen. You're in the world, but you're not of it. Not controlled by it.

Amen? Now, here's why it's so important that you listen to me tonight. All the systems of man are going to malfunction in the last day. You know what happened to the spaceship? Huh? What happened to it? Right.

But what caused the blow-up? The system malfunctioned. And buddy, that spaceship, when it blew up, what went up with it was billions and billions of dollars. What went up with it was the most intellectual wisdom of hundreds and hundreds and thousands and thousands of hours of research of the most brilliant minds that has ever walked this earth.

But it malfunctioned. All the systems of man will malfunction in these last days. Everything is going to spin out of control.

We brag about in this country of having the best system. We got the same system that the Romans had. We're taxed within 2% of the Roman Empire.

We got the same craving and lust for sports and worship of sports as the Romans did. We are a remake of the Roman Empire. How can we call our system the best when it's built on greed and selfishness? How can we have the best system when we got more sin in this nation than any nation on this earth? Why can we put a man on the moon when we got thousands of people on the streets tonight and we can't feed? One of the topics of the State of the Union Address of the President was we got to do something with the street folks.

We got to do something with the homeless. I'm going to tell you something. You ain't seen nothing yet.

You ain't seen nothing yet. I read just yesterday and today, I read it twice, that the man says the man that's standing in any company that thinks he's secure for life, he said it's no longer true in America for a company is a company that's been the mainstream and the main workforce of this nation for years. All of the systems are going to malfunction, but the one that God is putting in order.

Hallelujah. Ain't going to work no more. Democracy is going to fail.

Herman Talmadge said before he died, about 15 years ago, he said there's no way democracy can survive. He said because democracy will only work when mere are not greedy. Amen? Are we a greedy bunch? How many is glad tonight you're involved in something that's not going to malfunction? Hallelujah.

This is why you got to come to divine order. This is why you can't depend on the system anymore. I don't mean nobody quit their jobs.

No, I ain't preaching no foolishness like that. That means, though, don't you trust in it. Don't you believe just because it's been a security for you for years, don't you believe you can put your trust in it now? You better put your trust in God.

I said you better put your trust in God. Amen? Why? Because everything is going to fail. Look in the Revelation, brother and sister.

What is John seeing? He's seeing the fall of Babylon. What is Babylon? It's the system. It's the malfunction.

John begins to see the malfunction of Babylon. Why does Babylon begin to malfunction as far as commercial Babylon is concerned? I'll tell you why. The Bible says no man will buy her merchandise anymore.

Why is there such a crusade in this country now to buy American goods? Buy American goods. Buy American goods. They're devaluing the dollar right now to try to get folks to buy American goods.

Quit buying those Japanese cars. Quit buying those Singapore clothes. Quit buying that Arab oil.

Amen? What's wrong? I'll tell you what's wrong. The system is going to malfunction. And it's going to fall.

But there's an army that will not fall. And it's the kingdom of God. Hallelujah.

Okay, what about religious Babylon? See, there's two Babylon's there. There's a woman riding on the back of a beast. Which means she's supported by the beast.

That's her support. That's her beast of burden or her support. What happens? What happens to religious Babylon? I'll tell you what happens.

The beast gets tired of riding her. Hallelujah. And turns on her.

Kicks off of her back and says, you heart of Jew, I ain't riding you no more. I've supported you. I've kept you up.

I've kept you afloat. You've rode free. You've rode.

Amen? But the Bible says God puts it into the heart of commercial Babylon whom the beast, the harlot, the false church is riding on. He puts it in her, in the heart of the commercial Babylon to turn on the beast. And she begins to destroy the heart.

What does he do? What does commercial Babylon do to the woman that's riding? He takes off, cuts off her support. See, we wasn't ever supposed to depend on that world. No way.

It's coming down, brother and sister. You ain't heard TV preachers back yet. I was in revival in 1970.

May of 1970. I had just closed in this town on a three-week revival, a 21-night revival. That thing got so big, I moved up the highway, went and bought a tent, moved up the highway three or four miles, set that tent up.

