

What Will be the Sign of Your Coming

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But it's going to be the sign of his coming because there are certain signs and I want to be true to the The belief that there are different views on the end times If you get with a certain group of people, let's say reformed people their view is a lot different than baptist people And it depends on what seminary you went to dallas theological seminary the master seminary Versus westminster theological seminary and what they and it's it's because the end times is not real clear There's a lot of nuances. There's a lot of Theory, uh, and then there are some things that are pretty crystal clear And so it's trying to marry all those things. And so what I want to do is share different opinions About this not weird opinions not things that are that are out there But these are so important that my study bible my study bible Actually at the beginning of revelation it says here are the six different views held throughout christian history and so The only reason I say that is when I share different views that usually the pre pre-millennial Dispensational current, you know belief right now and they don't like me offering other views And all i'm saying is hey, here's what other people believe Here's why we need to show grace and love and we can have our our view and hold our view strongly But we also have to understand that this is not an essential of the christian faith The essential is jesus is lord and savior and he's coming back again.

Are we ready? Are we prepared? Uh, and there's different and I don't want to confuse people with terms, but it is interesting, you know, there's something like Preterism that believes all the prophecies in the bible have already been fulfilled now that one for the life of me Don't understand but they have you know from their viewpoint or partial preterism Some things have been fulfilled all millennialism that we are currently in the millennial reign of Of christ and if you listen to my podcast with sam storm theologian sam storm he

breaks it down why he believes that and then there's others that believe in the post Post-tribulation where we're actually as believers going to go through the tribulation, but god preserves his people And we're going to go through it and then the final coming jesus return everything happens at the end of that And then a lot of people most of you probably if you listen to jack kibbs amir safarte jack graham Uh, you know a lot of people even on our radio network great glory, of course all the calvary chapel guys are pre pre-tribulation Meaning we're going to be raptured before the tribulation Comes and the reason they have different views is the main view on that the main the main kingpin that I believe is when they say Um that we're not appointed for god's we're not appointed into god's wrath that scripture But that scripture in context is actually dealing with the final judgment And being sentenced to hell for eternity So I can't apply that scripture to the tribulation now if god is pouring out his wrath on a disobedient earth Yeah, I don't believe christians would be receiving that but could god Cover like he when he when he when he judged Uh egypt he preserved his people Hmm, so that's interesting. So you see why there's different views and if you go back you can listen to um what I taught in the past and and my view, um, i've shared this many times before Is uh, you know pan tribulation, of course seeing how it's all going to pan out but um I because when great men of god are divided i'm just a country preacher I just go and preach repentance and i'm like theology eschatology pneumatology Soteriology and inductive and deductive approach your sermon preparation on hermeneutics and homiletics. I'm like wow I I just the simplicity of the gospel turning centers back to him And so that's why I don't get dogmatic because these guys are smarter than me.

They read the greek. They understand the hebrew And that's important because there are sentence structures that we're going to get into Read or beware when the abomination of desolation is standing in the temple Right. Well that if you break down that word, it's actually that which desolates something is an abomination Which is a desolation to the is to israel to israel And so it's a sentence structure and the wording and the verb tenses an ever-present Participle and the vert actually means it's a continual action versus something that's already happened i'm like I just want to preach The simplicity of the gospel, but i've committed to revelation and boy.

Oh boy. Oh boy Has it been fun? uh So what will be the sign of your coming and I would like to just read The passage that we're going to be unpacking for the next week or two pulling in from revelation six, which was last week So make sure you listen to last week because revelation six was called the four horsemen of the apocalypse Uh, and I also watch watch a lot of health podcasts, you know people like peter attia and this guy who's real famous right now on on cognitive and and uh and brain chemistry and they get together and they do podcasts and And they talk about the four horsemen Uh of of bad health, you know with cancer and diabetes and cognitive related issues, but it's funny how the four horsemen It kind of has it's it's stuck Uh for for decades and even centuries And that was you know, he who conquered on the white horse Uh, some people think that's the antichrist Some people think that was the roman a general titus because he did conquer jerusalem And then another horse coming that there's a pale horse and on it was death and and from the tombstone movie Right, some of you think of that and so and then the the scale the the weight and the scale this black horse that that brings famine and and when the The the other horse that comes in and that was revelation six and many people tie that in with matthew 24 And rightly so and then if you want to get real interesting, we'll go grab daniel nine Where he talks about the 70 weeks of daniel And I read that six times this week What wow and you read different commentaries like well this okay good point and nobody's There's not a universal You know belief in this it's it's good to have your view But just just don't hold on it too too tightly to where you where you where you get in fights with people Right loosely where you can shake their hand and agree to disagree So let's talk about matthew 24 here

we go buckle up and hold on I'm going to read it. I'm going to stop we're going to talk about it for a minute Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple So he's at the temple And he goes out he departs from the temple and the disciples came up to show him the buildings of the temple So you get this picture where they're they're kind of I see it as they're wanting to brag Jesus Look, look at all this This is incredible And the temple was pretty incredible if you look at the inner court the outer court and then they went into the holies of holies and the the porch and the area for sacrifice and you can find images on On online and it's well not the of the actual right one But what it looked like and they were they were somewhat bragging.

