

(February 1987) 09 - Woe to Jerusalem

by Ray Lowe

The sermon warns against hypocrisy and calls for a recognition of God's message to Jerusalem, emphasizing the need for repentance and spiritual awakening.

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Scripture: Isaiah 54:14, Matthew 23:33-35, Matthew 23:37-38, Luke 19:41

Topics: "Jerusalem"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher shares his experiences of delivering a message to a church that rejected him. Despite the lack of reception, he continued to deliver the message. On the fourth night, he had a vision of an explosion related to gas and death, which he believed was connected to the church. He stayed for two more nights and then received a message from God to go to Jerusalem. The preacher also talks about his obedience to God and the promises of protection and provision that he has received.

Transcript

Now, I really wanted to go a certain direction this morning, but last night after the service, after we went home and I got in the bedroom, just the greatest rejoicing came over me and I really didn't know what it was. I just, I went, I laid down just rejoicing, just to praise. I don't know if I disturbed the brother where we was at, but I just, I laid down rejoicing.

I really didn't know what it was until the pastor read that Scripture this morning, because there was not too much to rejoice about what I said last night. It was a tough message and it didn't jive. The message and the rejoicing didn't jive, but I understood this morning what happened, why I was rejoicing.

But as I lay there in the bed, I called the main office, get a hold of the boss to tell him what I had in mind. I told him I had in mind to run down to Laodicea. I never could get in touch with him.

I tried until I went to sleep. So I left a message on the recorder and told him if there was any change to call me back. Well, he called me back early this morning and here's what he told me.

He said, I don't understand why you want to run down to Laodicea. He said, I called you last Saturday night, or last Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, told you to run down to Laodicea and tell them that I was sick. Did you do it? I said, yeah.

That's the first words I said, Lord, when I walked in the pulpit last Sunday morning. Is that true? First words. He said, did you tell them this week what made me sick? I said, yeah.

I said, I told them what I thought you told me, that you had went into your house and got a hold of some self-rising bread and it had made you sick at your stomach. And it looked like the only way you was only going to get any better, you was going to have to vomit. Y'all listening? Also strange though, I woke up this morning crying.

I went to sleep rejoicing. And I woke up this morning crying. And I couldn't, I didn't understand why.

I couldn't relate to the rejoicing when I went to sleep, and I couldn't relate to the crying when I woke up. But then the boss said to me, I want you to run down to Jerusalem this morning and deliver a message to Jerusalem. Isn't it wonderful to have that kind of boss? That you don't have to figure out where to go.

But he told me in 1982, if I'd start calling the main office, a little more frequent, that I'd quit making so many dry runs. Now I've got to obey the boss, because he just promised me a raise. And I've got to have it.

Amen? Not only has he promised me a raise in that respect, in 1984 passing the assembly of God church, he told me that if I would walk in his wheel, that nothing would touch me. Nothing. Brother, I saw a place in God that age can't find you.

The devil can't shoot an arrow in it. Amen? He said, it's all simply walking in my wheel. You're covered only in my wheel.

So I've got to go where the boss says go. Now I really would like to stay at Laodicea a while, but I've got to leave. I've got to go another direction.

Pastor, if you've ever read a Scripture, dear God, I couldn't believe what I was hearing. It's just unreal what God's doing, what God's saying. Don't nobody leave this service.

I want you to go with me this morning. We're going to Jerusalem. I'm going to tell you what the boss said.

Praise God, I'm going to hang with this company. There ain't going to be no layoffs in it. It ain't going bankrupt and busted.

It ain't going to merge with anything else. In fact, it's the only company that's going to survive the crash. You stay on with Easton if you want to.

But I'm going to stay with this one. I want everybody that's got a Bible to turn with me this morning to Matthew 23, verse 13. I want you to follow me.

Matthew 23. Now, we're in Jerusalem. But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees and hypocrites, for you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men, for you won't go in yourselves, neither suffer you them that are entering to go in.

Woe unto you, scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites, for you devour widows' houses and for pretense make long prayer. Therefore you shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites, for you come past sea and land to make one proselyte.

When he is made, you make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Woe unto you, blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it's nothing. Whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor.

You fools and you blind. But what is greater, the gold of the temple, but what is greater, the gold of the temple that sanctified the gold? Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing. But whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon him, he is guilty.

You fools and blind. But what is greater, the gift of the altar that sanctified the gift? Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it and by all things thereon. Whosoever shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it and by him that dwelleth therein.

He that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, by him that sitteth thereon. Woe unto you, scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites. You pay your tithes of men and whatever in coming and have omitted the weighty matters of the law, judgment, and mercy, and faith.