We stayed there five more weeks. That's eight weeks. God was moving.

Man, money was rolling. Folks were being healed, saved. Revival was moving.

It was just glorious what God was doing right in the middle of it. Right in the middle of it. I heard the Holy Ghost say to me one night as I stood in the pulpit, I will not supply your need according to the rise and the fall of the market.

I'll supply your need according to my riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Say, man, didn't mean nothing to me then, but it means a whole lot now. I don't know what the stock market's going to do.

It's going to crash one day, but I do know one that ain't going to crash. It's the kingdom of God. It's God's order.

It's God's system. Can you say amen? I like this. You didn't think you was going to hear such as this tonight, did you? I ain't.

But you worry. All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't stop me up here now. Nobody but the pastor.

Hallelujah! The system's going to malfunction. Hallelujah! But when it malfunctions, there'll be a people on this earth with an answer, with the Word, with the Word of God, with something that won't fail. How many of you believe there's a Word that won't fail? Hallelujah! I said, you know that's strange.

God told me three years to watch three years, that at the end of three years it's going to take three years for it to begin to really roll. He showed me it was going to begin to happen. This is why it's so important that Stone Mountain Church come to divine order.

Because I'm going to tell you something, folks. It ain't going to be like you see it tonight always. It ain't going to be like it is tonight always.

You say, how do you know, preacher? I done stood in God's council room. I done heard that voice too many times. What's it going to be like, Brother Lowe? We're coming back to where God is going to be real again.

God's going to be real. God's going to be real. It's not religion, it's reality we need.

Give the Lord a big hand if you believe that tonight. We must come to divine order. Now, how do we do it? Well, if the government is on His shoulder, like the Bible said then, Isaiah 9, the Bible says He's going to order it.

That means He's going to... The word order there in the Hebrew means arrange. It's the same word used for the world system. The word system means an orderly arrangement.

The difference is, is God arranges it, or God orders it, or God sets it up, or God ordains it, or the world sets it up. A lot of difference. Now, whether you will accept this or not, there's a lot of stuff we call in God.

It's not God. It's the Antichrist's replacement for God. It's a replacement.

I hope you're here tonight. I hope you're here tonight that I preach on the house of prayer. There's been a replacement, brother and sister.

Amen. I don't know about the church of God, but my last pastor was an assembly of God. And I was friends with the state officials.

I do electrical work. I mentioned one day I was an electrician, so I wound up wiring a house for the state secretary. We become real close friends.

We've done a lot of talking. We got real close. He said to me, I had not went all the way in the semblance as far as credentials.

He said, Brother Loaf, you're going to go all the way. You better go now. He said, because we're turning fast to education.

I said, look man, I've got 23 years of ministry. I've got a proven ministry. He said, that ain't going to make no difference.

He said, there'll be an aisle in the assembly of God church you'll have to have a degree to have credentials. Brother, we're in serious trouble. When we take the wisdom of men, they're encouraging their preachers now to take a course in psychology.

Psychology is not a thing in the world. It's one of the most modern sciences revealed. It's a study of human behavior.

A man outside of Christ can never tell you why you behave like you do because he don't understand you've got a sin that you caused this to happen. And a psychologist, if nobody stayed, you'd lay your red on any table you want to lay it on. And ain't a psychiatrist or a psychiatrist will ever give you the right answer because he don't understand God.

He don't understand sin. He don't understand the devil. He don't understand none of this stuff.

Now I'll tell you what you do, since you probably won't be back after tonight, you read the 11th chapter of the book of Isaiah. The Bible said, There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and seven spirits is going to rest on it. Spirit of wisdom, the spirit of knowledge, the spirit of counsel, the spirit of might.

Not wisdom. Not knowledge. Not might.

Not judgment. The spirit of wisdom. The spirit of knowledge.

The spirit of counsel. The spirit of might. We don't need wisdom.

We need the spirit of wisdom. We don't need knowledge. We need the spirit of knowledge.

We don't need might. We need the spirit of might. We don't need counseling.