Look at this. This is incredible and Jesus said Do you not see all these things assuredly? I say to you not one stone will be left here upon another that shall not be thrown down Not one stone that a total desecration of the temple And as far as I can see I haven't found anyone that would necessarily disagree but this actually happened About a generation later. Jesus is talking about this in 30 a.d more or less around 70 a.d 40 years later a generation Was still that when Jesus talks about this generation will experience this Titus came into Jerusalem And wiped it out annihilated it every stone was thrown upon Another and onto the ground and Josephus writes about this.

I think it's even Eusebius another historian writes about this and you can this is an actual event that was fulfilled in 80 70. Nobody disagrees about that Where they start to disagree is as Jesus keeps going on And Many will say all all of those things which is hard for me to grasp all of those things have already happened because Jesus said this generation where Chuck Smith would say well this generation means the generation of people or the generation that's going to be living at the end of age and I've never been able to connect that in my own mind because Jesus is talking to his contemporaries just this generation. You will experience this you will this generation So for me to fast forward that 2 000 years has been a been a hard one.

Now, I understand what they're saying But there's there's a there's a difficulty there However, and I'm going to talk about this in a minute. I I I think I have it down So I'm not going to jump to that yet. But what you'll see a lot in scripture is dual fulfillment So something that's happening then will also happen later and so it's written for them and I think that's that's the thing that's always been hard for me is Jesus is talking to his disciples.

He's warning them. Hey, don't be deceived This is what's going to happen and sometimes I think we just easily dismiss that and say no all of this is for us Actually a lot of that is for them. He cared for them, too He spoke to them as well And so he goes on to say now as he sat on the mount of olive olives the disciples came to him privately saying Tell us when will these things be? And what will be the sign of your coming? and of the age Tell us when when will these things be and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age? Boy I want to stop there for a minute, but I'm going to force myself not to And verse four and Jesus answered and said to them.

Okay Take heed that no one deceives you for many will come in my name Saying I am the Christ and will deceive many do we still deal with that today? Absolutely, and you will hear of wars and rumors of war see that you are not troubled All these things must come to pass but then the end is not yet For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom and there will be famines pestilence and earthquakes in various places All these things are the beginning of sorrows now again Partial preterism or different views all millennialists. They they if they take from Josephus and other things A lot of these things Actually, every single one of these things happened back in that generation that Jesus was speaking to Now is that going to happen now? Yes Earthquakes increasing wars rumors of wars. We will see these these birth pains

increasing as well So that's why dual fulfillment really helps me Because without that you have to say no none of this is Jesus is talking to these people and telling them.

Hey Be careful watch out for these things, but no that's really not for them It's for us. I I can't do that because he's he's talking to that'd be kind of like lying And we know Jesus isn't lying Because there's other spots he would say don't worry It's going to be a while like when when the angel told Daniel. Hey seal it up.

This is for a long time away He's talking to them. He's helping them. He's telling them what to watch out for And he said they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake Which was true then Is it true now? Oh boy, is it ever? Absolutely true today And going to get worse And then many will be offended and will betray one another and will hate one another I didn't do that Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many And again, if I had reading early historians, I could take you back to After Jesus is Jesus died and it's very interesting to see the false Christ and the false people that rose up Absolutely talking to them Is it applicable to us? Yes If not more so because there's more Uh people on the face of the earth, but there's also more the gospel going out.

There's more false prophets even now And because lawlessness will abound the love of many will grow cold Now that's been confusing to some people and um To me it's it's kind of straightforward because lawlessness will abound which we're seeing now, right? The love of many will grow cold and that's kind of what I meant by all these assembly bills the satanic the the I'm even I if I'm not careful can get quenched and like just The love of many will grow cold my love is growing cold my my want a desire of holiness and to see Lord, I'm just getting worn out All this lawlessness is wearing me out Now, please Tell me you can't relate right Or you can't relate I guess I didn't word that right, but we we we're getting burned out And that's what happens the more lawlessness increases The more we just get burned out And maybe I think more so obviously when you're on the front lines Like I don't know how Jack Kibbs does it? I mean an event a church event at a stadium doing podcast Charlie Kirk event talking about the nation the great resets like Man, you must not have kids at home I tease him about that and He doesn't so that but but you see but but how do you? Keep that and then but then those people inspire me I don't know about you right like well, they're doing all that. Surely I can keep moving forward Surely we can offset this satanic group doing this and how certainly we can come and worship and we can go Make a difference on the assembly bills and and you know, and then I get worn out by hearing people, you know, um Podcasts and different things you parents in California. How can you stay there and submit to this kind of stuff? You need to flee California.