These ought you have done, but don't leave the other undone. You blind guides, which you strain under a gnat, you swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites.

For you clean up the outside of your vessel and your cup and of the platter, but within, you're full of extortion and excess. You're out of control. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and the platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

Woe unto you, scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites. For you're just like the whited sepulchers, which indeed you appear beautiful outward, but within you're full of dead men's bones and of all uncleanness. Even so, you also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within you're full of hypocrisy and sin.

Woe unto you, scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites. Because you build the tombs of the prophets, you garnish the sepulchers of the righteous and say, if we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore, be you witness unto yourselves that you are the children of them which kill the prophets.

Fill you up then the measure of your fathers. You serpents, you generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets and wise men and scribes. Some of them you shall kill and crucify, and the others you'll scourge in your synagogues and persecute them from city to city.

That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on this earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, whom you slew between the temple and the altar. Verily, I say unto you, all these things shall come upon this generation. Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem.

Then I understand why I was crying. Let this mic stay up. Now I understand why I was crying.

Woke up crying. Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem. Thou that killest the prophets, stonest them which are sent unto thee.

How oft would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings. You would not. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

For I say unto you, you shall not see me henceforth till you shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. I want you to turn with me. Luke 19, chapter 41.

And when he was come near, he beheld the city. Luke 19, verse 41. When he was come near, he beheld the city and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou... Preach, I want you to turn back to the... Preach, I want you to flip back over to the scripture you read.

I want you to flip back over to Isaiah 54. I want you to hold your finger there and then go back over and follow this with me. Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong... I want you to notice that word which belong because it is in italics.

It has been put in there by the translators. There were some other words here and the translators felt that which belong would be the best. But here is one translation and I believe this is the correct one.

In that where it says, which belong, the word is needed for peace. If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which you needed for peace. If you would have known what was going to bring you peace, you would have done different.

That is what he is literally saying. If you would have known Jerusalem, the things which belong are the things which are needed for peace, you would have done different. But now they are hid from thine eyes.

I send blindness on you. For the day shall come upon thee that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee and compass, that means circle you, thee around. They shall keep thee on every side or besiege you on every side and shall lay thee even with the ground.

And listen now. Here is why I wanted the pastor to turn back over there. And shall lay thee even with the ground and thy children within thee.

This is not only you that you have affected, you have affected your children. And they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another. And here is the whole reason.

Because thou did not know the time of thou visitation. I want the pastor to read. I want him to stand back up.

And I want him to read what he read. I want you to read it again, pastor. Same verses.

Verse 14 is explaining these words. You and your children will be made secure. Because I'm going to build a wall around you.

Now, I didn't understand the rejoicing last night until the pastor read the message. The message the pastor brought you this morning is a message to those that has attended this revival with an open heart. The message that I'm bringing to you this morning is for you that have rebelled.

To you that have heard. To you that have opened your heart. To you that have received.

To you that's hungry. To you that have become willing to turn aloose of tradition. You've chose to follow the Lord and what He's doing and where He's headed.

It's time to rejoice. It's rejoicing for you this morning. It's rejoicing time for you.

It's rejoicing time for you. Because when the Lord gave me, I did not ask for what I'm preaching. I would be a fool.

I would be a raven fool to jeopardize what I've jeopardized to preach like I'm preaching. But when the Lord comes to you and says to you, visit you, I was not praying. I was not seeking God.

I was pastoring a church. We was on the road. What I mean road, that's a street term.

We were on the move. We were building. We were tearing down, tearing out.

We had youth programs running out of our ears. We had sports programs. I was fixing to pay part of the property and build a basketball court on it.

We had already approached the owners of the land next to us to buy more property, to build, to build, to build, to build. Brother G.W. Lowry is here this morning. I don't know if he remembers me telling him this.

He was in Alabama but had come down to see me. He may not remember this, but I said, Brother G.W., God is fixing to visit me. I said, I don't know why.

I don't know how. For the purpose, you know, I don't know, I don't know. But I began to walk for days with my flesh tingling with a presence on me that I could not understand.

One night, after service, after watching television for two hours, I cut the TV off at one o'clock in the morning when the flags started waving and they sang the Star Spangled Banner. And I went to bed, I started to bed. On my way back to that bed, I passed the place in that hall where the washing dry was, a voice rung from the heavens and said, but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits.

It almost knocked me to my knees, but that was the beginning of the Lord restoring my life, pouring a message into me that I did not ask for. He gave it to me in 1968 in a 22 foot trailer. An angel walked up in my trailer after 18 days of fasting.

