19-Psalms-60-Transcript-TS
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00:01:27,533 --> 00:01:31,534
Well, good evening brethren and welcome to another Wednesday

2 00:01:31,534 --> 00:01:34,266 night Bible study. Where together we're going through

3 00:01:34,266 --> 00:01:38,834 the scriptures and we study them line upon line. This

4 00:01:38,834 --> 00:01:42,200 evening, God willing. We're going to cover Psalm one

5 00:01:42,200 --> 00:01:45,433 hundred and fifteen and you'll remember from last time, last

6 00:01:45,433 --> 00:01:49,234 week and the week before. Uh these are considered Passover

7 00:01:49,234 --> 00:01:55,733 Psalms. That's Psalm 113 and 114 are typically read before

8 00:01:55,733 --> 00:02:00,867 the Passover meal and then 115 to 118 are read after the

9 00:02:00,867 --> 00:02:04,834 Passover meal and there's a strong confidence that Christ

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00:02:04,834 --> 00:02:09,167 and his disciples would have sung one or more of these hymns

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00:02:09,167 --> 00:02:13,200 during the very Passover, the night that he was betrayed. So,

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00:02:13,200 --> 00:02:18,266 quite a privilege for us thousands of years later to to

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00:02:18,266 --> 00:02:21,133 be able to study these wonderful scriptures and and be

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00:02:21,133 --> 00:02:24,734 mindful of the Passover sacrifice of our lord, our

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00:02:24,734 --> 00:02:28,966 savior, but also the original Passover and and god's

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00:02:28,966 --> 00:02:33,033 faithfulness to his people. So, let me know if you can hear me

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00:02:33,033 --> 00:02:35,667 loudly and clearly as we open with a word of prayer.

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Hopefully I am coming through clearly. Everything looks good

19 00:02:38,267 --> 00:02:41,101 on my side. Looking with a word of prayer. And then we'll get

20 00:02:41,101 --> 00:02:45,234 into this evening's study. Our Heavenly Father we come before

21 00:02:45,234 --> 00:02:50,699 you and every week Lord we just bow before you. We acknowledge

22 00:02:50,699 --> 00:02:54,767 you. We thank you. We're in awe of you. Uh and every week we

23 00:02:54,767 --> 00:03:00,167 don't know what to face. Uh we had no idea weeks ago. Uh we

24 00:03:00,167 --> 00:03:05,833 would be seeing full-fledged war. Uh in Europe this time the

25 00:03:05,833 --> 00:03:08,800 level of brutality that we haven't seen in in many many

26 00:03:08,800 --> 00:03:15,201 decades. But yet your word warned us Father. So we're 00:03:15,201 --> 00:03:17,200 surprised but we're not surprised. And we just thank

28 00:03:17,200 --> 00:03:20,800 you God for your word and just thank you God for everything

29 00:03:20,800 --> 00:03:24,767 that you do for us. The guidance that we receive. Uh

30 00:03:24,767 --> 00:03:27,866 from the scriptures. We thank you for the the brotherhood.

31 00:03:27,866 --> 00:03:32,133 The the web of the saints. And we just pray Father that your

32 00:03:32,133 --> 00:03:37,200 will will manifest itself in us. And and we will please you

33 00:03:37,200 --> 00:03:39,966 by doing all that you command. We thank you God for this

34 00:03:39,966 --> 00:03:43,766 season now as we approach the the spring holidays. And pray

35 00:03:43,766 --> 00:03:47,567 you'll bless our study. In Jesus name. Amen. So let me 37 00:03:51,433 --> 00:03:58,467 Alright. Thank you so much. And let me share my screen. we'll

38 00:03:58,467 --> 00:04:04,633 get into the study for this evening. And I'll just share

39 00:04:04,633 --> 00:04:09,333 here. There we go. Um so Psalm one 15. So 113 and 114 we've

40 00:04:09,333 --> 00:04:13,600 covered already. And as I said these would have been read

41 00:04:13,600 --> 00:04:16,434 before the Passover meal. Now this is after the Passover

42 00:04:16,434 --> 00:04:21,500 meal. And what's also interesting about Psalm 115 is

43 00:04:21,500 --> 00:04:27,833 it is post exilic. So this is the been in exile for 70 years

44 00:04:27,833 --> 00:04:30,600 in Babylon. The Persians take over. The Persians released 00:04:30,600 --> 00:04:34,933 them. And they go back Jerusalem. And in going back

46 00:04:34,933 --> 00:04:37,167 and returning to Jerusalem they're returning to their own

47 00:04:37,167 --> 00:04:42,499 people who are caught up in idolatry. And they are who are

48 00:04:42,499 --> 00:04:45,100 influenced by the nations around them. And they also are

49 00:04:45,100 --> 00:04:47,800 interacting with the nations around them. And so there's a

50 00:04:47,800 --> 00:04:52,333 bit of a controversy now. Between these Jews and the

51 00:04:52,333 --> 00:04:57,167 cultures around them. And based on this controversy the Psalm

52 00:04:57,167 --> 00:05:02,301 just opens immediately with not unto us. Oh Lord. Not unto us.

53 00:05:02,301 --> 00:05:08,899 but unto your name give glory For your mercy and for your

54 00:05:08,899 --> 00:05:14,767 truth's sake. So right out of the gate you know we need your

55 00:05:14,767 --> 00:05:21,633 help. But we're not asking your help for us. There's this maybe

56 00:05:21,633 --> 00:05:24,667 we're being disparaged. We're being castigated. We're being

57 00:05:24,667 --> 00:05:29,899 oppressed. We're being abused in some way being insulted and

58 00:05:29,899 --> 00:05:34,267 humiliated. But that's not our concern. Our concern is your

59 00:05:34,267 --> 00:05:39,600 name. That we carry your name. And and show the nations around

60 00:05:39,600 --> 00:05:43,333 us the glory of your name. So I I just think this is a

61 00:05:43,333 --> 00:05:46,234 beautiful way for the Psalm to open. And something that we

62 00:05:46,234 --> 00:05:51,567 should be mindful of. That as we pray do we pray for God's

63 00:05:51,567 --> 00:05:55,534 glory? Or do we just pray for our own comfort, our own ease?