I'm like man. What about fighting? I mean, what when do I I what? It's like and you get you can get worn down and now again If you're if you're kids in a public school and you're doing all you can do and you feel God calling you I think that's fine but if everyone leaves You know, is that is that is that where what our position's supposed to be So he said and because of lawlessness will abound the love of many will go grow cold But he who endures till the end will be Saved now I could make a whole sermon out of this. Can you lose your salvation? Can't you Calvinism Armenianism? All I know is what the Bible says And the Bible is clear that endurance is always a sign of genuine faith Often you'll see the people that fall away like how did this major worship leader fall away? How did this pastor fall away how did how did this author of this book Christian book fall away, you know I kissed dating goodbye me my wife read that together and then this guy walks away from the faith I don't know if you ever had it to begin with Because the this is the persecution will sift you You're not going to keep playing games if if it if it costs you your life your reputation your comfort Persecution will bring it out of you And praise God for that and I I just thank God for I don't know if she'll hear this or not Uh, I was actually down in that area kind of close, but that that the

school board president in temecula Who actually is fighting was fighting the governor? I don't know the vote didn't go well, but saying no we're gonna we're gonna notify parents We're gonna know if my parents if their kids want to change their gender.

Absolutely She got death threats How sick and perverted are these people? To actually threaten her see it's demonic once you understand it's demonic They give themselves over to a debased and corrupted mind and they are led by the father of darkness not the father of light And then they get deceived thinking we're for the people we're for love No, you're for perversion and sin and all kinds of wickedness and you've been deceived So you think you're this free freedom fighter and you're going to let people live how they want and we're going to Stand up for that nine-year-old that wants to change their gender. No, that's not standing up for them. That is child abuse Let them work through these issues point them to the cross point them to the savior And so that is how we ended it here the gospel Of this kingdom will be preached in all the world as it is written to all the nations then the end will come This part is hard for me to see how that already happened That's why i'm not a a certain group of eschatology.

I'm kind of like all over the place like that's a good point That's a good point. That's a good point. I'm a pan trib It's gonna pan out and i'm trusting in god and i'm just being honest with you and that actually frustrates people pastor You need to have a solid view on your eschatology.

What why you differ from that person? Yeah, but i'm right. They're wrong They say you they're right. You're wrong.

What what do you what do you what do you want to go with this? Because there's there's we just know what scripture says Unless all doesn't mean all all could mean that general area, you know, I got it, but We see these things playing out Also, I think we have a much better view of things now 100 years later When they didn't think it was possible for one person to govern the whole world When how are they going to witness this in revelation though? They're going to see the whole world's going to see the witness and that that's impossible. But now we see How all these things could easily come to pass so something that i've always really appreciated is it's called dual fulfillment. I think we have um, the the the well, there's a whole bunch in the bible, but just some that stick out Dual fulfillment means it was fulfilled then and it's going to be fulfilled in the future or it was fulfilled especially in the case of uh Number three isaiah's virgin birth prophecy was fulfilled pretty close to uh, and I won't get into detail It had nothing to do with jesus.

It actually had a virgin conceived and that was a sign to one of the kings but then Five six hundred years later. Is that about when jesus came after isaiah? I don't know. You can tell me later, but then now that prophecy comes true as well And so you can see joel's holy spirit prophecy in the last days In the last days god will pour out his spirit.

That's what peter said. He preaches powerful sermon powerful sermon because he says Oh, you're just drunk. You're speaking in tongues That hasn't changed Still mocking the gifts of the spirit And and peter said oh no, no, no, no, no, no, let me clarify here They're not drunk as you suppose.

This is what the prophet joel spoke of that in the last days. I will pour out my Spirit on the sons and daughters and the old men prophet dream dreams young men prophesy and on my men's servants and my maid servants I will pour out my spirit in those days and this is that This is that but then If you keep reading it's going to talk about things that are still to come Or especially when jesus some part of scripture when he came into the temple. This is in my notes I just now thought of it.

