

# (February 1987) 08 - the House of Prayer

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*Ray Lowe emphasizes the church's role as a house of prayer amidst a chaotic world, warning against the spirit of the Antichrist and the need for spiritual order.*

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**Scripture:** Isaiah 56:1-7, Malachi 3:1, Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 4:1-2, John 2:13-17

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of the church standing firm and preaching the word of God in a world that is spinning out of control. He encourages the congregation to rely on the Bible for guidance rather than worldly sources. The preacher warns that in the end times, everything will be out of control, but the church should not succumb to the same spirit of chaos. He also criticizes the current state of the church, describing it as ignorant, blind, and greedy. The preacher calls for the church to fulfill its role as a role model and a nation within a nation, teaching the world how to live according to God's principles.

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## Transcript

If you want to know how things are going to be, you need to throw your newspapers away, start reading your Bible, and it tells us that in the end time that everything is going to spin out of control. I mean, that's the best way I know to sum it up, is that everything will just spin out of control. The problems will get so big that the men trying to solve them will go into what the Bible calls a quandary.

That means they won't have an answer, everything out of control. And that's talking about the world out there, that's talking about out there. But it also tells us that, or warns us, it doesn't tell us it will be that way, but He warns us in the Word of God, as the Christian and as the church, let's not also let that spirit of that age of that everything out of control, get a hold of us, and we go out of control and spin out of control.

Amen? And so many times we don't heed the warning, and the very thing that the Bible warns us about, it comes on anyway. But we've come to an hour that God is setting things back in order. Now, this is my Magna Carta.

How many of you know what that word means? It means the Great Charter. It means the Constitution. This is my textbook.

This is my curriculum. Amen? Because in it, in it, by the Holy Spirit making it alive, you're going to find all the answers to all the problems. Amen? How many believe this is complete? How many believe this is inspired by the Holy Ghost? How many believe it's interpreted by the Holy Ghost, there's no contradictions in it? How many believe this is our Constitution tonight? Our Magna Carta.

Our Constitution, praise God. The Great Charter is what it is. And we're in a time that God, through the Holy Ghost, and through the Word of God, the Scripture, the written Word, the living Word, the one that I just held up, this is not God.

This is a book of God. You know, there's a book and then the author of the book. This is only the book.

But God wrote the book. And through the book and the author of the book, the Lord is on the move again, bringing the church back to order, praise God. That in this day when the world spins out of control, there'll be an institution standing on this earth that's not going to be out of control.

When the world screams there is no answer, there's going to be a church preaching there is an answer. When it appears in the world there's no way out, there's going to be a church standing on this earth saying there is a way out, praise God. Amen.

Amen. And I pray, I pray to God that you will do whatever God tells you to do. And whatever God speaks to you to do.

And whatever you have to do, I pray God that you will submit to what God is doing in our time. Now, I'm not going to preach from here tonight. I'm just going to read this Scripture.

You don't have to turn here. Malachi 3 and 1, Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek shall certainly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in.

Behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. Then the question, But who may abide the day of his coming? Okay, it says up here where he's coming to. He's coming to his temple.

Then the Bible says, Who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he shall be like a refiner's fire and like a full of soap. He shall sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver. He shall purify the sons of Levi, purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Now, I want you to turn with me tonight to the Gospel of John. To the Gospel of John. I believe the Lord's going to let me preach tonight.

I feel the preacher up here with me. John chapter 2 and verse number 13. I certainly appreciate our friends from Griffin and Albany.

Albany and from different places around that you're here tonight. I started to say Snailville Church of God. I wish the Stone Mountain Church of God was here.

But since they're not, we're still going to have church. It doesn't depend on whether they're here or not. God's going to move with or without them.

John chapter 2 and verse 13. And the Jews passed over. Was it Hannah and Jesus went up to Jerusalem and found in the temple.

Now, here we are. Here's the fulfillment of Malachi. The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple.

Here he is. Jesus had found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves. And the changes of money set him.

When he had made a scourge of small cords. He drove them all out of the temple. And the sheep and the oxen.

Poured out the changes of money over through the tables. And said unto them that sold doves. Take these things away.

Make not my father's house and house of merchandise. Now, no other writer. No other writer mentions it and writes it like this.

Of the four gospels. No other writer records this particular cleansing. The others that record the cleansing of the temple.

They record the cleansing of the temple at the end of his ministry. John is the only writer that records this particular cleansing. John is the only writer that says it like this.

Take these things hence. Make not my father's house and house of merchandise. The rest of them.

The others. Matthew and Mark. Here is the way they say it.

They say my house shall be called by all nations. A house of prayer. Now why did John use these terms that he used? Here is why he used it.

You remember I preached one night. On the two areas that God had given me great revelation on. Number one.

There is a people coming on this earth. The church people. There is going to be a strong people.

I have not seen them. They are coming brother and sister. I do not know who all is going to be involved.

But there is a strong church going to stand up in this day. And the gates of hell will not prevail against that church. And number two.

He showed me. He has always from the time I was saved. Showed me and revealed to me.

Not only the coming of the Antichrist. But the thing that the Antichrist would do. And that is he will take the things of God and replace them.

Okay. John deals with the Antichrist. And what he will do.

He is the only man that uses the term Antichrist. The only one. And the reason he is.

He is the only man that has the understanding. Because God gave it to Daniel. And as he was beginning to write.

Close the book. Seal it up. It will stay sealed until the end of time.

Until the end. God took John on the isle of Patmos. And unsealed that book.

And gave him the understanding. Of the things that he would not let Daniel write. Now.

Getting back to what I said. Why did John use the term. You have made my father's house.

A house of merchandise. Now here is why. There is.

In this passage of scripture. There is a changing of roles. When you take.

The house of prayer. And make it a house of merchandise. You have changed the role of it.

Amen. Okay. You are dealing with perversion.