We need the spirit of counsel. Can you say amen? And anything outside of those seven, that spiritual might, spiritual counsel, spiritual knowledge, spiritual understanding, spiritual judgment, spiritual, spiritual, spiritual. It's the seven spirits of God.

It's the seven eyes of God. Amen. It's the economy of God.

It's the government of God. Anything outside of that is a babbling. It's out of the world.

It's not what the church needs. It's not what man needs. We need God.

We need the Holy Ghost. We need the power of God. Can you say amen? You don't need a psychiatrist, or you don't need your preacher to study psychology.

You need him on his knees somewhere in a prayer room, that when you stand before him or sit before him, praise God with a problem, he can discern and see what's wrong and tell you thus, saith the Lord. So, this seven eyes of God is going to replace the ministry of the Holy Spirit with the ministry of education. Oh, that's great.

It's an abomination. Is education our enemy? No. But it will not solve man's problems.

If it would, God never sent the Holy Ghost to the church. Somebody say amen. Amen.

Boy, this is good. It took a long time. But the devil, the spirit of Antichrist, has replaced a lot of things.

I'm going to tell you some more things he's replaced. He's took out. See, the Bible said that word Antichrist is the substitution for.

Okay? It even means one place anointed are false anointings. Did you know a lot of God's people can't tell the difference in charisma and the anointing? There's a lot of difference. Did you know a lot of God's people can't tell the difference in the personality of man and the anointing of a man? Boy, I sure enjoyed that.

Yeah, but did it minister to you? Did it meet your need? Did you leave with your needs supplied? Say amen. It's not eloquence of speech we need. It's power and anointed speech that we need.

We must come to divine order. Now, that's what I told you. I preached here the first service.

Structure. That's order. I told you, you've got to have the right rod in your hand to measure by, which is the Word of God or which is Christ.

He is God's pattern. Now, Jesus was both God and man. He did not do what He done on this earth as God.

Neither did He do what He done on this earth as man. Okay? Well, what did He do it? What was He? What kind of figure was Christ on the earth now? He was the Son of God. The same thing the Bible calls me and you.

That's what it says. He came unto His own. His own received Him not.

But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power, the right, or the authority to become the sons of God. The Bible said in Romans 8, they that are led by the Spirit of God, they are what? Okay. The same way He operated on this earth, not as God, not as just a man.

He operated as the second Adam. The Son of God. Hallelujah.

The same thing that you and I can have. Well, where is He above us? He's the firstborn. He has the preeminence.

Amen. Jesus, unto tutors and governors, until the time appointed the Father, appears at the Jordan River to be baptized of John. He's baptized of John in the Jordan River.

And the Bible says the Holy Ghost descends upon Him in the form of a dove. And the next thing the Bible says, there's a voice speaks and says, this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. The next thing the Bible says, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

Another variety says, He was driven by the Spirit. That don't mean God took a whip. It means God was His steering wheel.

He drove. Amen. Amen.

The Holy Ghost took over. Now, He was not under tutors and governors anymore. The Holy Ghost was at the wheel.

And the Holy Ghost says, go into the wilderness. Now, let me throw this in right here lest I forget it. God ain't going to be your spare wheel no more.

Neither is God going to be your co-pilot. He's going to take the controls over, brother and sister. Hallelujah! He's going to become your steering wheel.

Can you say amen? Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I mean, He's tired of driving. I mean, He's about ready to get in the back seat and let the Lord start doing the driving. I mean, He's ready to give the controls over the hill and you be the co-pilot and let Him be the pilot.

Glory to God. That's shouting ground. You done made a mess trying to drive anyway.

Won't you give it to somebody who knows what to do? He went into the wilderness to start divine order. In that wilderness, before He could come out, He had to come to order Himself. In the wilderness, He done a lot of things.

I won't take time to mention everything. But He proved that His body would not be His master. Is that true, Bible readers? His hunger would not dictate to Him.

Amen? He proved that He would never act independently of His Father. He would only do. And for 40 days... You know, people talk about Jesus in the wilderness because it says that's when He was hungry.