He's he comes and he says I god has anointed me to preach the gospel to the good news and and to the sight to those who are blind Except the captives free and this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing But there's not a period it actually goes on to say and the day of the vengeance of our lord He's stopped because that hasn't come yet So see it's scripture. There's dual fulfillment In in in all the scripture and you can look at ezekeiel's gog and magog prophecy If that's coming again in the future and what what happened back then samuel's prophecy to david Possibly matthew 24 could be dual fulfillment And that's what I think is difficult because god in the sovereignty the word is perfect and it will make sense at some point It's hard to write to a group of people and still have relevance today And if we're not careful, we can put all the relevance on us and forget that actually one of the laws of Homiletics is putting together a sermon hermeneutics is a study of the bible one of the laws you cannot break is you have to look at the contextual Consistency you have to look at the historical consistency and then cannot canonical consistency What does the whole bible mean? What was the author trying to say to those people if you if you Bypass all that and say oh, what does it have to say to me? What's it just just for me today? You can actually take scripture out of context and I want to do a podcast on that because it's so important The scripture's out of context. I mean, it's kind of funny because I used to quote them and I and I still do But we just have to be careful especially For some of you this might just be a little extra um the you know, and I it's when he talks about the bible talks about god I know the plans for you to give you hope and a future of peace in a war and you're like, oh, yeah Yeah, and we claim it and it's good if god puts that on your heart He's gonna I believe he can use scripture to confirm something and we man we sit on that But actually the context is they're going into captivity for 70 years They're going they're going into captivity by their enemies And god's saying don't worry I know the plans I have for you many of you are going to die as slaves But I have I know the plans I have for you to give you a hope and a future And it's going to be on to their children And so the context is so important So important and we use if my people are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face The context is when god said when I bring pestilence When I bring famine when I bring drought if my People if they turn back to me, then I will begin to heal their land Or one of my favorites and I still get this a lot people post on social media pastor You don't you know, you're not supposed to judge Actually, i'm i'm actually supposed to judge No, no, no read it.

Matthew 7. You're not supposed to judge. No read the whole thing Read the whole thing First get your heart right Then you can and should judge And johnny says you are to discern and judge all things So see scripture even in especially end times. We have to look at it.

What is jesus saying? to them and to us A very famous theologian by the name of d.a. Carson Really when I read this when I read his commentary 16 years ago, it really stood out And he he would probably have a view different than many of us And i'm not going to say what it is because i'm not real sure but it's probably more along all millennial type of view But he said, you know when jesus is going to go on to say this generation Will no way pass away and they'll see these things this generation this generation He said for us to apply that to us 2 000 years Later is the only time in all of the gospel then where we have an audience shift away from them now to us Like well, that's that's a good point And so all these things over the years i've just kind of sat on So many tie in revelation 6 with matthew 24. And so here's i'm going to unpack this for a minute Then jesus went out and departed from the temple And his disciples came to show him the buildings of the temple. Remember? I just read this 15 minutes ago and jesus said to them.

Do you not see? All these things I surely I say to you Not one stone will be left here upon another and it shall be thrown down And for those who are interested you can read the wars of the jews from josephus. I

think that's the next screen And i'm not and i'm not gonna um go through this to to a long degree here, but he talks about the romans coming in and and decimating the temple and and really just And a lot how many people the last sentence there died a famine Thousands of people died a famine they were going to a house to kill the families. Oh, they're already dead a famine And he would see that that families turned on themselves and died in the famine and and and rome just conquered all it It was it was a cataclysmic event for that time and that season for the jews never experienced anything remotely like this And so the next screen says revelation 6 what we talked about last week, so this is how they would put revelation 6 with matthew 24 The white horse was titus Revelation 6 3 through 4 that they take peace revelation 6 3 through 4 talks about taking peace from the earth So a lot of us think that could be from the whole earth, which would I would probably lean on that This is a hard one for me to say.

This is applies to matthew 24 because whole earth seems to denote whole earth and revelation 6 5 through 6 a black horse and he who sat on it Had the pair of scales and this is famine and josephus said so many people died of famine And the pale horse him who sat on it was called death and hell followed So the reason I say this is a lot of people believe revelation 6 that I taught on last week go and listen that one Believes that that was fulfilled that jesus was talking about that in matthew 24 and that was already fulfilled When titus conquered jerusalem in 70 a.d So they would believe that revelation a lot of revelation has already happened Okay, so that's where that view comes from. So I want to do something. I want to rewind Rewind to matthew 23.

So we're going to go back a chapter I don't usually read from the tlb, but I want to this morning Jesus said I will send you prophets and wise men and inspire writers and you will kill some of them by crucifixion You will rip open the backs of others with whips in their synagogues and you will hound them from city to city So that you will become guilty of all the blood of the murdered godly men from the righteous able All the way throughout biblical history to zachariah Slain by you in the temple between the altar and the sanctuary. Here's where it's interesting Yes All of this judgment of the centuries shall break upon the heads of this very generation So jesus is saying In 70 a.d. When when titus comes this is a judgment on jerusalem Because of all the prophets you kill That's the only way I can see this fits And so that's what why this event in 70 a.d. Would was cataclysmic It was so important and that's why jesus even cried out. Oh jerusalem Remember when he cried out jerusalem jerusalem and he's weeping.