Amen. You are dealing with perversion. Now.

In the eleventh chapter of the book of Daniel. In explaining. Not in total detail.

One of the characteristics. Now. As I have said.

Not in total detail. Explaining the characteristic. Or the character.

Excuse me. The character. Of the spirit of Antichrist.

It says he will regard. Not. The God of his fathers.

Is that right? Now. The next thing it says. Neither.

Or not. Not the word neither. The desire.

Of women. Now. I have tried.

To make that fit. Where tradition puts it. But it will not fit.

If you go back to the Hebrew. Now the desire of all women. As we have been taught.

Hebrew women was that they would birth Messiah. But that is not what he is saying. Concerning the character of the Antichrist.

The word desire. Is delight. It simply says.

He will have the character. Of a pervert. He will have no delight in women.

He will be a pervert. If there is a. Or the. Or a Antichrist.

A man. If there is a man. Coming.

That is going to be the Antichrist. As we have been taught in tradition. He will be a pervert.

But I want to tell you something tonight. Brother and sister. This far more deadly and dangerous to the church.

Is the spirit of the Antichrist. Which is the spirit of perversion. Which has.  
Rose in the land. Amen. Replaced.  
In most every respect. The spirit of Christ. Amen.  
Which has produced. Perversion. Which has changed the rules of everything and everybody.  
From the man. To the woman. To the church.  
Everything. Has been perverted. We are living in the day of perversion.  
And this book tells me. That the abomination. Of all abominations.  
When he made a seed. He said let it bring forth its kind. Hallelujah.  
Do not fool with the seed. If it is corn. Let it produce corn.  
If it is cotton. Let it produce cotton. If it is a man.  
Let it be a man. If it is a female. Let her be a female.  
Do not pervert the seed. I hate perversion. In Deuteronomy he laid down these laws.  
Do not sow the field. Or dive a sea. Do not use the ass and the nocks together.  
Do not wear cotton and linen. Men and women. Do not change.  
Apparel. Isn't it strange the church never did fool with the first three. But tried to explain the last one.  
Isn't that strange. But see if you just deal with the last one. You are missing everything.  
He is dealing with perversion. Do not you change. Do not you fool.  
Do not you leave things like I made them. Amen. Amen.  
So the spirit of the antichrist will come in. In a perverted sense. And change the rules.  
Of everything. And that is what he has done to the house of prayer. Now God will set things in order.  
I preached. I talked about this one night. How did Jesus first.  
Before he came to the temple. The spirit drove him. Led him into the wilderness.  
And there in the temptation. He came under. And came to order.  
How many believe that the head of Christ is God. That is what the Bible says. He went into that  
wilderness.  
He had been under tutors and governors. That means controlled by his parents. Amen.  
But no longer the time of the father had arrived. Galatians tells us this. Under tutors and governors until  
the time appointed to the father.

The time had come. He went down to the Jordan River. Where the preacher was preaching.  
It was the time of the father. He presented himself to John. To be baptized of John.  
While he was being baptized of John. He, the spirit of God descended upon him. In the form of a dove.  
Became his tutor then. His governor then became the spirit. Amen.  
Not Mary and Joseph. No. He was no longer under their rulership.  
A new government was taking him over. It drove him into the wilderness. Led him into the wilderness.  
And there he showed the devil. I will be subject to my father. I will do nothing without my father.  
I won't jump off of nothing. I won't make nothing. He could turn that stone into bread.  
Yeah, brother and sister. And later he did. Later he did.  
But he submitted himself to the rulership of the spirit. That had fell upon him. Praise God.  
And 40 days later the Bible said. He returned in the power of the spirit. Not in the flesh.  
Not in his own will. Not to do his own thing. But in the volume of the book.  
It was written of him. I've come to do thy will, O God. Led by the spirit.  
Governed by the spirit. Controlled by the spirit. Speaking nothing but what the spirit was saying.  
Somebody say amen. Hallelujah. Headed somewhere.  
He was first set in order. By his head. Which was God.  
But brother and sister. The next place he was to go. He was to go to the temple.  
And set the house of prayer in order. That's right. He was to take the house of merchandise.  
The role had been changed. Amen. It was to be called the house of prayer.  
For all nations. But that leadership of that day. Those priests.  
And those scribes. Had changed that thing. Made it a house of merchandise.  
He went in there. The second step he took. After being on submission to the Holy Father.  
Was to set that house of prayer. Back in order. To make it.  
To offer merchandises. Cleanse it. Purge it from the merchandises.  
And put it back. And call it. A house of prayer.  
That all nations. Could come to that place. God had set it up.  
In the midst of the nations. To be a light to the nations. Oh hallelujah.

It was to be a salt to the nation. A God to the nation. A discernment to the nation.

It was to port the nations. To a God that was real. It was to say there's a God that's real.

There's a God that's alive. And the house of prayer. Had been changed from a house of prayer.

To a house of merchandise. And Jesus came on the scene. Being led by the Holy Ghost.

To fix that thing. And change the rule back. And put it where it's supposed to be.

And he's doing it again. Right now. He's doing a set here house.

In order. Hallelujah. Let's go to Isaiah 56.

Boy I feel like preaching tonight. Isaiah 56. Just pray that I can.

Now. The next three chapters. 56.

57. And 58. Are ethical.

Instructions. Thus saith the Lord. Keep your judgment.

And do justice. For my salvation is near to come. And my righteousness to be revealed.

Blessed is the man that doeth this. And the son of man that layeth hold on it. That keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it.

And keep his hand from doing any evil. Neither let the son of the stranger that had joined himself to the Lord speak. Saying the Lord hath utterly separated me from his people.

Neither let the eunuch say behold I'm a dry tree. But thus saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep my Sabbath.

Choose the things that please me and take hold of my covenant. Even unto them will I give in my house. And even unto them will I give in my house.