They think if you fast and if it's God, you don't ever get hungry. That's a bunch of malarkey. Why fast if you don't get hungry? Wouldn't be no sacrifice.

I mean, if you don't eat breakfast, that ain't the meal you need to fast. Amen? I fast every day breakfast. See, I fasted, I know.

I went 21 days one time just drinking a few drops of water. And I guarantee you, the first 10 days, I sailed like an eagle. But the next level, I could have eaten two before.

That's true. I chewed toothpicks, and they tasted good. But He proved.

He said He, the Holy Spirit, before He was to go out and set a church in order, He was set in order. He mastered His body. Hallelujah.

40 days later, the Bible said He walked out. How? In the power of the Spirit. In the power of the Spirit.

When you master and let Him take control, He takes over the steering wheel. Amen? And you begin to walk out of the flesh and walk in the Spirit, in the power of the Spirit. Amen? Number one, first, and that's what I've tried to deal with for the last few nights.

Number one, divine order. God is calling every individual to set their house in order. We're out of order.

Out of control. Our body is our master and not the Holy Ghost. We call Him Lord, Lord, but don't do the things He says.

But them that calls Him Lord, Lord ain't going into the kingdom. That's them that do His will. Hmm.

Gotcha. He walked out of that wilderness headed somewhere. Malachi said, The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to His temple.

Now, all four of the Gospels record Jesus going to the temple. Except, there's a difference in John's records. He's the only one.

There's two cleansings of the temple. Matthew, Mark, and Luke records the cleansing of the temple at the end of the ministry of Jesus. John is the only one.

Notice, here's John again. John is the only one that records the cleansing of the temple at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus. None of the rest of them do.

Jesus left the wilderness in obedience to Malachi. The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to His temple. He walked out of that wilderness led by the Holy Spirit on His way to the temple.

Okay? He was in order. He had been set in order. He had submitted Himself to the rulership, Amen, of the Holy Spirit giving glory to nobody but the Father.

Is that true? How many know what Jesus said? It's not me. It's the Father. It's not mine.

It's the Father. It's not me doing it. It's the Father.

They're not my miracles. They're the Father's. He was submitted.

He was controlled by. He was led by the Holy Ghost, Amen, that come on Him in the Jordan River. On the way to the temple, John records he was invited to a marriage of Cain.

You ever wondered why I stand at the marriage of Cain when the woman said to him, Master, they're out of wine. He looked at her and said, My hour is not, or has not come yet. Why did he say that? Because Malachi said he's got to go to the temple.

Hmm. Out of the willness, out of the subjection, in divine order, the Spirit of God, His Father, He walks towards Jerusalem headed somewhere. Where was he headed? To the house of prayer.

To do what? Set it in order. What had the house of prayer become? A den of what? A den of what? A den of thieves and a house of what? Merchandisers. If we ain't there, we'll never arrive there.

He didn't get him out of wet noodle to set the house of prayer in order. He didn't get him a wet noodle. He said, Well, y'all please quit doing this.

You ought to be ashamed of yourself letting that go on in the house of God. Oh, how dumb we are. He made him a whip.

He walked in. He kicked them tables over. He walked them preachers upside the head.

He burnt their hide and blistered their rims. Amen? Oh, but we're that wet noodle generation. God bless your heart.

You need to quit doing that and straighten up, brother. That day's over. We're the party's over.

The Redeemer's come back to Zion. The Lord's returned back to His temple. He's going to set His house in order.

I said, He's going to set His house in order. He said, He doesn't set Himself in order. He sets the house in order.

The public house. The corporate house. Amen? Then, He walked through that land setting people's lives in order.

Establishing priorities. Establishing order. True values.

Not true value hardwares now. True values. He established true values.

He set the order for values. Is that right? He taught us that a man's most important possession is not what he lives in, not what he drives, not what he wears, but his soul is his most important possession. If you gain the whole world, He said, and lose your soul, you're a loser.