I was on a 21 day fast on the direction of the Lord. An angel walked into my trailer and said, I'm a messenger sent from God to you. He said, you will not go in the direction that you think you're going to go.

I'm fixing to change your direction. You will not preach what you think you're going to preach. I'll give you a message to the body of Christ.

You'll take that message to the body of Christ. And when the body of Christ becomes what I have ordained it to be, I'll fill that body with my glory. And this gospel shall be a witness in the last day to every nation on this earth.

Hallelujah. I walked out of that trailer delivered from every man's religion. I got saved at home in 1963 from a life of deep sin.

After I got saved, while I was a sinner, not one preacher knocked on my door. Not one church member knocked on my door. But after salvation came, it went across town because I'd made some riffles in the town because of my wild life.

It went through the town that I'd got saved. The preacher started knocking on my door. The Baptist preacher came to teach me and convince me that I was now eternally secure.

The Nazarene preacher came to convince me that I didn't need to talk in tongues. Amen. The church of God preacher came and said to me, we've got the right name.

If you're going to go to heaven, you've got to get with us. The independent preacher came and said to me, how were you baptized? I said, I got baptized in the church of God pool. Yeah, but what? You know, what about the water? I said, it's just water came out of the tap.

Oh, brother, you're already screwed up. That kind of water won't do it. You've got to have running water.

I said, I'm sure they run it in the tub. Yeah, but that won't work. You've got to get to a stream like the Jordan River.

You've got to get baptized that way. The next morning, I had a preacher down on the creek baptizing me in running water. A few more months passed, and the wondrous preacher came by.

How were you baptized? I said, I told the last crowd how I was baptized. I'd done it in the church of God pool, but I done got that all straight now. I done went down in running water.

Oh, but what formula did they use over you? I said, I really didn't pay that much attention to it. Well, I'm going to teach you the right way. All of a sudden, the Holy Ghost won't do it.

When the preacher puts you under that water, he's got to say this over you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And if you don't say that, your sins is not remitted.

So I got that baptism. You're looking at a fellow that's covered, buddy. I'm covered.

I'm covered. I ain't going to hell. I'm covered.

But what all that was doing to me is taking a man from a life of sin, from the bondage of sin, and locking him up in a religious prison that would be more damnable than the prison of sin. Amen. That man, that angel that came to me, oh God, that brought me the message and said, I'll give you a message to the church, to the body of Christ.

And my heart's cry was, when I got saved from a life of a drunk, 23-year-old drunk, I wanted to go so bad, back to my drunken friends, and say to them, Jesus will set you free. You don't have to have alcohol. Jesus will set you free.

And that was my heart's cry to start with and to save. I called the priest just saved. I went on the street with my pockets hanging full of tracks with the whole Church of God literature, same with God literature, walking the street and saying to the sinner, Jesus set me free.

He'd do the same for you. That was the cry of my heart. I wanted to go.

But when the angel of God came to me, he said, you can't go that direction. Not yet. Not yet, you can't go that direction.

You're going to be sent to the body of Christ. You will go directly to the body of Christ. And you'll deliver a message to the body of Christ.

Brother, what I saw, what I saw was so radical. It was so out of touch. The first man I shared it with was a Church of God preacher.

He didn't say anything, but I knew he rejected it. The first man I shared it with was a man that claimed he had the Holy Ghost. But I knew he rejected it.

In that year, God sent me. In that year, 1968, God sent me to twelve churches. In the first few, I went dragging because I liked to die and fasted.

But I took a message to them. I took a message to them. And everywhere I went, everywhere I went, and I traveled that whole year because I'd hear a voice say, go to that church.

I'd hear a voice say, go to that church. I'd hear a voice say, go to that church or go to that city. And everywhere I went, I delivered a message.

And all the rejection. Right in Riverdale, Georgia, I stood in a church just like this one. Just like this one.

I delivered a message about what I'd seen. I saw that church caught up in a religion that was not real. I saw them shouting and doing all their junk and all their carnality and all their emotionalism and all the mess they had going on.

And I said to them, this is not it. This is not it. I delivered that church a message.

Brother, every night when I got through, the pastor that was standing at that church would walk up to that pulpit and say to those folks in words that a three-year-old could understand what he was saying. He was saying, don't listen to what the man's saying. Don't listen to what the man's saying.

But I stayed there. And I kept delivering the message. On the fourth night, I walked to the pulpit.

In that church, I knew they were rejected. There was only four or five there that was receiving what I said. I walked to the pulpit, took the mic.

As I walked to the pulpit, I saw an explosion in my mind. I just saw this word and I saw across it written explosion. And then I saw the word gas.