I want you to notice that word walls. And within my walls a place. A name and a name better than of sons and daughters.

I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the stranger that joined themselves to the Lord. To serve him and to love the name of the Lord.

To be of service to everyone that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it. And taketh hold of my covenant. Even to them.

Now, it's amazing what I've already said. He said even to the eunuch. And even to the stranger.

I'm going to take them. And build something out of them. Even them will I bring to my holy mountain.

And make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings. There we go.

House of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon my altar. For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all the people.

Now, if you've got a Hebrew dictionary. I want you to look up that word house. I want you to look up that word prayer.

House of prayer. As it's used right here. The word house.

Means the court. The word prayer. Means the two words.

That this scripture started out with. Thus saith the Lord. Keep you judgment and do justice.

It was the court of justice. It was the court of judgment. Hallelujah.

It was a court. It's the same term that we use for the house of congress. How many of you have ever heard it called the house of congress? We've got two houses or three houses in the government of the United States.

We've got the house of congress. The house of the senate. Or maybe the house of representatives.

That's the same thing he's using right here. The court of justice. Or the court of judgment.

And of justice. Now, I want you to notice the next few verses of scripture. Now, I want to tell you this.

I didn't get this out of nobody's book. I got this out of the Magna Carta. By the great teacher.

The Holy Ghost. Look at verse 9. All you beasts in the field, come to devour. All you beasts in the forest.

What's he saying in verse 9? He's saying the people are being devoured. Why? Verse 10. His watchmen are blind.

They're all ignorant. They're all dumb dogs. Boy, that's getting down on us, ain't it? We are ignorant.

We are blind. We are dumb. They can't bark.

Sleeping. Lying down. Loving to sleep or slumber.

Oh, he don't quit. They're greedy dogs. Blind dogs.

Dumb dogs. Sleeping dogs. Slumbering dogs.

Greedy dogs. Which can never have enough. They are shepherds that cannot understand.

They all look to their own way. They follow God's Spirit no more. Everyone for his own personal gain.

From his or from every quarter. Come ye, say they. I will fetch wine.

We will fill ourselves with strong drink. And tomorrow shall be as this day. And much more abundant.

My, what an indictment and a condemnation. Amen. Now, he's talking about, still talking about, the house of prayer or the court of judgment and justice.

Now, when it's out, when the role of it has been changed, then it makes the people an open prey to the beast of the field. They move in at their will. And devour the land.

All the problems in the world today can be laid at the doorsteps of the church. Amen. Why? Because, he said, because the watchman won't bark.

See, the watchman sat on that wall. And if he saw something coming, a beast out of the wild, to get a lamb, he was supposed to bark. Is that right? He was supposed to bark.

But if he didn't bark. If he was asleep. If he was laying on down on the job.

If he had got caught up in merchandising, and game, and getting ahead, and being popular, and being accepted. He wouldn't bark. The dude was too sorry and lazy to bark.

And the beast came in and devoured. I want to ask you a question. Is this generation being devoured by the powers of darkness? Let me ask you another question.

Is our homes being devoured by the powers of darkness? Let me ask you a prayer or something. Especially you that your kids have done and got grown, or getting grown. Is your children being devoured by the powers of darkness? Huh? And you that's got little ones.

You ought to thank God every day. Because I believe the Lord is going to do something to have yours get on up. Amen.

I pray that He will anyway. But in this court. And out of this court.

Was to come. Now. It was.

It was the decision making thing. It was where God set it up in the middle. The temple was set up in the midst of the camp.

In the Old Testament. Is that right? Always set up in the midst of the camp. And everybody gathered to it.

Now. In that. It's not just the temple that's important.

It's what's in the temple that's important. Amen. In that temple.

Was the priest. Now the priest. There's only three offices really.

In the Old Testament. That's the prophet, the priest and the king. The priest.

Represented. Man to God. The prophet.

Represented God to man. And the king. Ruled under God.

Over man. In the temple. Was the priest.

He went in there. And went before God. For the people.

Is that right? Now. There's some places in the Bible. Where a man was a prophet.

And a priest. But never a king and priest. Never.

He could be a priest. And a prophet. But he couldn't be the other one.

Samuel. Was a priest and a prophet. Moses.

Was a priest and a prophet. Ezekiel. Was a priest and a prophet.  
Now why do you see these two callings. Tied together. I'll tell you why.  
Because. I just said it. The prophet.  
Brought God down to the people. He represented God. He was a spokesman.  
From God to the people. Is that right? And the priest. Was the spokesman.  
From the people to God. Those two ministries. Now.  
If in this court. If in this. Place.  
These two guys. These two ministries. These two offices.  
If they ever got messed up. Buddy. It messed up everything.  
First of all. And if you notice all through the Old Testament. When this thing really got in a mess.  
God said the priest is messed up. The prophets is messed up. Amen.  
Every office in there is messed up. And here's what begin to happen. They begin to get to the place.  
They had no discernment. Amen. They begin to call good evil.  
And evil good. They couldn't separate the holy. From the profane.  
They begin to let the wicked go free. And the righteous stay punished. Read.  
Keep reading in these three chapters. I can't study them all. It comes to the place.  
That a man walking in truth. In that day. Was a prey.  
He was a hated man. Even by the ministry. By the prophet and the priest.  
Look at Amos. Look at the others. Look at those.  
That saw these abominations. They become hunting like animals. Because of the profaning of that house.  
Amen. They profaned that house. They could not discern.  
They had no discernment. Now. If just the priest.  
Would have messed up it would have been something. But when the prophet too. Messed up.  
Here is what he done. He brought back to the people. A perverted understanding.  
And a portrait of God. He told the people. This is what God is like.  
He told the people. God is a God of love. He will not send you to hell.  
Amen. He began to call God. Something other than holy.

He perverted God. He changed. The truth of God.