64 00:05:55,534 --> 00:06:01,067 Are we in the will of God? Or are we inserting our own will?

65 00:06:01,067 --> 00:06:04,933 And and in a sense wanting God to conform to our will. So I

66 00:06:04,933 --> 00:06:08,066 just think this is an amazing opening. that they're not

67 00:06:08,066 --> 00:06:12,133 concerned with their own reputation. They're concerned

68 00:06:12,133 --> 00:06:16,334 with the reputation of God. And it is really for his his

69 00:06:16,334 --> 00:06:20,133 cassette, his loving mercy, his faithfulness that they want him

70 00:06:20,133 --> 00:06:23,833 to act. And give glory to his name. Now this should bring us 00:06:23,833 --> 00:06:30,533 to bring to mind the prophet Isaiah who said this. hear you

72 00:06:30,533 --> 00:06:33,134 this, oh house of Jacob, so let me there responding to this

73 00:06:33,134 --> 00:06:36,933 scripture. Hear you this, oh house of Jacob, which are

74 00:06:36,933 --> 00:06:43,067 called by the of Israel And are come forth out of the waters of

75 00:06:43,067 --> 00:06:48,933 Judah. Which swear by the name of Jehovah. And make mention of

76 00:06:48,933 --> 00:06:54,267 the God of Israel. But not in truth nor in righteousness. So

77 00:06:54,267 --> 00:07:00,533 there's an association. Uh an indelible association. That

78 00:07:00,533 --> 00:07:05,966 Israel and Judah have with Jehovah. Now if they're not

79 00:07:05,966 --> 00:07:10,634 faithful they're bringing shame. To your his name. And 00:07:10,634 --> 00:07:14,000 and now with this Psalm, there seems to be an acknowledgement

81 00:07:14,000 --> 00:07:18,867 of this this indelible link an association that they have with

82 00:07:18,867 --> 00:07:23,167 God's name, and wanting the glory to return to God's name.

83 00:07:23,167 --> 00:07:26,899 Now, as I mentioned, we should be very cognizant of the glory

84 00:07:26,899 --> 00:07:29,967 of God's name. We should be praying regarding the God, the

85 00:07:29,967 --> 00:07:32,767 glory of God's name, and we should be operating within the

86 00:07:32,767 --> 00:07:36,867 will. Of the glory of God's name. Why? Cuz this is what

87 00:07:36,867 --> 00:07:41,100 Christ tells us. In Matthew twenty-four. That time ahead

88 00:07:41,100 --> 00:07:42,800 where you know we're seeing war, rumors of war, we're 00:07:42,800 --> 00:07:46,501 seeing the the world powers being reconfigured. I I you

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00:07:46,501 --> 00:07:50,167 know it's just a personal thing but I just personally have

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00:07:50,167 --> 00:07:56,201 grief. Uh watching America decline. Right before our eyes.

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00:07:56,201 --> 00:08:01,200 It's I I I've studied myself. I've prepared myself. I know

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00:08:01,200 --> 00:08:05,333 what's coming. Uh you know I I did my morning at probably some

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00:08:05,333 --> 00:08:07,867 five years ago when I realized when it really dawned on me

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00:08:07,867 --> 00:08:10,933 where everything is going. But when it really starts to happen

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00:08:10,933 --> 00:08:15,000 there's a there's a reality to it. And as this reality is is

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00:08:15,000 --> 00:08:17,467 now I'm facing it and we are

# facing it. We're facing it

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00:08:17,467 --> 00:08:21,867 together. Uh I I do have grief. It's a shame. It's like we were

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00:08:21,867 --> 00:08:25,400 this close to really doing something the world has never

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00:08:25,400 --> 00:08:28,533 seen before. This side of the millennium. You know of course

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00:08:28,533 --> 00:08:32,967 we're dealing with flawed human beings. But somehow we we we

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00:08:32,967 --> 00:08:37,633 deliberately tore it down with our own hands. We deliberately

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00:08:37,633 --> 00:08:41,867 put these foolish people in power. And all all of the

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00:08:41,867 --> 00:08:44,133 trouble that we're facing now. It's not just like by by

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00:08:44,133 --> 00:08:49,467 accident by just some kind of force of nature that suddenly

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we're we're facing decline. Suddenly we're facing

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00:08:52,567 --> 00:08:55,467 totalitarianism. We're facing economic collapse. This this

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00:08:55,467 --> 00:09:00,634 isn't just by nature. Just it was inevitable. No. These are

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00:09:00,634 --> 00:09:04,933 decisions. That the elite rulers have made. That are

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00:09:04,933 --> 00:09:09,467 driving this collapse. Driving this great reset. Driving this

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00:09:09,467 --> 00:09:12,633 suffering. Well and and and we're the ones who are enabling

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00:09:12,633 --> 00:09:15,666 it. They just they just wind us up and play with us like toys.

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00:09:15,666 --> 00:09:20,667 So now all of a we all hate Russians And and we just see

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00:09:20,667 --> 00:09:24,600 it's one sided. Uh Putin is evil and the Ukraines are are

00:09:24,600 --> 00:09:29,200 saints. And and you know we we mourn over the the pain and

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00:09:29,200 --> 00:09:35,067 the loss and the suffering of the people of Ukraine. But we

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00:09:35,067 --> 00:09:39,200 shouldn't be fooled into thinking it's something so

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00:09:39,200 --> 00:09:43,133 complex as the relationship between Ukraine and Russia.