And then I saw death. I kept my eyes closed and I said to this church, this one I'm fixing to say is related to this church in some way. I said, there will be an explosion.

It will be connected some way with gas. And I said, first I said, many is going to die. But then the Spirit brought the word through me and said, I changed the word from many.

And I said, several, which means two or more. I stayed there two more nights and they were ready for me to go. And thank God I was ready to go.

I closed on Friday night. Sunday morning, the former pastor come back to that church. Walked in that pulpit.

He walked in that pulpit that morning. Here's what he said to the people. You erase everything from your mind that that man has delivered in this pulpit.

None of it's true. He's a false prophet. He don't know where he's at.

He don't know what he's doing. The former pastor of that church, I found out later that the man that was standing in was going to him every night telling him what I was preaching. He stood in that pulpit.

I went on to another city that God had sent me to. Two weeks later, somebody brought me an Atlanta Constitution paper. The headlines read like this.

Explosion in the Atlanta gaslight building. Three men die. You know who they were? The pastor that stood in that pulpit behind me and told that congregation, don't you listen to anything that man has got to say.

How did he die? He laid tile on the floor that you put glue out with it. He climbed the elevator, rode the elevator to the 22nd story of the Atlanta gaslight building. Walked in that morning, started to work, spread his glue, not knowing that nobody knew how it happened.

Somebody had lit a heater. And when he spread the glue, the explosion, the glue exploded. Blowed his two helpers out the window of the 22nd story.

It blew him to the ledge and he held on till the fire burned his hands off. And he fell 22 stories to his death. They picked him all up with shovels and wheelbarrows.

Don't you fool with something that you don't understand. And I went over and over and over to churches with a message, simply saying to them, what you've got going is not God. God wants to change.

The end of time is a coming. There's a storm on the horizon. This rapture thing that folks is being taught is a lie from the pits of hell.

There's some good men preaching it, but they're wrong. They've accepted it because it's a handed down tradition. It is not true.

It's a lie from hell. Brother, this book, the promise this book gives to the church is not a call out. It's being heard through and protected through.

There's a storm on the horizon. Even men like Jimmy Swaggard, that for years said it's not so, is preaching now. They see the storm clouds arising and we're headed for a great storm.

Swaggard's still preaching a pre-rapture, but he'll change if he follows God because the storm is going to intensify and you're going to be able to see clearly that we are not going to leave. We are going through. But there's a church at the gates of hell we'll not overcome.

Can you say amen? There's an overcoming church. There's a church that's going to run into a safe place with the Lord Jesus Christ. The age is going to come.

The plagues is going to come. The powers of heavens is going to be shaken. The earth is going to tremble like you shake a trophic tree.

Oh, everything's going to shake. Everything's going to spin out of control. The antichrist is arising.

But there's a church coming forth in this last day that is not going out. It's going through. Healed by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Kept by the keeping power of God Almighty. Can you say amen? Hallelujah! I said kept by God! Hallelujah! And I went up.

And this morning as I woke out of my sleep I woke up crying. I said, Lord, what's the matter? What's the matter? He said, you're standing at Jerusalem and you're weeping over those that have missed. They've missed it.

They've missed it. Not going to miss it. You have missed it.

To you that have received and accepted not me, not my personality, not my style. I don't have a sophisticated style. I'm wild.

I eat locust and wild honey. And it's run me wild. I'm a wild man.

I said I'm a wild man. I've been raised in the wilderness. Hallelujah! I'm a voice crying in the wilderness of religion.

Hallelujah! I said I'm a voice crying in the wilderness. Out of this wilderness of religion. I came up out of religion.

I've been delivered from religion. I'm set free from religion of men. Somebody said, are you oneness of Trinity? Church of God? Symbol of God? Independent? I'm none of them.

I'm a voice in the wilderness. I've been delivered, thank God, from all the things of men. This is my Magna Carta.

This is my textbook. This is my curriculum. The Holy Ghost is my God.

Hallelujah! I'm headed for a city, and it's not the city of faith. It's the same city that Abraham sold. The builder and maker of it is God.

I'm headed for a city, thank God. It ain't got just streets of gold, brother. Thank God I'm a part of that city.

Can you say amen? I'm not headed to old Jerusalem. I'm headed to a new Jerusalem. I'm not going out, praise God.

I'm a coming down. Hallelujah! Can you say amen? And I'm a wild man. I preach wild.

I act wild. I'm a rude, and I'm a crude man. But I've delivered a message.

I haven't delivered a strange message. The pastor's getting the same message. I don't listen to David Wilkerson to get my message or read books.

I hadn't read one book in 86. Because the Spirit withdrew me from books and said, I'll show you the truth. I'll tell you what you need to know.