Did you know the church has turned away from the soul of men? Did you know what woke me up in 82? The Lord said to me, you can win people and not be winning souls. Hey, I had a church that had been out

with a pastor in an independent church for 14 months. They were down to 10 people.

I took it in just a matter of weeks. We were up to 100. Boom, like that.

Had to get chairs out on Sunday morning to seat them in a small church. But you know how I done it? I done it by being friendly. I won people.

I hung them old Pentecostal folks out on the clothesline. Them old mean-spirited ones. Bless God, by the Lord, I'll have you know me and my husband put \$3,500 in this building.

I said, that don't give you control and stock in it. This ain't the stock market. This is the house of God.

We run the church just like the world does. I'll have you know, they told me, said, bless God, I'll help lay the first block. I said, I don't care.

Bless God, if you bought the mortar, form the block, lay it, bless God, and stand on it with a shotgun. Don't give you nothing in the kingdom of God. Jesus said, the woman that casts in the least is casting the most.

She ought to have been on the board. The church today wouldn't even let her in the door. She don't have enough money.

She's not an asset. She's a liability. She can't contribute nothing.

She'll cost you something. We want them kind of board. Dear God, no sitting them on somewhere else.

Y'all ain't hearing me. He began to go through the land, setting things in order, priorities. Jesus did never try to win people.

He was at the men's soul. If He was at the winning people, He would have let that rich, young ruler come right on in. Because buddy, that man had manners, morals, and money.

Is that true? He had manners. He came kneeling. He had morals.

He had never broke the law. And he had a bank full of money. Jesus did not try to win people.

Oh, but He'd make the church swell. He'd make it grow. We're not growing in the church.

We're getting fat. Church growth is not measured as we measure it, or God don't measure it like we measure it. I'll show you in the fifth chapter of the book of Hebrews that growth, as far as God is concerned, is a people that the discernment grows.

If your insight ain't growing in the things of God, you're not a-growing. We got some of the dumbest people in the full gospel churches are that walk this earth, but yet we're growing. Look how we're growing.

Boy, I'll tell you, I don't really like this. He said to that rich, young ruler, seeing his heart, not looking on his outward, he saw into that man's heart that his God was the money that he had. And he said, if you get in the kingdom of God, you got to go and sell what you got.

But before he told him that, one place said he loved him. Hallelujah! He didn't love his money. He loved his soul.

We're going to have to come back to the place we quit sending out our convoys of folks trying to win other convoys of folks. God's going to establish the church again as a soul-winning church, a church to win souls. Amen! Thousands of churches have compromised the Word of God to win young people.

I was in there just a few years ago. God blessed this preacher. A businessman came in and built him a fine sanctuary, built him a home down under.

I'm talking about something nice. The only problem, he didn't have no folks. Just a few.

He said to me, I've come to a conclusion. He said, young folks are not going to come and hear gospel music. He had a very talented family.

Every boy could play an instrument. Every child, every girl could play. He could play.

His wife could play. A whole family could just... Boy, they had an orchestra and a band all their own. He said, we've come to this conclusion to win the young people.

We're going to jazz our music up a little, rock it up just a little bit. We're going to win the young people for the Lord. I said, then, brother, you are wrong.

You are dead wrong. You are wrong. You are dead wrong.

I said, on the same principle, I said, my heart is out for drunks. Would you let me build a bar and serve Toddy for the body to reach my drunk friends? Oh, heaven sakes, no. I said, that's the same principle you've got of reaching young folks.

We don't need to reach young folks as far as numbers is concerned. We need to get their souls saved. Because we've got thousands of young people in our Pentecostal churches now are leaving our Pentecostal services and going out having sex in the backseat of cars.

And thousands of young girls coming up pregnant without husbands. You know why we're winning people and not winning souls? Saved young people don't do that. Oh, I don't like you talking like that.

I don't care what you like. I'm telling you the truth. Saved people don't do that.

How do you know? Because I once was lost, but now I'm saved. And when you get saved, you quit that junk. But see, we've turned from winning souls because we don't value the soul.