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00:09:43,133 --> 00:09:45,767 That has so much history. And complexity. That we can just

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00:09:45,767 --> 00:09:50,201 turn on our TV and say, oh, Putin bad, Ukraine, good. Okay,

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00:09:50,201 --> 00:09:52,967 I've got all I need to know. I'm on this, I stand with the

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00:09:52,967 --> 00:09:56,567 Ukrainians and where the Russians are evil. And so, we

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00:09:56,567 --> 00:10:01,600 are actually emboldening the elite to cause more suffering

00:10:01,600 --> 00:10:05,067 to the Ukrainians. They're they're dragging this out. They

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00:10:05,067 --> 00:10:07,367 have our support. We're the ones behind all of this. And

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00:10:07,367 --> 00:10:10,933 so, I think we should be very very cautious when it comes to

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00:10:10,933 --> 00:10:15,167 war. To take any side. These are evil men who are

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00:10:15,167 --> 00:10:19,699 orchestrating and they do not care about human beings. And

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00:10:19,699 --> 00:10:22,667 they certainly don't care about Christians. They certainly

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00:10:22,667 --> 00:10:25,100 don't care about you and me. So, we shouldn't be supporting

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00:10:25,100 --> 00:10:29,233 them. And just somehow I don't know why it is. Is it naivety?

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00:10:29,233 --> 00:10:32,466 Tell me in the in the comments if you, if you, if you have an 00:10:32,466 --> 00:10:39,399 answer. Why do Christians? support the destruction of our

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00:10:39,399 --> 00:10:43,400 own society? Why do Christians support people who will destroy

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00:10:43,400 --> 00:10:47,200 our well-being, destroy our families, rape our children in

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00:10:47,200 --> 00:10:53,934 front of us? Why do we support these people? I'm just I'm

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00:10:53,934 --> 00:11:02,533 flabbergasted. But We should be concerned holy. And and I want

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00:11:02,533 --> 00:11:05,867 to be, I want to say entirely, but holy. We should be

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00:11:05,867 --> 00:11:10,533 wholehearted about this. About the glory of God. And how, how

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00:11:10,533 --> 00:11:15,867 does our conduct reflect on his name? So, Israel carries the

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00:11:15,867 --> 00:11:22,567 name of God. Christians carry

the name of Christ. And how

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00:11:22,567 --> 00:11:28,400 does our conduct reflect upon his glory? Do people look at us

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00:11:28,400 --> 00:11:31,867 and say, you know, I get a sense of the kindness, the

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00:11:31,867 --> 00:11:35,666 strength, the the sense of purpose of Christ because I

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00:11:35,666 --> 00:11:39,534 know you. Or do they look at us and say, wow, if that's

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00:11:39,534 --> 00:11:44,000 Christianity, I want nothing to do with it. So, people are

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00:11:44,000 --> 00:11:48,033 looking, people are observing, they may not say something, but

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00:11:48,033 --> 00:11:51,767 our, our example can impact them. And can certainly impact

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00:11:51,767 --> 00:11:55,900 glory of God. Says then shall they deliver you. That's these

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are the the disciples of Christ. Pastor Murray says

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00:11:59,800 --> 00:12:04,533 we're not kingdom focused. We are today focused. And we need

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00:12:04,533 --> 00:12:11,300 for our sake. Uh sorry. Let me just see what customer is

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00:12:11,300 --> 00:12:14,033 saying there. We are today focused and we need peace for

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00:12:14,033 --> 00:12:18,400 our sake. Not glory for God. So really really well said. Here

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00:12:18,400 --> 00:12:20,967 brother Richard is saying because they have eyes but

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00:12:20,967 --> 00:12:24,966 cannot see and ears but they cannot hear. Uh wow. It's it's

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00:12:24,966 --> 00:12:29,001 just very hard. You're right on brother Richard. And Pastor

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00:12:29,001 --> 00:12:32,066 Murray. Um you know all I think what we have to do is we have 00:12:32,066 --> 00:12:35,633 to get right ourselves. And then we have to have an example

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00:12:35,633 --> 00:12:40,999 that is steadfast. So as the years go by people can see the

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00:12:40,999 --> 00:12:44,967 world changing around us And see that we haven't changed.

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00:12:44,967 --> 00:12:47,934 We're saying the same thing we were saying five years ago. And

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00:12:47,934 --> 00:12:51,699 and so we're just walking in the word of God. And there's no

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00:12:51,699 --> 00:12:55,867 reason for us to deviate.
Meanwhile I think they're

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00:12:55,867 --> 00:12:58,467 going to be all over the place. They support the vaccine. They

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00:12:58,467 --> 00:13:00,667 don't support the vaccine. They support Black Lives Matter.

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00:13:00,667 --> 00:13:03,334 They're against critical race theory. They they support the

00:13:03,334 --> 00:13:05,733 Ukrainians and they find out there's a lot of Nazism like

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00:13:05,733 --> 00:13:08,733 literal Nazism involved here. And and so they're just all

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00:13:08,733 --> 00:13:12,267 over the place. We're just steady. We just follow the word

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00:13:12,267 --> 00:13:14,667 of God. And and as Pastor Murray said we have to be

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00:13:14,667 --> 00:13:20,667 kingdom focused. And as brother Richard said we need by God's

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00:13:20,667 --> 00:13:23,834 permission to have eyes that see. Otherwise we just won't

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00:13:23,834 --> 00:13:29,133 see. Uh well said. But he says here we are going to be

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00:13:29,133 --> 00:13:32,133 afflicted. And they shall kill us. And we shall be hated of

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00:13:32,133 --> 00:13:35,567 all nations. Why? Why would they hate us? We're we're

00:13:35,567 --> 00:13:39,933 trying to be decent people. For my name's sake. So these

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00:13:39,933 --> 00:13:41,933 disciples in this end time, this time that we're heading

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00:13:41,933 --> 00:13:45,667 into, the the chapter has the the page is turning and

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00:13:45,667 --> 00:13:49,067 we're in a new chapter. We've turned the corner and we're

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00:13:49,067 --> 00:13:51,700 facing a new reality. And so the world is being

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00:13:51,700 --> 00:13:53,633 reconfigured. It's a world where America will will be

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00:13:53,633 --> 00:13:57,966 irrelevant. And we have many of us have called for this. We've

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00:13:57,966 --> 00:13:59,833 been, we've rejoiced in this. Okay, I hope we're happy. Uh,

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00:13:59,833 --> 00:14:03,633 but this is the world we have

to now adjust to. And it's a

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00:14:03,633 --> 00:14:06,967 new world. And there's going to be a lot of hatred. That's what

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00:14:06,967 --> 00:14:11,133 we have to see. The hatred is not towards particular people.