He's there's a there's a there's a from the depth of his stomach He's oh jerusalem jerusalem. You are killing the prophets and you stone those who god has sent to you I wanted to gather you together, but you would not listen And now your house is left to you desolate And that's what's coming in 80 70 That's why I said reader beware the abomination of desolation That can tie in from daniel But I want to talk about this the signs of the times in the end of the age here Matthew 24 3 back to where I opened up and here's why this is so important Now he sat at the mount of olives. The disciples came to him privately saying this is the third time we're reading this Tell us number one Number one tell us When will these things be? Number two and what will be the sign of your coming number three and what is the end of the age? now this is more profound than you think because current pre pre pre tribulation Dispensational which many of you are Again, i'm caught in the middle.

So i don't label myself and many of the teachers on our radio network are many men I respect are The thing i've always had a question about is they break this up these three things into three different periods of history Where to me the the person asking the question the disciples is waiting for one event They're not they're not asking. Hey, when will this be in? Oh, when will this be a couple thousand years later? And when will they're asking? When will when will all these things take place? And to really get a better

understanding of that you actually have to cross-reference scripture So let's put up mark and luke On the same exact event same exact event. Look how they word it So jesus is at the mount of olives And they come up and ask him tell us When will these things be and what is the sign that all these things will be fulfilled? See that that tells me they're they're asking They're wanting when is this cataclysmic event this this one thing happening? They're not asking for three different different scenarios there And then luke They asked him teacher When will these things be when is it when is this going to happen? And what will be the sign of when these things are going to take place? Now ironically a lot of the the current teachers don't they avoid these two They use matthew and then they pull out.

Okay. This is number one obviously happened when titus came Number two is going to happen two thousand years later But that's hard for me to fathom because they they were just asking hey when's all this going to happen And jesus told them. Hey, here's when it's all going to happen And jesus said to them take heed so here's his response take heed He doesn't really answer them.

He just says this first take heed that no one deceives you No one deceives you folks. This is the this is the biggest problem in the so-called church right now is Deception woke ism. Have you heard of that? Willfully overlooking known sin Or known well, I don't know what the e is willfully overlooking known Evil, there we go I knew one of you would know that and so and deceived and putting the rainbow flag up and And saying these things that paul didn't really mean that jesus didn't really mean that and you know We just gotta we gotta love people.

Yes. We have to love people, but we tell them the truth And so that deception is coming over. Don't be deceived Oh, I don't want to be deceived shane how bury your face in the word Bury your face in the word of god Just listen to solid teachers look it up in scripture.

I believe a person planted in the word of god Humble broken praying fasting asking god to direct them. It's real hard to be misled Now if a critical spirit comes in there And they become a bible thumper and hitting their family over the head with the word of god And i'm going to rule my house with a rod of iron I know all the scripture you will be misled and deceived because pride the pride of your heart has deceived you obadiah the pride of your heart has deceived you Staying humble humble humble. He said many will come in my name Saying I am the christ And will deceive many Then and I thought about it, but i'm not going to do it today but You go online you can find all these people usually in different countries This one guy he's like I think he's from I don't even know it looks like he's maybe chinese or philippine And he's got a huge following And he says he's the messiah And he's got so many people following him and other people you can look and have people come up.

I am the messiah And it's it's just amazing how how spot on this is But the deception like what would make you follow a person like that What would make you follow david koresh to waco, texas Wait, he always sounds he's saying the right thing. Yeah, but when he wants 18 wives, I mean that's in hello And all the the deception in there and what about what I don't remember his name, but had all those people drink kool-aid jones And for the younger crowd, that's where that term comes from don't drink the kool-aid Because a lot of people was a thousand Were led away astray with him this false teacher And talked into drinking the kool-aid that had poison in it Where does this deception come from where does it come from? And we see this in cults too cults that call themselves christians How are they? How do you how are you so deceived and brainwashed and believing this? Again what it goes back to what I just said the word of god is not primary This is my gauge This is my gauge. We have a person coming now.

I don't know if he's here I'd like to do a podcast with him. So talk to me afterward, but he was like a historian for the Jehovah's witness And what comes before the bible? the watchtower The watchtower interprets the bible Watch out when somebody else interprets the bible In mormonism, does the bible come first? Nope the supposed dream of Joseph Smith Had these special glasses who read these gold tablets and an angel told him to start this denomination because all denominations are wrong except for his Bing bing bing bing bing red light red light But Shane I I asked God to show me I did get this burning in the bosom. How do you know that wasn't demonic? Hello Hello Come on, wake up folks get into the word of God What does the word of God say it will not mislead you it is the truth It is the it points you to the way the truth in the life.