I'll read the books to confirm what the Spirit's already told me. Hallelujah! Amen! There's a message rising. And see, here's the problem.

Here's the problem. It's not the man. It's not the personality.

It's not the charisma. I have none. I have no charisma.

I only got a 10th grade education. And the last two years, my mind was everywhere but the classroom. I was already drinking at that age.

I was already stealing booze at that age. I'd done been drunk in the 8th grade. I was already getting caught on alcohol in the 8th grade.

I have no education. I have nothing to depend on. I have nothing but the Magna Carta.

I have nothing but the Holy Ghost. Amen! It's not the man you've rejected. It's not the man you're turning down.

It's not Jim Heights you're dealing with. It's not Ray Lowe you're dealing with. It's a message.

It's a word. It's a constitution. It's a great charter.

It's the Holy Spirit. Hey, brother and sister. Hey, I'd be a fool to preach like I preach.

Hey, I'd be a fool to go into places I go into and preach like I preach. I have to have money to operate just like you do. But I've come to realize that man's not my source.

God is my source. God is my source. He'll send the ravens if He has to.

He'll make the ravens fly. Can you say amen? He'll command the widow woman to keep you in this hour that we're moving into. Now, when the Lord visited me in 1982, when I got the message in 1968, I preached it for a few years.

I warned people of a storm in 1970. I screamed everywhere I went. Mark Brown's here.

He knows. I screamed in 1970 of a storm that was coming in the condition of the church. I saw it the same time I saw the church.

I saw the storm. I saw the church sound asleep spiritually. The storm was going to slip up on us.

Oh, God, I saw the storm. I saw all the foundations that we were built on was not right. They were not substantial.

The substance was wrong. I saw the homes crumbling. I saw the schools crumbling.

I saw the churches crumbling, being destroyed by the storm. And I screamed in 1970. 1971, everywhere I went, I screamed, there's a storm.

There's a storm. But I didn't only scream, there's a storm. I said, there's a hiding place.

Mark will tell you, I preached Psalms 91. There's not a man walking this earth that has preached Psalms 91 like I have. I didn't only God didn't just show me the storm, He showed me the safe place in the time of the storm.

I shared this with the pastor the other day. I run into preachers that saw the storm, but they didn't know the solution. I ran into one that was telling the folks the storms are coming and you've got to have seven years supply of food.

I ran into another preacher in Canada that was preaching the storms coming. You've got to have a year's supply of food. And on the radio waves out of California, there's a... I said, I see a storm coming and you've got to have three years supply of food.

I went to the one that was preaching the seven years. I went to the one that was preaching the one years. I said, both of you is wrong.

Both of you is wrong. The storm I see is a spiritual storm. Bread won't keep you.

Store it up all you want to. You can store, oh God, the biggest warehouse in Atlanta, Georgia and do all you want to do. I said, that's not the place to hide.

It's not in the desert. It's not in a cave. It's not with a supply of food.

It's not with silver and gold in the bank. They went through this time thing of buying silver. One of the preachers, the one that was preaching seven years food, he began to save silver.

And the last thing I heard, he had a dump truck load of silver because he said silver is the only thing that's going to be able you can barter with in the time of a storm. But brother and sister, this book says in the time of a storm, they'll cast their silver and their gold into the streets because it will not deliver them in a time of trouble. I said, no, it's not silver and gold.

It's Psalms 91. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High God shall abound under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He's my refuge.

He's my fortress. He's my strong tower. He's where I'm going to run to.

He's what I'm going to cling to. He's what I'm going to look to. He's what I'm going to hold on to.

Let AIDS come. Let pestilence come. Let plagues come.

Let wars come. Let famines come. He will keep me in perfect peace if my mind will be stayed on Him.

Can you say amen? I preached in 70 and 71 and 72 and 73 that message warning the folks, but you think it's bad now? You ought to preach it back then. Nobody wanted to hear it because in the 70s was the greatest we went through, I believe they said 10 years of the greatest economic growth that there's ever been of a nation that walked this earth. And in the time of the great economical surge, nobody wanted to hear what I had to say.

And I made a big mistake. I made a tragic mistake. I began to, I was in Texas preaching revival.

On the way back, while I was there, I was watching TV one night. And at that time, I didn't even watch TV. I did not allow TV in my home until 1977.

But I was watching the TV because we were staying in somebody else's home. And across the TV screen, there come these words, the Congress or the legislators, somebody up there in Washington just passed a law concerning the GI Bill that caught me. I got caught in between the Vietnam and the I served in the Army between the Vietnam and the Korean War.