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00:14:11,133 --> 00:14:14,167 It's the word Christ. There's a spiritual energy in the air.

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00:14:14,167 --> 00:14:16,933 And it's just really accelerating. And it's an

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00:14:16,933 --> 00:14:20,567 energy of hatred. And ultimately that hatred is

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00:14:20,567 --> 00:14:23,766 targeted toward Christ. And therefore, toward us, who

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00:14:23,766 --> 00:14:27,967 uphold Christ, who want to glorify his name. And so this

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00:14:27,967 --> 00:14:30,499 hatred that's that's that's just really growing. It's in

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it's in the atmosphere. And it's just taking off. It's just

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00:14:33,399 --> 00:14:36,400 intensifying. It's going to be focused on us. But we are

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00:14:36,400 --> 00:14:41,133 focused on the glory of his name. and so we don't back

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00:14:41,133 --> 00:14:44,099 down. We just, we want his name to be glorified and we use his

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00:14:44,099 --> 00:14:49,433 name to explain what is going on in the world today. That

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00:14:49,433 --> 00:14:51,467 that if people are lost, they're confused, they don't

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00:14:51,467 --> 00:14:53,600 know what's happening, how why is the world being rigged? We

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00:14:53,600 --> 00:14:57,534 explain that all of this is leading ultimately to the

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00:14:57,534 --> 00:15:01,867 kingdom. And the glorification of Christ. And the the honor

00:15:01,867 --> 00:15:04,267 that Christ's name will be raised high above every other

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00:15:04,267 --> 00:15:07,367 name. And that when when he has subjugated everything to

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00:15:07,367 --> 00:15:09,600 himself, he will turn everything over to the father.

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00:15:09,600 --> 00:15:13,234 And this is the understanding that we have. And therefore, we

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00:15:13,234 --> 00:15:16,400 don't back down. We're able to explain what's what's happening

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00:15:16,400 --> 00:15:20,267 and they don't like it. We can explain this is why you're

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00:15:20,267 --> 00:15:22,533 suffering. This is why people will continue to suffer. This

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00:15:22,533 --> 00:15:26,700 is why God is going to make men rarer than fine gold. And we

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00:15:26,700 --> 00:15:29,600 have the explanation. We're saying God is behind. God is

00:15:29,600 --> 00:15:33,200 orchestrating all of this and it's to his glory. We will be

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00:15:33,200 --> 00:15:36,500 afflicted. Not because of our personality. Not because of our

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00:15:36,500 --> 00:15:39,467 personal preferences. But because of our commitment to

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00:15:39,467 --> 00:15:43,599 Christ. So this is a very big deal for us to say. Not unto

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00:15:43,599 --> 00:15:48,000 us. It's not it's not we need relief for us but because of

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00:15:48,000 --> 00:15:53,467 your name God. Act because of your name. Psalm 115 verse two.

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00:15:53,467 --> 00:16:01,533 Why should the hidden say? is like this scoffing. Where where

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00:16:01,533 --> 00:16:05,400 is now their God? Even you hear people say, if there's a God,

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00:16:05,400 --> 00:16:10,400 why is all of this happening? And certainly, when God's

00:16:10,400 --> 00:16:15,266 people come under persecution, the hidden laugh. And say,

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00:16:15,266 --> 00:16:17,733 where's your God? Even when Christ was being persecuted,

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00:16:17,733 --> 00:16:21,533 they laughed. And said, well, save yourself if you're God.

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00:16:21,533 --> 00:16:26,167 And, and this is certainly our future. That as we stand up for

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00:16:26,167 --> 00:16:30,833 Christ, and it is given the the power is given to the

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00:16:30,833 --> 00:16:34,567 Antichrist. To make war with the saints and to overcome us.

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00:16:34,567 --> 00:16:38,133 That there will be a lot of laughter. There'll be a lot of

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00:16:38,133 --> 00:16:40,667 ridicule. And there'll be the question where you're preaching

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00:16:40,667 --> 00:16:44,133 a lot about God. Where is your

## God? And then the Psalm is

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00:16:44,133 --> 00:16:46,700 saying why should they be allowed to continue saying

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00:16:46,700 --> 00:16:50,667 this? That their mouths should be stopped. And so I then he

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00:16:50,667 --> 00:16:54,133 asked it well if you want to know where our God is our God

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00:16:54,133 --> 00:16:59,034 is in the heavens. And he has done whatever he has pleased.

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00:16:59,034 --> 00:17:04,500 This this is the true God. Our God is not constrained. And so

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00:17:04,500 --> 00:17:08,033 it's like if you think of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

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00:17:08,033 --> 00:17:12,634 when they're being threatened, their answer is, we're not

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00:17:12,634 --> 00:17:16,700 careful to answer you, oh king. You do whatever you think is

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right. We know that our God can save us. And if he chooses not

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00:17:22,000 --> 00:17:26,167 to save us, we are in his will. We completely trust him. He's a

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00:17:26,167 --> 00:17:28,133 benevolent God. He's our father. And we totally trust

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00:17:28,133 --> 00:17:32,599 him and so he does what he pleases. And we need to look at

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00:17:32,599 --> 00:17:35,134 the world today and all the suffering that we see in

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00:17:35,134 --> 00:17:38,367 Ukraine and you know Ukraine, Ukraine, Ukraine is

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00:17:38,367 --> 00:17:43,333 not the only war taking place right now. Was it the Vice

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00:17:43,333 --> 00:17:47,867 President said you know Russia is a big country. And Ukraine

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00:17:47,867 --> 00:17:51,800 is a smaller country. And Russia invaded Ukraine. And

00:17:51,800 --> 00:17:57,300 that's bad. That's wrong. I mean is this the vice president

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00:17:57,300 --> 00:17:59,467 of the United States? Is this like the second most powerful

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00:17:59,467 --> 00:18:04,533 person in the world? Does this person have a brain? Well, we

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00:18:04,533 --> 00:18:09,066 could say, you know, Saudi Arabia is a big country. And

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00:18:09,066 --> 00:18:14,499 Yemen is a small country. And Saudi Arabia is pounding Yemen.