It does not change It is not flexible. The truth is absolute times change, but truth does not that's how you stay stay grounded But be careful again, I really want to get this point across because I run into a lot of bible thumpers who are not humble They can quote scripture, but their marriage is falling apart Or their life is falling apart Or they're arrogant and they're they're just nobody wants to be around them But they know the bible Be careful humility is your greatest asset Many will come to me in that day and you'll hear of wars and rumors of wars see that you are not troubled So we shouldn't be troubled when all these things happen either All these things must come to pass but the end is not Yet for nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom and there will be famines pestilence and earthquakes in various places All these things are the beginning of sorrows so could it be dual fulfillment that all everything he said happened before Titus conquered in 80 70 all these things I can show you where every single one of these half things happen However, I don't think the end has come yet I don't know in case I'm missing something here And so could it be fulfillment for us now to don't let wars and rumors of wars distract us Don't be deceived by of course all this applies to us today. Absolutely As clear as day nation will rise up against nation.

All these things are the beginning of sorrows So it could have been the final day for Israel. Everything Was broken at the temple God the abomination of desolation we're going to talk about that all of these things happened however It applies to us as well today that we're going to start seeing these things We're going to start seeing these the sorrow Increase and and and the beginning of sorrows because something's got to it's got to culminate. It's got to come to something We're not we're not we're not heading towards utopia That you there seems to be this this this the earth is even even even mourning it feels like And again, how are we deceived? I went over all this already believing and falling falling for a lie rather than the truth His return will be very obvious His return will be very obvious be careful because even a broken clock is right twice a day maybe not these kind but you know the kind used to set up on the You go and say 12 o'clock Come back later.

Hey 12 o'clock. The batteries are still working 12 o'clock is a couple 12 hours later. It's still 12 o'clock.

It's it's right twice a day so sometimes people That are deceptive can can can be on a little bit That's why if we had time we could talk about discerning of spirits And discerning is that really really of God? Is that is is that of you Lord and and having that that spiritual discernment And I had something happen to me yesterday that kind of showed this a little bit It was I'm preaching I'm actually preaching like preaching not just teaching And and the guy in the front row goes. Hey Shane. Hey Shane.

I need to ask you a question You know, okay. Let me let me stop here. Let's let's Let's see if this is you know, I mean, what am I supposed to say? I don't know this guy I'm, just I'm invited here.

This could be one of their leaders and I don't want to rebuke their leader And one of their leaders and so, you know, he just kind of went on a little bit I said, okay. What's your question? He goes. Oh, we need to run for office and school board.

I'm like, yeah, that's true He could have waited, you know But um, just just you know listening and seeing and just talking to the people afterwards and the leaders Um, you know, they say yeah, thanks for handling it that way But that definitely was not of god and I said absolutely not he could have come to you and said hey I want to share this at the end And so you can see that that and and it could have been just Zealous, you know, just just overly excited and wanted to I don't really know it could have been a demonic distraction It sure let the wind out of my cells I had it took me a minute to recoup. I'm like, where was I? What was this about? There's just such not not a author of confusion Right god's not the author of confusion. I think that was uh, definitely, uh, the enemy trying to sidetrack for sure but that discerning of spirits I don't know as many of you are new because I told the story a few years ago.

My wife remember I was in wisconsin And i'm preaching it's a long haul. I mean, it's probably It was out to like the the meadow out there this long haul in wisconsin the american baptist association had me speak and uh I'm talking about you know what I talk about and it was back when the supreme court Uh was was okay, I think gay marriage or something like that and I said all I said was If the supreme court, I said 50 years ago the supreme court I would have never allowed this they would have laughed this legislation out of the courtroom And come and I see people just getting up and leaving like i'm talking dozens Okay Hmm Well, what's going on here? Well on my way to the airport. They decided to tell me.