We've lost the value of a soul. We don't understand the value of a soul. Our values are screwed up.

But it's coming back to order. That's why the crowd don't bother me. If the number three of you show up tomorrow night, we're still going to have church.

It ain't numbers. God's after. Quit counting noses and nickels and start looking at me and the souls on their way to hell.

And let's get back to God and get back to hallelujah where we can win some souls for Jesus. Say amen. Give the Lord a big hand if you agree with that tonight.

God's going to make this church a soul winning church. How many wants it to be a soul winning church? He went through this land setting lives in order. Amen.

Everything was out of order. Look at this. And not just in that respect, but he did.

He set priorities, established a value system that we have that has been replaced by the same value system the world's got. A man today is judged. It's a shame and an abomination to God.

A man today is judged by the car he drives, the clothes he wears. You know the first instructions I got as a young minister? You know what the first thing the preachers told me? Oh, Brother Lowe, here's what you need to do now. Don't you ever take them revivals in them small churches.

You go to them small churches and them other preachers in the big churches hear about it, they'll never let you in the door. Because if you ever get branded as being a preacher going to the little churches, them biggers won't let you go. I said, hey man, I'm a little preacher.

I don't weigh but 140 pounds. I won't never be a big preacher. That was what one told me.

Another told me, said now, Brother Lowe, I'm going to give you some good advice. Don't you never drive a Ford, a Plymouth or a Chevrolet. You get your 225 Electra Buick or an Oldsmobile or a cat that will lack.

Because if you ride up to a church in an old car, they're going to look at you and say, man, God ain't with him. Ain't no way that'd be God because God ain't blessing him. And the first car I went into the ministry with was a 55 Ford.

I used to drive to a tent revival in Macon which was 44 miles. Ever 44 miles? I added four quarts of oil. The churches I went to, I blessed them spiritually and sprayed their mosquitoes.

So help me. I was riding down the road one day and one of my young'uns fell through the back floorboard. What had happened, the first pasture I lived in had running water.

I had to put a cag in the back floorboard and run up the hill and get it. And it rusted my floorboard out. But you know what? I said, oh God, help us tonight.

We're so far from God it's pathetic. But I began to learn real people of God, real hurting people that was in trouble. They didn't care if you come up on a skateboard.

They was looking for deliverance and help. Can you say amen? I learned all of that was of the world. It's the thinking of the world.

It's the ways of the world. They didn't care if you walked up, if you had something, when you stood by the side and behind the sacred desert. That's what they was looking for.

And I quit praying to go to big churches because the big ones wouldn't give me no money. The little ones helped me the most. The big ones was always caught up in the building program.

I went to one. It happened to be one of y'all's churches. Boy, this preacher called me.

He had heard I was having some good revival. He called me and said, praise God, I want you to come. He said, man, here's what we're doing.

We done built a nursery, a daycare. We're on the move. We're rolling.

I want you to come, boy. We'll have revival. I thought, praise God, I'm going to get a good offering there.

Hey, that dude, I couldn't believe it. When I left town, I almost had to hitchhike. He didn't have no money to give me.

He had it all wrapped up in that other stuff. I learned it ain't where you go. It's where God leads you to go.

It's where God sends you. I don't have a go ministry. I got a sit ministry.

I learned to pray and God will send. I learned to pray and God will open the door. I had one of the best revivals I ever had was in a chicken house.

It's true. Right in Gainesville, Georgia, we wanted to have revival. A bunch of folks said, let's have revival.

We couldn't get no church building. We just took a curtains of a tent, run it around the sides of the chicken house, brought some new shavings in. Had a three week revival in a chicken house.

Folks got saved and healed and delivered. See, no matter where you're in a chicken house, a hog pen, it don't matter where you're at. It's where the God sent you there.

But the Holy Ghost is there or not. How far have we strayed? Boy, if I just stuck with what I knew and not listen to folks. Jesus set things in order.

He set people's lives in order. Amen. We have replaced so much of the things that He established with the things of the world.