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00:18:14,499 --> 00:18:20,133 And that's wrong. Or we could say, the United States is a big

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00:18:20,133 --> 00:18:25,567 country. And Iraq was a small country. Libya was a small

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00:18:25,567 --> 00:18:29,833 country. And Iraq invaded America invaded Iraq and

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00:18:29,833 --> 00:18:33,533 America invade and that's wrong. Well it's not just down

00:18:33,533 --> 00:18:38,667 to size. There's a lot of complexity. And so stop

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00:18:38,667 --> 00:18:40,933 manipulating and censoring everything. So we only get one

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00:18:40,933 --> 00:18:44,700 side of the information. And then we're being manipulated

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00:18:44,700 --> 00:18:47,400 and being all passionate and emotional about something. But

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00:18:47,400 --> 00:18:50,433 why do we care so much about Ukraine? We don't care about

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00:18:50,433 --> 00:18:53,799 Syria. We care so much about Ukraine. We we don't care about

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00:18:53,799 --> 00:18:56,433 Yemen. Why are we being manipulated like this? We care

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00:18:56,433 --> 00:19:01,566 about all human beings made in the image and likeness of God.

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00:19:01,566 --> 00:19:06,533 And the scripture says he's going to make man rarer than

00:19:06,533 --> 00:19:10,000 fine gold. So this is just opening. Christ tells us in

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00:19:10,000 --> 00:19:14,567 Matthew twenty-four, all these are the beginning of sorrows.

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00:19:14,567 --> 00:19:17,967 It's going to get worse and worse. And we can't be people

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00:19:17,967 --> 00:19:20,267 saying, oh don't worry, everything's going to be better

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00:19:20,267 --> 00:19:21,900 tomorrow. No, it's not going to be better tomorrow. It's

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00:19:21,900 --> 00:19:25,200 going to be worse tomorrow and worse the next day, and worse

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00:19:25,200 --> 00:19:29,234 the next day after that. But eventually, eventually it's

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00:19:29,234 --> 00:19:33,300 going to get really really dark and then Christ will return and

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00:19:33,300 --> 00:19:37,200 so this is so we don't need

this superficial optimism. What

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00:19:37,200 --> 00:19:42,267 we need is faith and perspective. And so they're

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00:19:42,267 --> 00:19:47,133 saying hey where's your God? And these these hiddens. These

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00:19:47,133 --> 00:19:50,267 atheists. You know today they're so back here when they

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00:19:50,267 --> 00:19:55,600 say where is your God? They would have Gods. their Gods

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00:19:55,600 --> 00:19:58,634 would be physical idols that they were worshipping because

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00:19:58,634 --> 00:20:06,499 it was a sort of a very primitive culture Very

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00:20:06,499 --> 00:20:10,567 pre-modern culture. And so they would worship physical idols

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00:20:10,567 --> 00:20:14,133 and then they're laughing at Israel like where is your God?

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Today we're so sophisticated. That we say oh I'm an atheist.

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00:20:19,567 --> 00:20:22,767 I'm too I'm too intelligent to believe in God. But there's

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00:20:22,767 --> 00:20:27,567 still worshiping idols. They worship themselves. They

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00:20:27,567 --> 00:20:32,633 worship money. They worship power. they're still worshiping

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00:20:32,633 --> 00:20:36,400 idols and they think they can scoff at the true god and it's

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00:20:36,400 --> 00:20:40,600 going to backfire on them in in the worst way but our god is in

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00:20:40,600 --> 00:20:43,001 heaven and everything that's happening on earth and we see

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00:20:43,001 --> 00:20:46,400 this in Revelation chapter four when we studied Revelation.

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00:20:46,400 --> 00:20:50,267 Chapter four showed us he's on his throne And everything 00:20:50,267 --> 00:20:56,533 that's happening, we just have to be resigned about it. It's

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00:20:56,533 --> 00:20:59,333 like the these things have to happen. And they're all the

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00:20:59,333 --> 00:21:03,766 beginning of sorrows and when you ask where our God is, he's

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00:21:03,766 --> 00:21:07,533 on the throne. And he does whatever, whatever pleases. So

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00:21:07,533 --> 00:21:10,167 we have to search the scriptures to see what is his

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00:21:10,167 --> 00:21:14,234 will. And there's no way that we can explain the world today

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00:21:14,234 --> 00:21:18,567 unless we understand the covenant. And we understand

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00:21:18,567 --> 00:21:22,634 Torah. And all the things that God has promised regarding the

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00:21:22,634 --> 00:21:25,567 covenant in Torah. That's exactly what's happening in the

00:21:25,567 --> 00:21:29,133 Earth today. And everything is being configured. Oh even this

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00:21:29,133 --> 00:21:34,466 whole Ukrainian horror story. It's all part of the

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00:21:34,466 --> 00:21:41,200 destruction of America. America is is slicing its own throat

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00:21:41,200 --> 00:21:45,233 and it's going to bleed to death. Because of this sort of

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00:21:45,233 --> 00:21:50,800 provocation. And when it fails and and it empowers its