Into a lie. He changed the glory of God. Into the glory of a man.

How many remembers when Isaiah saw the Lord. What did he see? Holy. Holy.

Holy. Well if that prophet come out. And come down to the people.

And then preach God is a holy God. Then through the land. Holiness would not reign.

Because I want you to understand now. Out of this house of prayer. Set up in the midst of the people.

Was the place. Of discernment. Where they discern God.

They had to discern God. They had to see God. He had been hid.

He did not reveal himself. To everybody. He only revealed himself.

To these three offices. And it depended on. What they said about him.

The people took what they said. And if they change the role of God. If they change the character of God.

If they change the nature of God. Then that perversion would go through the land. And the roles would start changing.

See the devil. Can never create. He always changes.

He is a changer. I said he is a changer. Hallelujah.

And if they did not discern it right. Did you know in our government. We got three branches of government.

We got the legislative branch. We got the judicial branch. We got the executive branch.

Each one of those. Has got a role to play. The legislator legislates.

The judicial interprets. And the executive carries it out. Did you know what is wrong with our country? We have changed those roles.

Do you know who is running this country? The Supreme Court. They are not interpreting the Magna Carta. They are not interpreting the Magna Carta.

The great Constitution. That men have lived and died for. They are not interpreting.

They have changed their roles. As far as government is concerned. They have perverted their roles.

They are making laws. I said they are making laws. And they are perverted.

Do you know how I know they are perverted? They passed a law. In the Supreme Court. And said it is unconstitutional.

For capital crime. For capital punishment. God is the one who established that law.

Right. Somebody said Jesus changed it. You can't show me that nowhere.

You can't interpret it in your perverted interpretation. They let the wicked live. The killers.  
They let live. That same body passed another law. And says it is alright.  
For a woman. To slay the innocent. If that ain't perversion, I don't know what it is.  
The wicked goes free. And the innocent go to the chambers. They die.  
Is that right? Is that true? Their judgment is messed up. Their justice is all messed up. That is why there is no justice in the land.  
I said there is no justice in the land. There is a song crying out. I believe Pat Boone wrote this song.  
About the innocent crying out. The millions of babies that are dying in this country. Amen.  
The little old. Hey brother and sister. In the United States now.  
Listen to me. Listen to me. In one state.  
I believe it is the state of Nevada. State of Texas. You can abort a baby now.  
One day. One day. Before it is birth.  
And go to jail. The next day. If you let it be born.  
You can be free. If you kill it the day before it is birth. But go to jail the next day.  
If you stick a cigarette to it. That is perversion. But it is all because something has happened.  
In the court of justice. Amen. There is no discernment.  
I said there is no discernment. We got thieves and robbers. We got men that God has not ordained.  
Making the laws of the land. Amen. And they are not interpreting the Magna Carta.  
Never did the constitution say. No such shot like that. Can you say amen.  
They have changed their roles. They are not in the judicial branch anymore. They are legislating.  
And they are the executors. They are the sole power. And the government of this land.  
You say is it going to get any better. It is going to get worse. But God is going to raise up a church.  
Hallelujah. With some true judgment in it. Can you say amen.  
Now spiritually speaking. The same things happen in the house of God. I discern myself.  
I have never seen a time. In my life. That the church as a whole.  
Cannot discern. Flesh. From spirit.  
Very few people know that. Even the leaders. It is like Wilkerson has got a tape out.

Talking about stinking flesh. He said most everything I see today is stinking flesh. But yet the folks do not know the difference.

They are calling it God. They are calling it God. Amen.

Do you know what it has done. It has reversed the role of everything. The church.

The church. Is not fulfilling its role. Rather we are doing most everything.

We never was called to do. We never was ordained to do. The church.

The house of God. The house of prayer. Is set up in the community.

Amen. Not to just feed and clothe the naked. No.

A thousand times no. We are not a social club. It was called a house of prayer.

That means where a man can get the right decision. And the right direction. Where he can come and meet God.

And find God. Hallelujah. Where that God and that man can come together.

And get to know one another. Somebody say Amen. The role has been changed.

We have become a house of merchandise. The role has been changed. But God is bringing a revolution again.

To put everything back in order. Can you say Amen. Now.

I hope I can shift into something here. You pray for me. That house of prayer.

Spiritually speaking. Represents. The head.

It represents. The man as the head. See the order of God's government is.

God. Christ. Man.

And woman. Amen. The order of the church.

Is God. Christ. The house of prayer.

The nation. The church. The holy nation.

In a nation. Now. If you reverse.

If you reverse. If you start. In the house of God.

If you. Reverse the role there. Everything else gets out of role.

That's why I preached the other night. The model of setting in order. Is the man.

First. The man. Christ.

Jesus. Was set in order by his heavenly father. Which was the spirit of God.

Then he come down. Amen. But if it gets out of focus.  
Or gets. That the role gets out. It causes.  
The role to change. Which in God's eyes. Is perversion.  
And everybody's out. Nobody's where they're supposed to be. Amen.  
Amen. And the order is. Christ was.  
Subject to God. The man is subject to Christ. And then the woman.  
And the man being the. The five-fold ministry. And then the body.  
The woman. Is subject. To the head.  
Are you saying the five-fold ministry. Is the head of the church. I am and I ain't.  
But how many believe that God. In the church. Has got a ministry.  
That is a. It's a house of judgment and justice. Where decisions come out of. How many believe the five-fold ministry.  
Is the ministry that Jesus. Established on this earth. And through that ministry.  
They became. The discerners. Of God.  
And of man. And got the two together. Amen.  
This is why you can't. We don't need psychologists and psychiatrists. In the world.  
Because they don't know. They don't understand man. You know why they don't understand man.  
They can't discern man. They'll discern. You go in and lay down on their couch.  
And they'll discern that your problems. Is caused by the environment you was raised in. But if you're a real psychologist.  
And a spiritual psychiatrist. You'll discern that the man's problem. Is sin.  
Because he's a fallen creature. And he needs to be reunited. Back with his maker.  
And if you get reunited back with his maker. And become the subject to him. Then everything will begin to fall in place for him.  
Say amen. No matter where he was raised. He was.  
If he was in an ivory tower. Or a hot pan. Amen.  
Amen. So when that ministry. That house.  
That court of judgment and justice. Loses their discernment. And they.  
Begin to. Bring out of that court of justice. And judgment.