It's pathetic. You know, for the first few years, I heard preachers preach about the world. Oh, the church is full of the world.

The church has got the world in it. I began to check out what they're talking about. Oh, we're getting worldly.

Well, I come to find out they weren't preaching to nobody but to women. I sat in them churches. Oh, the world's creeping in.

The world's creeping in. I sat on the pew knowing as an old man sitting there just as heart full of lust as you could feel it. The preacher never touched you.

You women ought to get that paint and pull that off and do this and do that. The world's got you. Hey, brother and sister, this thing that John called the world ain't got nothing to do with paint.

Oh, we replaced true holiness for traditional holiness. For tradition of the elders. The very thing that Jesus preached again and called Phariseeism, we made a church out of it.

Wow, y'all like that. I began to detect. I began to look in the Gospels and the very thing that Jesus established and brought to order, brother, we was driving it out and replacing it with other things.

The very thing. You remember now, let's go back to when I said how did I recognize the man that I saw come down I thought was Christ? How did I recognize him? First, I recognized him that there's something wrong spiritually. But the thing that really convinced me that he was not the real thing was he began to do things contrary to this.

I see a lot of things in our churches today that's totally contrary to this. Now what we're going to do about it is yet to be seen. It's yet to be seen what this church is going to do.

But she'll come to order or she's going to spin out of control like you've never seen nothing in your life. She'll come to divine order or else. And I'm going to tell you something, everyone here is an individual.

You're going to come to divine order or you're going to be took over by spirits you never dreamed was out there. You're going to be led into perversion you said I'll never be a part of. Don't kid yourself.

The devil is not playing games, brothers and sisters. This is an hour of divine order. This is an hour to submit yourself.

This is an hour where God wants to deal with you about getting your priorities right. Getting your value system back right. Hey, brother and sister, listen to me.

Listen to me. Getting yourself straight with God is more important than the job you hold. Getting yourself straight with God is more important than the house you live in.

Getting your soul right with God. Getting right. Getting everything in order like God is saying to get in order.

Because the Lord has come back to Zion. Hey, the party is over. The party is over, brother and sister.

This thing is coming to a close. Jesus is coming again. The conditions of the world that the Bible speaks about is coming in on us like a flood.

Everything is spinning out of control just like the Bible said it was going to do. A distress is coming in the world with perplexity. That's a quandary.

Nobody has an answer. Everything gets out of control. Nobody can get a handle on it.

It's exactly like the Bible said it was going to be. But thank God. He said when you see these things begin to come, lift up your hands and your heads for your redemption is drawing nigh.

This is an hour that our redemption is coming close. This is an hour that things is winding down. But there's a church coming forth.

There's a church going to stand up. There's a people coming forth. There's a call out of the wilderness today, brother and sister.

Out of this wilderness of religious confusion. Out of this religious confusion. There's a clear call coming, brother and sister.

It's the voice of John. It's the voice of Elijah. It's their return to the covenant.

Come back to real Jehovah. Come back to God. Hallelujah.

He'll rain fire from heaven. It's time for revival. Amen.

If you come back and let God set your house in order, it's time for revival. Hallelujah. I didn't come here for revival this week.

I come here to have a revolution. Set your house in order. I got to cover one more little thing that will close.

I believe our homes are out of order. Now, man can never set his house in order until he first becomes subject to his head. Forget it.

It won't work. The number one thing is for man, is Christ must become your head. That means He takes control of things.

You get submissive to Him first. Oh, I'll take my belt and beat that woman in line. You'll whip her all you want to.

You'll whip her for breakfast and after supper. And she won't ever come under order because you're out of order. When you submit to the head, I really don't believe that most women have a problem submitting to men that's under the headship of Jesus Christ.

Now, I don't say there's not cases because there's an exception to every rule. But I say as a whole. But you know why women's out of place today? Yes.

Men's out of place. You know how women's taking the front row? You ever read that the judgment of God in the second chapter of the book of Isaiah is women shall rule over them? Children is going to be their oppressor. You all ever read that? That's judgment.