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00:21:50,800 --> 00:21:54,133 enemies. It's going to Iran. Saying we will buy oil from

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00:21:54,133 --> 00:21:56,466 you. We we won't produce our own oil even though we were

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00:21:56,466 --> 00:21:59,567 energy independent. We will buy oil from you Iran and we will

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00:21:59,567 --> 00:22:01,834 enrich you and make you powerful. Just as we've

00:22:01,834 --> 00:22:04,667 enriched Russia. And made Russia powerful. So that they

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00:22:04,667 --> 00:22:07,167 can do what they're doing today. And we will enrich Saudi

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00:22:07,167 --> 00:22:10,400 Arabia and make Saudi Arabia powerful and we will enrich

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00:22:10,400 --> 00:22:12,933 Venezuela and make Venezuela powerful. We'll make our

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00:22:12,933 --> 00:22:15,867 enemies powerful. This is the stupidity. Well, maybe it's not

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00:22:15,867 --> 00:22:18,033 stupidity. It might be just deliberate. Because they're

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00:22:18,033 --> 00:22:19,566 globalists. They don't care about America. They don't care

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00:22:19,566 --> 00:22:21,966 about Canada. They don't care about Australia, New Zealand.

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00:22:21,966 --> 00:22:24,500 They don't care about these

countries. They have a global

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00:22:24,500 --> 00:22:28,634 agenda. So we can't understand what's happening in the world

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00:22:28,634 --> 00:22:32,133 today. Unless we understand the pleasure of God. When Christ

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00:22:32,133 --> 00:22:34,667 came to Earth, it was it pleased him to bruise Christ.

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00:22:34,667 --> 00:22:39,367 This is going to be confusing unless you understand the Torah

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00:22:39,367 --> 00:22:43,567 and the covenant. Now, our god is in heaven. He does whatever

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00:22:43,567 --> 00:22:49,167 pleases him. Their idols are silver and gold. The work of

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00:22:49,167 --> 00:22:53,333 men's hands. So, literally, they would make their idols out

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00:22:53,333 --> 00:22:57,201 of silver and gold. And they would look so glorious and

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spectacular and shining and they would worship them and

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00:22:59,700 --> 00:23:04,800 when I was in the Middle East, the mosques in the Middle East

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00:23:04,800 --> 00:23:09,600 put churches to shame You walk past any any church I would

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00:23:09,600 --> 00:23:12,900 walk and it's it's in disrepair. And these mosques

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00:23:12,900 --> 00:23:17,833 are glistening. They are just spectacular. And you feel if

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00:23:17,833 --> 00:23:20,133 you go near these mosques like something very important is

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00:23:20,133 --> 00:23:23,233 happening inside there. You walk by a church and it's like

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00:23:23,233 --> 00:23:28,667 nothing. Oh they're using it as a concert hall now. So human

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00:23:28,667 --> 00:23:32,667 beings are very impressed by physical presence. And so they

00:23:32,667 --> 00:23:36,066 make these idols of silver and gold. Today we would say silver

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00:23:36,066 --> 00:23:41,633 and gold is money. And that what they worship and they for

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00:23:41,633 --> 00:23:44,867 example this whole of the vaccine mandates. That is

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00:23:44,867 --> 00:23:49,699 worship. That is a a worship, an act of worship. When you

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00:23:49,699 --> 00:23:54,533 force everyone that they must be injected. So that your bank

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00:23:54,533 --> 00:23:57,801 account can be enriched. How many of students have

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00:23:57,801 --> 00:24:00,099 researched that? I think there's 40 billionaires. That

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00:24:00,099 --> 00:24:04,933 have been added. In the last 2 years. That have been added to

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00:24:04,933 --> 00:24:08,700 the billionaire ranks. And have profited directly from these

00:24:08,700 --> 00:24:13,599 vaccine these injections. This is an act of worship of of

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00:24:13,599 --> 00:24:16,467 silver and gold. And then we're running around saying, yes we

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00:24:16,467 --> 00:24:20,000 support the mandates. We we believe that everybody should

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00:24:20,000 --> 00:24:22,499 be injected. I I heard in in Ottawa when they were

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00:24:22,499 --> 00:24:26,466 oppressing the truckers. The the mayor said, you know,

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00:24:26,466 --> 00:24:30,900 you're, what did he say? Your right to freedom, your right to

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00:24:30,900 --> 00:24:36,000 swing your fists, ends where my nose begins. So, he was trying

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00:24:36,000 --> 00:24:38,967 to position the truckers as violent and you know, swinging

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00:24:38,967 --> 00:24:41,800 their fist and well, you're right to swing your fist ends

00:24:41,800 --> 00:24:46,499 where my nose begins. Well, Mr. Mayor, could I say that your

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00:24:46,499 --> 00:24:50,800 right to swing your injections, your needles ends where my skin

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00:24:50,800 --> 00:24:54,900 begins? Do I have that right to medical autonomy? Do you

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00:24:54,900 --> 00:24:57,467 want to swing your your needles and inject them in everybody?

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00:24:57,467 --> 00:25:00,133 Do I have a right to say, well, where where my skin begins?

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00:25:00,133 --> 00:25:03,000 That's where your freedom ends. But no, this is an act of

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00:25:03,000 --> 00:25:06,533 worship. Because they worship money. And they don't care

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00:25:06,533 --> 00:25:09,234 about human beings. And they will even inject children and

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00:25:09,234 --> 00:25:12,133 destroy children so they can

line their bank accounts. And

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00:25:12,133 --> 00:25:15,967 they will engage in war. That's why they had to get rid of the

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00:25:15,967 --> 00:25:19,767 previous president. 4 years with no no no new wars. And

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00:25:19,767 --> 00:25:22,667 their bank accounts were running dry. Four years with

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00:25:22,667 --> 00:25:25,967 the border closed. And they couldn't traffic human beings

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00:25:25,967 --> 00:25:30,667 and babies and drugs. And their bank accounts were running dry.