Perverted. Decisions. Words.

When they bring out a perverted. Constitution. Constitution.

Then it perverts everything in the land. It goes into the home. It goes into the schools.

It gets into the children. Amen. Amen.

See when you change the role of the church. You're going to change the role in the family. It's going all the way into the family.

Say amen. Alright. If.

I'm going to show you something here. I'm going to show you how perverted. The ministry is.

This whole thing is perverted. I mean the whole thing is perverted. The role of the church is perverted.

We ain't doing what. God called us to do. We're doing everything.

We're not what we're supposed to be. What are we supposed to be. As a church.

Number one we're supposed to be feminine. Which is. Church is always presented as a woman.

Which is subject to Christ. The head. Well man.

We got to minister now. That ain't subject to God. We're telling God what to do.

We're sending angels everywhere. Talking in tongues at random. Controlling the Holy Ghost.

The one I got. Don't want to work like that. I said the one I got.

Don't work like that. I can't control the Holy Ghost I got. I can't make him talk.

Just any time. All over this country folks. It's being told.

You need to pray an hour every day in tongues. What if the unction don't come but 15 minutes. Then what do you do.

Get the flesh to make another 45 minutes. That's a perverted gospel. That's a perversion of truth.

Brother the Holy Ghost that fell on Pentecost. Was not one you control. The utterance came from heaven.

The yielding of it came from out of you. But if you reverse those two. You ain't got the real.

You don't got the one that the devil produced. And brought forth. Amen.

And it produces a perversion. Into things of God. Boy that's something.

That's something. We're coming back to the time. That we're going to quit running God.

And God's going to start running us. We go. Now what we've done.

Is moved out of the woman stage. That's the mission. And moved up.

We don't present ourself to God. As a submissive woman. We present ourself to God.

As a macho man. As a submissive woman. And then we wonder man.

Why them rebellious wives are out there. And them rebellious children. It starts down here.

It starts in your own life. Now man I want to tell you something. Tell you something man.

God is going to set you in order. Or cripple you so bad. That you're going to walk crippled the rest of your life.

He's going to get you back where you're supposed to be. Where you're supposed to be. Christ is supposed to be your head.

Say amen. And when Christ becomes your head. You won't give out perverted information.

You won't give out perverted decisions and laws in your home. You'll discern the way it's supposed to be. Amen.

You'll have true discernment. And the word judgment. Is discernment.

It's ability to see. It's ability. Amen.

To be able to discern it and see it. Because Christ has become your head. He's your governor.

He's your God. He's your Lord. He's your everything.

Amen. And most of you men are perverted. Spiritually.

Some of you may be that other way. Pray to God you ain't. Sister men.

Of course the church. Messed up first. Out of the church.

Out of the ministry. Out of the five-fold ministry. Came a perverted gospel.

Did you know we teach today. How many. In the last few years.

We've been bombarding this thing called growth. We got the fastest growing churches. I got the fastest growing church.

This is the fastest growing church. Growth. Has come out of the pulpits.

This is what growth is. It's how many nickels and noses you got. Growth is measured by.

From the pulpits. That growth is measured by how many is there. And how big your budget is.

But I won't tell you where growth is in God. You know how you know. How you denote real growth in God.

It's your discernment. It's your discernment. Read the fifth chapter of the book of Hebrews.

They that are ready for strong meat. Them that's ready is them that are grown. Amen.

That has discerned. That can discern. They've exercised their senses.

To discern good from evil. That's grown folks. Cause I tell you what you can do.

You take these big churches. That's grown so big. You go in there and start trying to give them some meat.

And you'll see they ain't near as far as you think they are. In fact the meat you'll give them. And the gospel you preach to them.

You know what they'll call it? They can't even discern whether it's the gospel or not. If you preach the word of God. They'll call it the devil.

If you preach the flesh they'll call it God. They don't know the difference. I said they don't know the difference.

They don't know who God is. They don't know what he looks like. Because we presented one that ain't right.

It's not the real God. We've changed God. We've changed his laws.

We've changed his constitution. We've changed his government. We've perverted everything.

But God's put it back in shape. And back in order. Hallelujah.

That once again the church is going to become the house of prayer. And out of the house of prayer is going to come the right decisions. The right judgment.

Amen. Hallelujah. And everything's coming to order.

The men in the church is coming to order. The deacons in the church is going to deacon. Quit trying to dictate to the preacher.

The women are going to become women. And the men's going to be men. And the children's going to be children.

And the parents are going to be parents. And the church is going to be the church. And the government's going to be the government.

And God's going to be God. Hallelujah. Because it's coming to order.

Now. If you don't deal with yourself first. I talked this the other night.

You've got to get yourself straight first. Amen. You've got to get your role as a man back where it's supposed to be.

How do you know what your role is? You need to go to the Magna Carta. Don't order a book from Spock. Get God's book.

This right here set a man in place. You go by this book. Submit yourself to the Holy Ghost.

This book will make a man out of you. Take that cystiness out of you. Your role will get straightened out.

You'll become a man. Amen. How many men here would like to be a man? Make a man out of you.

You've got to go back to the Magna Carta. Or the great charter. We've got all kinds of charters in the land.

But here's my charter. Here's what I want to set my house in order by. This book tells me.