Why? Everything's out of order. We don't tell kids what to do in the morning. Tell us what to do.

You all like that. But see, there's an order for a man. There's an order for a preacher.

Oh, God, let me cover this. Deacons. Boy, if there's anybody in the church out of place, it's deacons.

God, what a mess we've made out of deacons. They weren't supposed to have nothing to do with the pulpit. Will somebody squeeze one more amen out? How many believe there's an order for deacons? What is it? Visiting the hospital? Oh, that's the preacher.

Where'd you get that in? That ain't the preacher's job. What's his job? Praying and preaching. Well, why ain't he doing it? He ain't got time.

The deacons are counting the money. Telling him how to spend it. He's out running loosey-goosey.

But God's going to set his house in order. Preacher's going to go back to praying and go back to preaching. Hallelujah.

How many is ready for the preacher to quit doing all this mess he's doing, go back to praying and preaching? Somebody say amen. Feeding the flock of God is an overseer of the flock. Amen.

The deacons are going to start deacon. Amen. The men's going to become men again.

Take off them sister britches you've got on and become a man. Amen. Women's going to become women again.

Children going to be children again. The church of God's going to be the church of God again. God's people's going to be God's people again.

The world's going to be the world. The church is going to be the church. The mixture's going to come to an end.

The leaven's coming out of the church. The world's coming out. God set the house in order.

Revival's on the way. Hallelujah. And Jesus is going to come again.

Stand to your feet and give the Lord a big hand tonight. Give the Lord a big hand tonight. Give Him a big hand if you believe it tonight.

Oh, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory. Hallelujah, Jesus.

I love you tonight, Lord. Submit yourself. Raise your hands to Him now.

Let's submit to His Lordship tonight. Come on, just lift your hands to watch Him tonight. Somebody says, my life is out of control.

I don't know what to do. I'll tell you what to do. Throw your hands up and say, Lord, here I am.

Take control tonight. Get in the driver's seat of my life tonight. Get in the driver's seat of my home.

Get in the driver's seat of this church. Get in the driver's seat, Lord. Take control.

Drive this vehicle, Lord. I'm tired of driving. I've made a mess out of driving.

I've made a mess out of things, Lord. You take control now, Lord. Come on, lift your hands to Him tonight.

You want to be driven by the Spirit? You want to be led by the Spirit? Driven by the Spirit? It's all the same thing. You want God to be your pilot? Then take that co-pilot sign off. Lord, here's the controls.

I give control to You. I take my hands off the controls. No longer, Lord, my life is spinning out.

Things are spinning out of control. Take control, Lord. I take my hand off of the stick.

You put Your hand on it, Lord. And let this old ship keep sailing. Let this old plane keep flying.

Hallelujah. Let this old vehicle keep going. Because You've become the driver.

Brothers and sisters, the day is over. When God's going to be second in the back seat, He's moving up to the front now. I said He's moving up to the front.

He's not going to be a passenger car anymore. He's going to be the driver from here on out. Hallelujah.

You're not going to put Him in the trunk. Call Him out when one of the other four go flat. You're going to take Him out of the trunk.

He's going to become the main attraction of your life. He's going to become the main attraction of the church. Personalities are coming down.

Hallelujah. Playboy Preachers is on the way down. Hollywood and Nashville aren't going to be in the pulpits of God's real churches anymore.

All that mess is coming down. The system is going to fail. And the Holy Ghost is going to come back in again.

Do you want to be of that group of people that know their God? You say, Preacher, what if you're wrong? I'll tell you what. You're gambling with a lot to go out here tonight and say, I don't believe what you preached. You're a fool.

You're a fool. You don't have to agree with my style. You don't have to like the way I present it.

But for heaven's sakes, don't reject the message. God is setting His house in order. This is the hour of divine order.

The order, the arrangement of God is going to take the place of the arrangement of the system of the world. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus.

Thank you, Lord. You want God to take control of things? Ain't you tired of trying to figure this thing all out? Give it to Him. Thank you, Jesus.

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