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00:25:30,667 --> 00:25:34,567 You know they had to act quickly because they worship

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00:25:34,567 --> 00:25:37,800 silver and gold. So yeah we're all modern today. But it's the

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00:25:37,800 --> 00:25:41,633 same idolatry. Their idols are silver and gold. The work of

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00:25:41,633 --> 00:25:45,567

men's hands. For the Jeremiah says this in terms of their

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00:25:45,567 --> 00:25:49,567 worship. The customs of the people are vain. For one cuts a

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00:25:49,567 --> 00:25:53,133 tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the

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00:25:53,133 --> 00:25:56,300 workmen with the axe. They deck it. So they cut it out of the

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00:25:56,300 --> 00:25:59,033 forest and then they deck it with silver and gold. This is

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00:25:59,033 --> 00:26:01,700 exactly what the Psalm ist is saying. That the the they can

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00:26:01,700 --> 00:26:06,000 bring glory to the creation. So that it really looks like

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00:26:06,000 --> 00:26:08,533 something important. It's got silver and gold all over it.

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00:26:08,533 --> 00:26:11,200 They deck it with silver and gold. They fasten it with 00:26:11,200 --> 00:26:16,167 nails. And with hammers that it doesn't move. They are upright

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00:26:16,167 --> 00:26:20,933 as the palm tree but speak not. So they look fantastic but they

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00:26:20,933 --> 00:26:25,600 don't speak. They must need to be born because they cannot go.

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00:26:25,600 --> 00:26:29,600 They have to be carried. Be not afraid of them. For they cannot

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00:26:29,600 --> 00:26:33,700 do evil neither also is it in them to do good. Now money,

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00:26:33,700 --> 00:26:38,666 silver, and gold. When you have it in the billions, perhaps

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00:26:38,666 --> 00:26:42,000 trillions of dollars. And all of your billionaire clubmates

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00:26:42,000 --> 00:26:45,967 get together and you decide because you control industry,

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00:26:45,967 --> 00:26:49,133 you control government, you control entertainment, you

00:26:49,133 --> 00:26:52,667 control all the different the medical community control

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00:26:52,667 --> 00:26:55,200 everything. And you've got billions, perhaps trillions of

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00:26:55,200 --> 00:26:59,967 dollars. That's a lot of power. But ultimately when when Christ

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00:26:59,967 --> 00:27:04,099 returns, all your silver and gold means nothing. It'll mean

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00:27:04,099 --> 00:27:06,767 you'll just throw it away because it has no meaning, no

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00:27:06,767 --> 00:27:11,067 value. And that's the folly of idolatry. And today again,

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00:27:11,067 --> 00:27:13,499 they'll say how sophisticated they are and I'm, I'm too

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00:27:13,499 --> 00:27:17,800 sophisticated to believe in, in God. And yet you see them in

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00:27:17,800 --> 00:27:21,934 their idolatry. You see them at their academy awards, at their

00:27:21,934 --> 00:27:25,100 Bafta Awards, at their Oscar, and they they hold up the idol.

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00:27:25,100 --> 00:27:30,099 And they're just so proud of this thing that can't speak, It

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00:27:30,099 --> 00:27:34,800 can't move. It can't hear. But it's an idol. And it represents

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00:27:34,800 --> 00:27:41,567 the worship. Of fame. Of power. Of wealth. And it represents

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00:27:41,567 --> 00:27:44,667 that as long as they're holding it, they're being worshiped.

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00:27:44,667 --> 00:27:47,767 And they're being admired. And they're being accepted into the

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00:27:47,767 --> 00:27:51,634 club. And so human beings are really insecure. You have

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00:27:51,634 --> 00:27:54,099 people who say, you know, I'm too sophisticated to believe in

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00:27:54,099 --> 00:27:57,367 God. But anything they do, they

want to know, well, what did

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00:27:57,367 --> 00:27:59,633 you think of that? Did I, did I do a good job? What do you,

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00:27:59,633 --> 00:28:03,067 hey, hey, I, I, I did this. Did you see me riding my

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00:28:03,067 --> 00:28:06,366 bicycle without training wheels? And we do the

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00:28:06,366 --> 00:28:09,034 equivalent of that all our life because we, we, we're insecure.

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00:28:09,034 --> 00:28:12,333 We need somebody to pat us on the back and say, good job. But

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00:28:12,333 --> 00:28:15,467 we can't, we, we will never turn to God. I'm saying, we,

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00:28:15,467 --> 00:28:19,400 the general human being, why? Because we don't want a God

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00:28:19,400 --> 00:28:23,800 that does whatever he pleases, and command us to do as he

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00:28:23,800 --> 00:28:29,467

says. That's the problem. When my little idol. It doesn't tell

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00:28:29,467 --> 00:28:33,367 me what to do. When I'm in front of thousands of people

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00:28:33,367 --> 00:28:35,467 holding up my little idol saying, thank you, thank you.

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00:28:35,467 --> 00:28:39,233 Oh, they like me, they really like me. It's all like they

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00:28:39,233 --> 00:28:42,933 they like me because I fit into their mold. That the elite have

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00:28:42,933 --> 00:28:47,266 set. And now we get to do whatever we want and we can be

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00:28:47,266 --> 00:28:53,433 as as immoral. As we want. And nobody's going to say, hey, you

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00:28:53,433 --> 00:28:55,933 can't behave like that. There are boundaries here. Because

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00:28:55,933 --> 00:28:59,567 these bound is come from on high. We don't want that. We

00:28:59,567 --> 00:29:03,133 want idols that can't speak and can't do anything so we can do

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00:29:03,133 --> 00:29:07,900 whatever we like. He says here verse five. They have mouths

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00:29:07,900 --> 00:29:13,301 but they don't speak. Eyes have they but they see not and

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00:29:13,301 --> 00:29:16,967 brother Richard was talking about in the covenant. Where

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00:29:16,967 --> 00:29:21,167 whereas bad as these idols that that have no spiritual value.