Lord, I was praying in 1973. In 1970 I had a vision facing the north of a massive or great destructive tornado that covered all the northern skies. I saw this tornado, this whirlwind coming in its path.

In its path there was nothing standing. The foundations were crumbling. The homes were crumbling.

The churches were crumbling. The schools were crumbling. Everything was crumbling.

I looked and I saw the magnitude and the destructive power of this great storm that was coming. I saw that nothing was going to stand. In fact, the Spirit of God spoke to me as I looked on this particular foundation.

And the Spirit of God said to me, the foundation I thought was going to stand. The Lord said to me, it will not stand because the foundation is not substantial. I said, Lord, in the time of your judgment, when you begin to move through this land, where can a man go? Where can a man go? He said to me, read Psalms 91.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He's my refuge and my fortress, and in God will I put my trust. I'll not be afraid of the air that flies today, the pestilence that comes in the midnight hour.

I'll not be afraid of the plagues. They'll not come nigh my house. My house has been fixed up.

I've made my house within the walls of God's house of prayer. Everything's like it's supposed to be. Can you say amen? Brother, that's what he said.

I'm going to take the eunuch. I'm going to take the stranger. I'm going to restore my house of prayer.

It's going to be walls. It's going to be a wall that everybody can come into and be safe. You listen to this in 1973.

I was still praying because it took me months to understand it. It took me months to know what I was saying when the Lord said to me, this storm will affect the schools. This storm will affect the homes.

This storm will affect the church. It's going to blow it away. It's going to blow it away.

But, oh, I was still praying three years later in 1973. I could take you to the spot where I was standing. I screamed out to heaven, oh, out of prayer.

See, this thing, brother and sister, I don't know whether you know this or not, but there's a message coming now that's been born and birthed out of prayer. It didn't come out of the intellect of a mind of a man. It didn't come out of the corridor of injustice.

It's coming out of the house of prayer. Can you say, man, that's why God's calling us to prayer. I prayed in desperation.

I looked up into the heavens because I saw the church. I saw the homes. I saw the schools.

I saw the nation in the very condition that I saw. The foundations were wrong. They was not going to stand what I saw coming.

I looked up in desperation. I said, God, what can I do? What must I preach? What message do you want me to deliver to get our people ready? The homes, the churches, and the schools of the nation ready to stand the last day in the isle of judgment. I heard the Holy Ghost say to me, preach Paul's gospel.

Preach Paul's gospel. Preach Paul's gospel. Preach Paul's gospel.

Brother, I searched for months and months on my face with the Magna Carta before me. This great charter, I laid it on my face. Months, brother Jim, with this thing before me.

Searching what Paul preached. Searching what Paul said. I found Paul is a man that set the church in order.

He set the house in order. He set the man in order. He set the woman in order.

He set the children in order. He set the preachers in order. He set the deacons in order.

He set everybody in order. There comes order in Paul's gospel. Say amen.

In fact, he said, he said, I've laid the foundation. You be careful when you build on it that you build with the right kind of material. Because if you don't in the time of the storm, it's going to burn up like stubble.

We built a lot of stuff that's going to burn up like stubble. I said, God's fixed to put the fire. The Bible said he's coming as a refiner of fire and a purifier of silver.

Our brother, when God begins to set us in order, most we believe, we ain't going to believe it no more. Most we do and we ain't going to do it no more. Are you listening to me? The role the church is playing today, brother, the church as we know it is fixed to go out of business and a new church is coming into business.

We're going to get the road straightened back out. We're called to be preachers. We're called to be the salt.

We're called to be a light. We're called to be a city. Not build cities.

Be a city. God's just built a city. We don't need cities of faith.

We need the church to become the city that Abraham looked for. Can you say amen? A city on the hill. Hallelujah.

Why do you think God called us? You know what's wrong today? The role models are perverted. The church is a role model. That's what the book teaches.

The church has set up a nation within a nation that the nation can look at the church and govern herself by the decisions that come out of that church. Jeremiah said there'll come a time that the church will teach the world how to sin. But you know how the government views the church now? They got it viewed right.

A bunch of crooked charlatan merchandising foolishness. Amen. And the government will never be able to stop the church if she'll get back and play her role.

You can't stop the church doing what God called it to do. The church and the will of God, the gates of hell, will never do nothing with it. Never do nothing with it.

He said we'll kill the preacher. You can kill the prophet but you can't kill the prophecy. You can lock up the man but you can't lock up the book.

Paul said I'm in bonds but the word ain't bound. You never lock up the word. Somebody said they'll close our doors.

Then close our doors but never close our mouth. No sir brother and sister. The church in the role that God has called her to play.

There's not a king there's not a ruler. There's not a government. There's not a power.

There's not a missile. There's not a bomb. They'll stop the church if she'll get back in her role.

The church is perverted out of the church now is becoming perversion. We're sending a message but it's the wrong message. We don't tell the world out there, hey look out there, that world's out of control.

Well you walk among them, they see the same thing in you. You're out of control. They don't see no disciplined people.

By God we're doing everything they're doing except they just don't come down here and go through the routine of the mechanical religion we got. I know y'all think I'm too hard but I've been in the house of prayer. The role models, the role models are perverted and the church is at the top of the list.

If you're a man you ought to be a role model. Amen? An example you're supposed to have discernment. Amen? Amen? And if you're a church, a part of a corporate church that church is supposed to be a role model.

I'm going to tell you what God's going to do first. He's going to take just a few churches and make models out of them. I believe He wants to do that hipstone mountain.

Make a model out of it. A role model that the others can say, hey man, that's the way it is. That works.

That really works. I think I'm going to try it. I think I'm going to try it.

Amen? Amen? And you know what? He set this thing in order. I'm going to show you something else in the church that's really out of order. It's a deacon board running the pulpit.

Man, you're talking about perversion. That's perversion in the first degree. God never called deacons to dictate to the preacher.