Served in South Korea, but yet that didn't make me eligible for GI benefits as far as education was concerned. But they passed it and it caught me. Then I was already getting in a mess in my mind.

I saw that people didn't want what I had to say. They didn't want this message. They wanted this perverted thing that was in the land.

They wanted to prosper in material things. They wanted houses and lands and clothes and names. And I said, I quit.

In my heart, I said, in Texas, I quit. And there came the answer. I said, I don't know what I'm going to do.

I'm going back home. I'm going to enroll in that school the government will pay me to go to school. And I'm going to serve God just enough not to die and go to hell.

I blew my car up on the way home. I drove in the driveway driving five miles an hour. I threw a rod.

A rod was slinging in my car. I drove up in the driveway. Busted spiritually.

Busted financially. Automobile down. You know why? Because nobody wanted to hear the message.

They wanted perversion. They wanted junk. And buddy, I quit.

And the first warning I got was I got me some land. I said, I'm going to build me a house. I was clearing that land.

One day, the Lord spoke to me. He said, don't give your time to this. He said, all I got to do is send one storm.

Build what you want. All I got to do is send one storm and blow it off the face of this earth. I didn't heed the warning.

I didn't heed the warning. I kept building. I kept doing it.

Preaching just enough to keep my conscience right. I kept building. The next morning I got, He said, work while it's day.

There's an hour of darkness coming when you'll not be able to work. The next warning I got, I've got two girls. They're grown now.

The next warning I got was the warning of my children. Oh, this is what I regret not heeding. Because I paid dear for it.

I paid dear. And you're going to pay dear. There's some of you folks, you're going to pay dear.

You're going to pay dear. And you're going to pay through your children. And I'm going to tell you something, buddy.

There's no greater price to pay than through your children. I saw my children in this raging river. A river that had been swollen by the flood and the storm.

I saw them caught in this raging river. And they were about to go over this high falls to be destroyed. I heard them screaming.

This blood chilling scream as they were fixed to go over this high falls screaming for somebody to save them. I'm in the natural. I'm a good swimmer.

My wife is not. Me and my wife in this vision stood on the bank of that river with my children screaming. The flood had caught them.

The flood had caught them. The flood that we're seeing today had caught them. And in the natural, I could have saved them if it would have been a natural because I'm a good swimmer.

But in this vision, naturally, brother, you jump in there to save your children. In this vision, I was going to jump in this stream and save my children. But when I went to jump, I looked and the garment I had on had got caught in barbed wire.

Caught in barbed wire and I couldn't go. I came out of that crying, Oh, God. Oh, God, help me.

I took the Scriptures and began to look at the Scriptures. At that word, tangle, I couldn't find it. But I found the word that means tangle.

It says entangled. Entangled. I found that three ways you can get entangled in sin.

You can get entangled in religion. And you can get entangled with the cares of this life. I had got entangled with the cares of this life.

My whole thought was not all for the things of God. I got caught up in the things of this life. Got entangled in the warning was take your coat off, get out of this mess, get back where you're supposed to be because your children are at stake.

I didn't heed the warning. I kept going. I got involved in building, remodeling, started a little company.

Me and my brother hired a crew of men, started making big bucks, big money, good money. But, buddy, it was going in one... I stick it in my pocket, but it wasn't staying. I had holes in my pocket, and it wouldn't stay.

But I kept hearing the warning. I kept hearing the warning. I would not listen to the warning.

And all this trouble was caused because I preached in too many places and been rejected. I got tired of being rejected. I got tired of a church that I knew was messed up, they didn't want to hear.

I'd go and preach, oh, it's a bunch of baloney. Ain't nothing of that mess. We ain't going to see none of that stuff.

We're going out of here. Don't you know God loves us? We don't want to hear that junk. Don't talk about no storm.

Who wants to talk about a storm? Ain't no way we're going to have a storm. All this good stuff we're getting and God's blessing us. Look at God's blessings.

You talk about a storm, you're a nut. You're a fool. I wasn't a fool, and I still ain't a fool.

But in 1980 it started. Buddy, God done exactly what He said He could do. He hit my home with a storm.

You know who it came through? My oldest daughter. She ran away. She ran away.

And I've been through some pain in my life, but I've never been through nothing like it. I screamed. I laid on the floor and screamed.

I couldn't find her. She was gone. She left no word.

She left no trace. I screamed. I begged.

I agonized. I begged God. Lord, He wouldn't hear me.

The heavens would rise. Oh, I prayed God let me find her. I searched and I searched and I almost went to jail because I'd hear places she was gone.

I'd grab my gun. I'd go. One man called along.

The sheriff come out and got me. Come out to get me. He said, Ray, I'll let you go if you go back off this thing.