Oh, man, this is perfect timing We were just voting on should we Break off from each other over the lgbtq issue game i'm like that would have been good to not tell me up front because You know, I just man, but maybe not right? You just i'm just telling the truth and uh, so anyway, it's it's So higher up than this and i'm preaching about this and and and this lady she just gets up over there She comes and she stands right like right there. Um, I goes my is my time up I don't you know, she goes no I need to stop you right now from speaking about out against this issue I said, oh man, i'm so i'd love to talk to you afterwards But right now I got to preach what the bible tells me and I just went on this side I just started to keep going on again And so eventually she sat down She sat down, but she didn't want to talk afterwards, obviously and um And those kind of things where the enemy will use if you're not, you know It's like the devil try to just stop the work of god's spirit or during worship Distractions will happen and things and that's why people think sometimes if and we haven't had to do it much here But if leadership, well, that's pretty that's pretty mean you should just let the spirit do what he wants know that the spirit the holy spirit is not the author of confusion and if it's Confusing and messing up the service for all the congregation. We actually have a responsibility say hey Can I bring you into the prayer room and pray with you? Because this is a distraction that's not healthy for the body And so we have to be able to discern and make those types of decisions But jesus said here too I see that you are not troubled alarmed or in a panic Boy, do we need to hear that? Troubled i'm troubled i'm alarmed i'm panicked.

No, no, no. No. No.

Jesus has got this This is this is this is what he spoke Actually, we should be kind of encouraged because we have already been forewarned and to be forewarned is to be forearmed So hey, we as much as we want comfort and convenience. We know That these things will get worse And he says to live with patient expectation live with patient expectation waiting for jesus and so that's kind of my theology on end times summed up is It looks it appears that there's things are going to get challenging and difficult as we get into

revelation you know this this mark of the beast the number of a man which is six six six and and you can't buy or sell or trade and also, um, This you know with this one world system and these witnesses and it's wow It's very interesting and but i'm waiting still in the midst of that for christ's return Maybe be before that but I want to be prepared to go through hell and to help help others Go through a difficult season in case you're not out of here before it gets tough Because I don't know that for certain so I can't tell you. Hey, don't worry about this Don't worry about this.

You're going to be out of here before some of these things In matthew 24 9 through 14, then they will deliver you up in tribulation and kill you. Oh my goodness jesus Relax here So did this happen to the generation he was talking to? absolutely Actually family betrayed family and everyone hated the jews. That's been a consistent theme throughout history And they are hated for my namesake and then many will be offended Nothing's changed Nothing's changed and many will be offended Do you know it's okay to be offended You're going to get offended And that's the number one reason why many people don't come to church often or come to church or leave a church because Offended you offended you And I warn people every time I go to speak I will offend some of you Because the word of god is offensive to those who don't want to hear it But i'm not talking about this that kind of offense.

This is a type of offense where um The other the others will be offended because of you because of what you're saying That's happening right now and will betray one another and will hate one another we even got a glimpse into this in covet didn't we man neighbor telling on neighbor We go to jet hawk stadium and I know as a pastor or his wife me and my more me and my wife think that turned us in They're not six feet apart and wearing masks. We're outside guys Come on, they turned us in we would get turned in by christians Who kept their church closed for over a year? He's actually not even a pastor anymore if it is the person i'm thinking of But they they start to betray one another or even over the the vaccine Can I say that without getting cancel on youtube? And there are people here on both sides of it. So i'm you know, i'm not going to go into that part of it i'm just saying people it means the videos that came out and and betraying one another and telling on people and and it's like Gosh can you believe how bad that can get? especially when it comes to Possibly that's why they're trying to pass, you know, the the the currency that's going to be digital currency Even they don't want crypto dollars.

They don't want anything. They don't gold silver cryptocurrency. They want to control all the money And you have to believe this this type of system woke ideology And a perversion all kinds of things and then people maybe will turn you in Hey this person they're not they're not following the system.

And so you can see this is is very very close They'll hate one another then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many Did that happen to the people who jesus was talking to? Yes, it did and it continues to happen and lawlessness will abound the love of many will grow cold He who endures till the end shall be saved Like I said earlier persecution always follows genuine faith And I want to remind you as often as I can on the second one. The truth will offend but your attitude shouldn't That's that's the hard part, right? I'm just speaking the truth. I'm just no you're a jerk You're arrogant you're in their face It's like guys, come on especially in the conservative movement We got to get a lot more gracious I mean, I tag people like benny johnson You follow him or graham allen or all these guys i'm like guys We've got to tone it down a little bit like let's where's the love man You got it.

Yeah speak the truth, but don't beat them up on the way that as they're falling Right, you offend them and then kick them We're no better We're no better see the we we stand for the truth and boy do we stand you know Who's good at this is tony perkins you ever follow him on the family research council? You know

people like that jack graham jack. Hibbs is good. Jack.

Graham's all these jim. Garlow I mean, they're they're really good at holding the line, but still loving the people And that's where people sometimes get confused because of my strong stance Against these issues. Let's say lgbtq.