Got nothing to do with the pulpit. They get out there and serve them tables and visit the hospital and the offerings and the winners. Not just count the money.

Tell the preacher how to spend it. See, the deacons are perverted. The boards are perverted.

Our government in the church is perverted. We got a perverted government. But the government that Paul set up is the one we're coming back to.

This, let me say again, this is the Magna Carta. This is the great charter. This is the one we're going to set our lives up by.

This is the one as a man I'm going to set my life up by. Say amen. This is the one we're going to set the church up by that hell ain't going to do nothing with.

Then the deacons are going to deacon and the preacher going to pray it in preaching. That's what he's called to do. I said that's what he's called to do.

You deacons ought to get up and start. The preacher don't need to be going to spend all his time running down to the Grady General or what the name of it is. You deacons ought to be doing it.

I said you deacons. Oh, we ain't going to do that. Bless God.

We're going to get back here in the room and tell the preacher what he can do. I believe y'all got a hold of a preacher here. You ain't going to tell him what to do tomorrow.

I believe he's going to be submissive to his head which is the Lord. Hallelujah. He's going to become a role model in this plumb pen and you're going to have to get with it or you're fixing to get run over around here.

You want me to keep it going? I'll shake a green leaf on that tree. Because I got real experience on that business right there. I said I got real experience on that business right there.

Say amen. Somebody said oh we're going to tell him what to do. We pay his bills.

I'm sorry. I'm sorry. You're dead wrong.

You're dead wrong. I get up every morning and check in with the boss. I check with him.

I asked the boss if he'd be alright to preach us tonight. He said he'd be alright. I get up every morning and check in with the boss.

See I ain't got no job. I ain't got no salary. I ain't got nothing.

Just me and Jesus. But I knew I needed a new truck the other day. I went and asked the boss about it.

He told me I had to get one. Told me if I keep obeying him he's fixing to give me a raise. I said you're going to have to help me pay for this truck.

Say amen. It's nice that he's the boss. It's good to talk to the boss every morning and get your instructions from him.

Then the people under you you can give them the right instructions. See you men trying to give your wife instructions and yours ain't right yet. Bless God you ought to do this you hussy you.

Now don't ask me what hussy is. I done tried to find it. It ain't in the dictionary.

Bless God you're going to do it this way or else. But the same measure you measure by you're going to get measured back. That same whip you get to whip her with your head's going to whip you with one.

Say amen. This is good. This is good.

Amen. Check in with the boss. He said it'd be alright.

Jimmy Swagger said I didn't say this I say this in quote don't hold me accountable for it. He said all the leaders of the Pentecostal denominations have lost touch with God. They've become involved in politics.

Seeking high offices. Seeking to hold on to offices. But if they'll check in with the boss it's time that the leaders start checking in with the boss.

And out of the court of judgment and justice will come some decisions that'll ripple down through the local church. Down into the home. Down into the heart of men.

Down into the children. Down into everywhere. Praise God.

Out of headquarters will come the right decisions. The right charter. The right message.

Brother they'll straighten out the local. Straighten out the home. Straighten out everything.

Can you say amen? And the nation can say the church is a light. The church is a city. The church is a way out.

And when everything's spinning out of control there's a people in control. They know where they're going. They've got a clear vision.

They've got a clear understanding. They discern the signs of the time. They're getting ready for something.

Hallelujah. Brother we're coming back to an hour of discernment. Can you say amen? Preachers are going to get discernment.

Overseers are going to get discernment. Men are going to get discernment. Women's going to get discernment.

Children's going to get discernment. The church is going to have discernment. At the house of prayer everything's going to start being soaked in prayer.

Every decision you make, Marker, that's not soaked in prayer is probably going to be the wrong decision. My decisions now I soak them with prayer. I made a lot of mistakes by not doing that.

I made mistakes in my home. I made mistakes with my children because I didn't have discernment. I've looked at my children and discerned one thing and inside something else was going on.

Who failed? Old Daddy Rabbit right here. Of course, I don't want to blame the church, the environment, the government, and any old dog I can kick around. But I ought to kick this dog because he's the one that failed.

Ooh, y'all like this. It's set in order. The house of judgment.

The house of discernment. The house where the right decisions are made. They don't come out of carnal minds.

They come out of men of prayer. Is it not true that Paul taught more on the subject of prayer than any other man in the Word of God? Didn't Paul say pray? Always praying. Pray without ceasing.

Pray, pray, pray. Soak it in prayer. Soak it in prayer.

Didn't he say that? Pray, men. Pray, brethren. Pray, church.

Pray. Pray all the time. Pray around the clock.

Pray at night. Fast. Fasted often.

Prayed often. Sought God often. Went nowhere unless he prayed about it.

Is that true? All his decisions came out of the court of justice and judgment. They were discerned. He saw the thing like it's supposed to be.

Paul saw one night a woman over in Macedonia and said, come on over and help us. Come on over and help us. He checked in with the boss and the boss said, go on over to Macedonia.

Got over and found some folks ready to hear the gospel. This will stop a lot of this foolishness. Preachers running everywhere.

Coming back home defeated. You know where I operate now? You know where I operate at? I got no bookings. I got no schedule.

Where you going next? I don't know. I'm going to close here tomorrow night. Where you going next? I don't know.

I really don't know. I don't know. I don't know.

I don't know. Well, I'm going to check in with the boss and everywhere he says go, that's where I'm going. You say you can't make it like that? You ain't got no salary.

Yes, I got it. I got the, I got I'm working for the man that owns the cattle on a thousand hills. The silver and the gold belongs to him.

Can you say, man, he can kill me anytime he wants to. Shoot me some gold through here anytime he wants to. He'll take care of your check-in with the boss.

Just do what the boss says. Amen. He'll pay the bills.