There ain't nothing you can do. I prevailed and I begged God. Me and my wife, after she'd been gone a couple of months, we started fasting.

Trying to get ahold of God. I fasted 12 days. On the 12th day, the Lord came to me and He said these words to me.

He didn't tell me nothing. He didn't give me no hope for my daughter. He didn't tell me nothing, but here's what He said.

He said, There's a God. There's a God being preached in the church. This is not the real God.

It's the God of Baal. It's the God of Baal. And I've called you to turn the people away from Baal back to the true and the living God.

You say, I don't believe God told you that. I hope I die full in this full bed. He said, There's a God being preached in the church today.

It's not the God of the Bible. It's the God of Baal. And I've called you to turn my people from Baal to the true and the living God.

I got up from there. It was the beginning of a move. I moved.

I left Georgia. Gave everything I could give away and left the land, the property, the trailer, the mobile home. Moved to Mississippi.

Two years passed. I was trying to crawl back out, but I still caught up in that thing. But oh, after two years, 1982, the Lord came again and He said to me, here's what He said.

He said, All that I've ever told you, all that I've ever showed you, the time is now. The time is now. And He began to pour back into me what He poured into me in 1968.

What He poured in me, I poured out to you this week. I poured out my soul here this week. Some of you people have snuffed at it.

You've not attended. There's an undercurrent here against what God's saying. There's some folks here, you think you're hid, but you're not hid.

You're wide open. You're talking behind the scenes. You're pulling strings.

You think. You're trying to work up a fervor against what God's doing. But I brought you a message this morning.

You've missed your hour of visitation. From here on out for you, God's going to allow the devil to build a wall around you. You'll have no protection.

I've come with a message of protection. And I've done it, preacher. And that's been my message, a wall of protection.

And that's been my message, a wall of security. And I talked about the children when I was here before. Didn't I talk about the children, that our children are at stake? How many of you know your children are at stake? What you do, what you do is not just involving you, but your children are involved.

You men sitting here, you don't understand it, men. What you do is going to determine the direction of your family. And I've cried and prayed, sought God, and this is the first revival in months.

In fact, I've been back on the road now 12 months. This is the first revival. I've spent sleepless nights.

I've rolled in trouble, arguing with God with a message, arguing with God. No, Lord, that's too hard. No, Lord, no, Lord, this ain't the way.

Wake up in the Spirit and be saying, do this, say this. Here's what I want you to say. Take it to them people.

This is their hour. I'm sending them a message. I want to build a wall around them.

I want to get them into a place of safety. I want to get their children in. I want to do something for them.

I'm like the mother hen. I've spread out my wings to the stone mountain church of God, and I've said to the people, come like little chicks and get under my wing. I spread my wings like a mother hen.

Brother, the mother hen spread her wings when the storm is coming and said, little chicks, come under my wing. And she closes them down and they stay down until the storm is over. Jesus stood in Jerusalem.

Here's what He said. He wept. He wept and He wept.

And He said, Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you stoned the men that I sent to you. Oh, we've not thrown any stones, brother Lo. Spirits are harder than stones.

I'll tell you what I'd hate, brother, to be back at the turn of the century with folks throwing rotten eggs that I had these rotten spirits they got. No, you've not thrown any natural stones, but you've got plenty of stones that you've thrown. You've thrown a stone by not showing up this week.

You've got men right here in leadership roles of this church that haven't been here a night. Not one night. Not one night.

If I had anything to do with it, that man would not be a leader in this church another day. Not one more day. A leader is a role model.

I want you to know one thing. You ain't paying my bills. We'll vote you out.

Popular vote don't control me. I'm not in democracy. I'm in God's government.

I woke up crying over you. Weeping over you. Crying over you.

Because while you that have received the Holy Spirit is building, you can't see it. While you that have been coming and receiving and you're hearing the pastors, he stood for the last few months, he and I don't talk as far as the telephone. I don't know what he's been saying, but I've heard over and over and over you just saying what he's already said.

You're just confirming what he's already said. Amen. Night after night, this pastor, he'll get up here and say, the Lord gave me a Scripture to read just like he did this morning.

And my God, during the night or during that day, the Holy Spirit has said those same words to me. But yet, you're calling of the devil. You're saying it's not God.

The pastor's leading the church wrong. He's messed up, heading in the wrong direction. You're holding on just like the Pharisees did.

Just like the Sadducees did. Just like the scribes did. You're holding on to your traditions.

You don't know the Word of God. You boast that you know the Word of God, but you only know the letter and you don't know the spiritual interpretation of it. You're holding on to your traditions.