For example. I love the person and we help the person There's people we work with that. You don't know about that struggle with these things love them, but I will fight like hell against the agenda see that's that's and how that's the hard part like If i'm if i'm fighting the agenda speaking against the agenda I can still love the person but I won't silence my voice as not to offend because it might offend Because you're speaking the truth But it's coming from a genuine heart to want to help How can you allow in the school district to say if a nine-year-old wants to change? Let's get them into surgery Let's not tell the parents that is child abuse at a very deep level and you will be held accountable You don't love nine-year-olds that struggle.

Yes, I do, but that's not the way to do it. You see What's the best way then to help people struggle point them to the cross point them to the savior Point them and say listen, you might not take away your struggle But now you can hold on to the hem of his garment Now you can fall forward in the arms of god's will redeemed and set free and although I struggle I have a savior that has set me free and he can pull me to the other side See that you point them to the hope right now. There is no hope Research all those who have transgender surgery how many of those regret it years later There's actually lawsuits against medical facilities Because of that and it's only going to increase And he says be careful of false prophets I won't go into a lot of detail.

But what what you need to know about false prophets is they twist the scripture They twist it and they actually encourage sin They encourage it sometimes by their silence a false prophet won't call people won't call people to repentance Actually in jeremiah read chapter jeremiah read chapter 23 today I have not sent these prophets Yet they ran I've not spoken to them yet. They spoke They're telling my people peace peace. Everything's good.

It's safety. God loves you Everything's fine. Keep sacrificing your children to the god of molek.

Keep living in sin and debauchery and idolatry God's god's okay with it You're telling them peace peace when there's not peace my judgment's coming unless you call them to repentance sign of a false prophet Always a false prophet or somebody or a pastor who's not filled with the spirit will never preach repentance They'll never preach about the blood of christ the atoning work of the cross The they never preach the hard truths it's it's it's the uh, The the smooth saying tell me what I want to hear for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but they'll look for teachers who will Tell them what they want. Oh, that felt good in my ear. Oh, that felt tell me tell me tell me I'm, just oh i'm gonna go to heaven.

I can live like hell. I love this guy. I love this guy Don't you? So I want to ask a few questions I might have to close a little early Does the world love the way we do church Well, it shouldn't Does the world appreciate that our church never challenges anyone or anything? Am I proud that I never make members feel uncomfortable if so, we may want to consider jesus's words that true Disciples will be hated by the world because they speak the truth Not because they avoid it The love of many will grow cold we talked about that earlier people get worn down and worn out John 3 20 for everyone practicing evil Watch look at this for everyone practicing evil hate Hate you wonder where does all this hate come from? Hello You remember that don't you when you were living like the sinner You didn't did you like people telling you what to do? No way No way That's pride Don't tell me what to do Matthew 24 14 and he closed out with

this and we'll pick up next week and this gospel of the kingdom And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations Then the end will come What is the gospel of the kingdom very simple you just have to break it down The gospel is the good news.

The kingdom is the kingdom of god The way to enter the kingdom of god is to believe the good news that jesus died on the cross And you believe and have faith and repent of your sin repentance has to take place because repentance is acknowledging I'm wrong He's right I repent And I have faith and belief in jesus and that's how a person enters the kingdom of god But for all most of us today the final exhortation That we'll get to jesus actually says this watch Watch therefore for you do not know the hour your lord is coming. See that's my that's my verse I have to watch because I don't know the hour he is coming watch Therefore you also Be ready So you have to watch and you have to be ready because he's coming when we do not expect it So watching is always backed by action. Make no mistake here.

People sit at home eating donuts watching netflix. I'm watching I'm waiting. No that no watching is Is action Watching means it's almost like a watchman Watchman on the wall dads men, especially you're watching i'm watching for his return But i'm also doing business until he returns and I feel sometimes like nehemiah on one hand.

I have a trial Fixing the wall on the other hand. I have a sword watching for the enemies So i'm working god's kingdom and i'm building god's kingdom But i'm watching also watching and guarding the church and their family in different areas watch until I return Watching keeps you fearing the fear in god watching keeps you on your toes It's almost like when I go in the mojave desert and walking i'm watching for rattlesnakes Walking circumspectly Paul would say that's what watching is Watching is always backed by action and waiting is always backed by worship You got to have those two. Are you watching and are you waiting for his return? Watching is your conduct waiting is your heart response worship worship Psalm 37 7 says be still before the lord and wait patiently for him Romans 12 12 reminds us to rejoice in hope and be patient in tribulation Be patient in tribulation and be consistent in prayer Some of you are having a wonderful week this week.

Some of you are going through hell Regardless this applies be patient patient in that tribulation be consistent in prayer Humble yourself before god and take that prayer request to him and say lord you change your situation lord You break me you humble me i'm gonna wait upon you waiting means I keep my mouth shut sometimes Waiting means I don't rush ahead before god and make decisions. All right. God i've had enough of this i'm taking matters

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