You ain't got, I'll tell you one thing, the hiring is fixed to be a thing of the past in the real church. Men's going to quit preaching because of the salary. They're going to quit preaching to please the people.

The board ain't going to tell them what to do. They ain't going to preach to get the vote because we fixed the cradle out of that junk. God never did set up His church by popular vote.

He set it up by the Holy Ghost ordained in the church. Somebody say, man, this is not a democracy. Praise God.

It's the government of the Holy Ghost. This is a Magna Carta. This is a Magna Charter.

This is a great charter. Say, can you say, man, and when we start doing it like the book says, do it, do it what the boss says, do. He'll pay the bills.

He'll heal the families. He'll keep your kids from going astray. He'll do all of these things if you'll simply come to order.

We've perverted the whole thing. Men, get that book out. Men, for heaven's sake, get that book out.

Let's get this book back out. Don't just read them scriptures to get your wife set in order subject to you. Them's for her, not you.

Read them, but it's written to you. I got all these underlined under here that means my wife, and I constantly quote them to her. But now, since the Lord's got a hold on me, I'm underlining all them that talks to me as a man.

Hallelujah. I underline all them that talks to me as a preacher. I underline all them that talks to me as a father.

I underline all of them that talks to me as an overseer, a watchman in the church. Brother, we are being devoured today by the beast. Our churches, our homes, our children, our marriages, the land's been devoured because we have perverted the role.

For God's sakes, men, become a man. And for God's sakes, church, become the church that God's called you to be. I'm so sick of church.

I got to where, and this is radical. This is radical. I got where I despise a church building that looks like a church.

And it ain't something I've done within myself. Because when I look at these buildings that we built, you say they represent Christ? You're the biggest liar that ever walked. Most of them represent the egos of men.

I'm closing. Southern Baptist Church of Mississippi. Southern Baptist Convention of Mississippi.

On the coast. Called a man out of Africa, missionary out of Africa to preach their convention. They shouldn't have done it.

He stood up on the coast. Hundreds and hundreds of Southern Baptist pastors. Here's what he said.

He said, you've lost your discernment. He said, you're not discerning what that public is seeing. See, a priest, a priest was a people's representative to God.

They had to sit where the people sat. God took them from among the people where they could truly represent the people and know what the people was thinking. Okay? He said, you've lost your discernment.

You're not discerning the general public out there. You don't realize what they're thinking and what they're saying about your churches. And most of you, most of you have lost your discernment.

You don't know what that general public out there is thinking about the churches of our time. You know what he said? He said, the general public rides by your churches and says, there's another country club. He said, you've got nothing but country clubs, playgrounds for kids.

He said, you don't know this because you've lost your discernment. He said, that general public out there resents! They resent highly! It ain't God they resent! It's what they are you portraying as God. And brother, it's in the land so thick tonight you can cut it.

And I'm discerning the same thing. Now, I don't think you've got to, you know, that's me. You may never get to that place.

But I've got to the place I literally hate. I despise so much of this junk we've got going that we call God. It's perversion.

The role's been changed. God never called us to do a lot of things we've been doing. He called us to be a city in the midst of a dark world.

A light that shines in the eye of darkness. A salt that can preserve in the day of corruption. Amen.

How many believe that tonight? He has called the church to be to come out of to come out of that court of justice and judgment. A church, praise God, with some laws and with some principles and with some things. Amen.

That we'll not call good evil and evil good. But we'll put this thing like it's supposed to be. We've come to an hour of mixing.

I may preach on this in the morning on Laodicea. Oh, what's coming out of Laodicea. No absolutes.

No everything's gray now even in the church. No rights and no wrongs because we can't discern the difference. In fact, we're calling right wrong and wrong right.

We're calling spirit, flesh and flesh spirit. We're calling growth God. And the church ain't going like we think it's supposed to be.

God ain't got nothing to do with it. Oh, how perverted things are. The role of the church, brother and sister, is to be a light to win the lost, to touch lost men and women.

To introduce God to man and man to God. How many believe that tonight? It's to take a God that man knows nothing about that you don't learn something about because you spent some time with him. You know his ways.

You know how he thinks. You know his character. You know how he operates.

And you to go out there to a world that knows nothing about him and say, let me tell you about my Jesus. Let me tell you about this Jesus that I've been serving. Let me tell you what kind of God I'm serving.

And you start talking to him about God. Oh, hallelujah. And then when you go to prayer, you go to prayer to tell that God to talk to God and said, Lord, let me tell you about this man.

Here's what he really needs. I've discerned his heart and here's what he really needs. He don't need what he thinks he needs.

God, this is what he really needs. And you take that man and you stand in the gap and you make up the heads for that man. God said in one place, I sought for a man to stand in the gap and found none.

I look for a man to stand in the gap. I look for a go between. I look for somebody that can stand between me and man.

Oh, let me tell you something, brother. We can stand before and between God and man. I really believe we can divert the thing that Wilkerson said, and that is we're going to be destroyed by atomic bomb.

I believe we can change it. Help me please. We can change it.

You know how we're going to change it? We're going to change it by doing like Jonah done. We're going to quit going to Tarsus and we're going to start back going to Nineveh and saying thus saith the Lord. Hallelujah.

If Nineveh can repair America can repair. Can you say man? If Nineveh can repair America can repair Somebody say man. It's not beyond God.

But see, we don't preach repentance. We tell the world. Oh my God, things are getting better.

The world's getting better. The United States, the church has done got so big and so good. We about to take the thing over.

Man, this thing going to come. Oh, Lord, what a perverted message. Our is our to tell men needs to repent.

Amen. To take a real God to him. How many believe he's a holy God tonight? How many believe you'll never mix the holy with the profane? Light and darkness don't come, don't mix, brother and sister.

Amen. Perversion. The house of judgment.

The house of judgment. The right decision. Making the right decision.

Praise God. Out of the house of prayer will come the right decision.

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