You're holding on to what you think is right. You're bucking the very thing that God has sent your way, and you don't realize what you're doing. The devil, while the Holy Spirit is building a wall around those it's hearing, God has allowed the devil to build a wall around those it's rejecting.

Inside of our walls, there's going to be peace for us and our children. My God, you can't beat that, brother and sister. That's the best bargain you'll ever run into to go into a wall where there's peace and safety for you and your family.

My God, I read some things this morning coming out of the city of Atlanta, Georgia. I could not believe on this age thing. I could not believe what I was reading.

But let me tell you something to you that's opened your heart to follow this, not the pastor, but the Holy Spirit. Let me tell you something. The Holy Spirit is building a wall around you and your family.

And inside of this wall that God's building, there's safety and security. Let the storms come. Let hell rage.

Let the devil do what he wants to do. Let the judgment of God come. There's going to be a wall that you're going to be inside of.

It's going to be a wall of fire that nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing can get in there. Nothing can get in there. It's the Psalms 91.

Oh, you that have rebelled and stiffened your heart, hardened your heart and stiffened your neck, I'm here to tell you there's a wall being built around you. I'll preach to you all again this morning. If I've ever been on target, I'm on target.

I heard the boss say this morning, go down to Jerusalem and take a message. And I've announced all week this week I'm going to Laodicea. The boss totally changed my mind and my direction and said go to

Jerusalem and tell Jerusalem they have missed their hour.

They knew not the time. They didn't understand the things that would bring peace to them. They thought if they'd hold on to that they had, there was peace in it.

But they didn't realize what they were doing. And now they've missed it. And that Scripture right there explains in detail that He never returns until you say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Over with. From this revival, follow this church, we'll take another direction. Our God will lead this church.

I'm back in where I'm supposed to be now. I've been delivered from the people. I don't believe I'll make the same mistake no more.

I thank the Lord that across this country there's a people arising now that's saying bring me the truth. I want safety for me and my family. Men, God help your soul.

God help your soul. You don't know what you're doing. God help your eternal soul.

You don't know what's at stake. You're blind. You're leading the blind.

You're blind and you're leading the blind. And both of you are headed for the ditch. Did you know I'm showing you in the Word of God where one of the definitions of the word wall means a ditch? Why did you do it? Why do you just constantly rebel? Why don't you take the Word of God? I challenge you to this Magna Carta.

And if he can be changed, this book speaks for itself. There ain't a person that's been in this building this week. Now, your tradition will be against it.

But the book speaks for itself. You see what you've done? That preacher, I ain't fooling you. I'm not going to go with Jim Hyde.

He's getting screwed up in his mind. His spirits are talking to him. He's got men around him leading him astray.

Jim Hyde ain't been led by men. I didn't call Jim and say let me come up and preach this message to them folks. He called me.

I've come to Jerusalem this morning with a message. You've missed it. You're on out to quit dealing with the rebellious.

Start feeding the sheep that's hungry. You that have received, there's rejoicing coming in your heart. The old barons fixed and rejoiced.

Hallucinated barons fixed and rejoiced. The desolate fixed and rejoiced. Amen.

Them that was barren. Didn't I preach on the barrenness this week? Ain't that been my message? The barren? Remember the night I talked about the sheep's hut? It's where you lay down for sexual contact to reproduce. Remember the night I talked about the seven women taking hold of the one man saying we're barren? But see those that's heard, your barren days are over.

I said your barren days are over. You're fixing to let the fruits begin to come on your tree. Praise God.

It's not a fig tree. That one's cursed. It's that tree of life.

It's that mustard seed tree. Not the fig tree. The mustard seed tree.

God doesn't curse that tree. This is a mustard seed tree. The tree of faith.

The seed of faith. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Faith is going to produce. Amen. Amen.

You're going to have to lengthen this thing. The building ain't going to hold the folks. You're going to have to make a bigger building in God's time.

It ain't going to hold the folks. And your children's going to be safe in the womb. You the rejected.

You're not safe anymore. Neither's your children. Father, You called me this morning and told me to go to Jerusalem.

I have been to Jerusalem. The message to Jerusalem was not a message of revival. It was a message that you have missed your day.

You've missed it. Now your house is left desolate. And the desolate house is made fruitful.

Now Lord, I'm free from the blood of these folks. I've obeyed you. Because you're the boss.

I thank you for such a great boss. That gives such clear direction. That you don't have to walk in confusion anymore.

In Jesus' name. Amen. I don't say this exalting the flesh.

I don't say this out of flattery. I say this out of respect and due honor. And out of my heart.

I turn the mic over to one of the greatest men I know going today. That's Brother Jim Hyde.

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