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00:29:21,167 --> 00:29:25,467 But here they can't speak. They can't see, they can't hear, and

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00:29:25,467 --> 00:29:29,600 they cannot smell. Well, you know what? Idolaters love it

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00:29:29,600 --> 00:29:36,367 this way. Because we can create God in our image Instead of

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00:29:36,367 --> 00:29:40,033 realizing we're in his image and we must do as he says. If

00:29:40,033 --> 00:29:42,499 these if these idols can't speak, they can't give us any

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00:29:42,499 --> 00:29:45,967 direction. So I can give all the gold and silver and glory

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00:29:45,967 --> 00:29:48,467 and put up the statue and have everybody worship it. But I'm

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00:29:48,467 --> 00:29:51,400 the one who's telling people what to do. I I'm not being

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00:29:51,400 --> 00:29:55,267 told what to do. So this this idolatry even though we're

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00:29:55,267 --> 00:29:58,667 looking at ancient scripture it hasn't gone away. It's with us

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00:29:58,667 --> 00:30:02,667 very much today. Verse seven. They have hands but they handle

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00:30:02,667 --> 00:30:06,933 not. Feet have they, but they walk not, neither speak they

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00:30:06,933 --> 00:30:11,167 through their throat. Uh so this is the God, the Gods they

00:30:11,167 --> 00:30:16,667 worship are vain. It's actually quite ridiculous. Very powerful

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00:30:16,667 --> 00:30:22,466 man, very intelligent man sometimes. Or very often. And

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00:30:22,466 --> 00:30:26,634 their lifestyle is ridiculous. What they give glory to is

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00:30:26,634 --> 00:30:30,467 ridiculous. They they've made their lives a joke. but they

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00:30:30,467 --> 00:30:33,867 think they're sophisticated. And it's it hasn't gone away.

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00:30:33,867 --> 00:30:38,933 Here in Isaiah forty-six and verse five God says in terms of

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00:30:38,933 --> 00:30:46,800 a contrasting himself from the idols. whom will you liken me?

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00:30:46,800 --> 00:30:51,800 And make me equal And compare me. That we may be alike. They

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00:30:51,800 --> 00:30:56,167 lavish gold out of the bag. And

weigh silver in the balance.

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00:30:56,167 --> 00:31:01,133 And hire a goldsmith. And make it a God. They fall down. Yes,

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00:31:01,133 --> 00:31:03,733 they worship. Now, this again, you know, I'm going to talk

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00:31:03,733 --> 00:31:07,633 about the vaccine mandates. But it could be anything. Anything

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00:31:07,633 --> 00:31:11,467 at all. But it's this disability, money is power. And

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00:31:11,467 --> 00:31:14,133 they amass all this wealth and they can buy people and trade

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00:31:14,133 --> 00:31:19,133 people they're trading stocks. And so they hire a goldsmith.

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00:31:19,133 --> 00:31:23,199 They hire a scientist. And they make that scientist the God.

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00:31:23,199 --> 00:31:25,800 Person of the year. And they hold him up and everybody bows

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00:31:25,800 --> 00:31:29,567

down and does what he says. They fall down yes and they

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00:31:29,567 --> 00:31:34,633 that's worship. That's and when they worship the beast. This is

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00:31:34,633 --> 00:31:37,634 worship. When you bow down, fall down, you give over your

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00:31:37,634 --> 00:31:41,600 will to them. I I I will not have my own will. I have not, I

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00:31:41,600 --> 00:31:43,299 won't make my own decision. This scientist can make

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00:31:43,299 --> 00:31:45,567 decisions for. I'm not a scientist. He's a scientist.

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00:31:45,567 --> 00:31:48,601 He's a very special man. I'll do whatever he says. holding

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00:31:48,601 --> 00:31:51,500 him up like he's a god. So, we think what we think we read

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00:31:51,500 --> 00:31:53,933 these ancient scriptures and we think, yeah, this is back in

00:31:53,933 --> 00:31:57,733 the day, pre pre modernism. We're postmodern. We're very

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00:31:57,733 --> 00:32:01,633 sophisticated and yet human beings are exactly the same.

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00:32:01,633 --> 00:32:07,733 With money, we can hire the goldsmith. and and we can make

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00:32:07,733 --> 00:32:11,967 him a God. Or have him make us a God. We can hire a scientist.

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00:32:11,967 --> 00:32:15,200 Well, the scientist says, are you are you against science?

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00:32:15,200 --> 00:32:18,800 and then we fall down and we do whatever they say. We we do

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00:32:18,800 --> 00:32:23,067 their will and we worship. They bear him upon the shoulder.

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00:32:23,067 --> 00:32:25,333 They have to exalt him. You have to look up to him. To see

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00:32:25,333 --> 00:32:28,367 him as a God. He can't get himself up. We have to exalt

00:32:28,367 --> 00:32:31,067 him. And that's this whole celebrity culture. What is it

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00:32:31,067 --> 00:32:34,634 called? The American Idol. There's this celebrity culture.

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00:32:34,634 --> 00:32:37,467 Gotta bear him up on the shoulder. They carry him and

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00:32:37,467 --> 00:32:41,367 set him in his place. And he stands. From his place shall he

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00:32:41,367 --> 00:32:45,733 not remove. Yes. One shall cry unto him. Yet he can't answer.

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00:32:45,733 --> 00:32:49,400 Nor save him out of trouble. So, these idols, they're

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00:32:49,400 --> 00:32:52,000 useless. So, we're propping them up, getting everybody to

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00:32:52,000 --> 00:32:56,033 bow down, and yet they can't do anything. Here in Habakkuk, he

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00:32:56,033 --> 00:32:59,467 says, what profits the graven image that the maker thereof

00:32:59,467 --> 00:33:05,333 has made? The molten image and the teacher of lies, that the

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00:33:05,333 --> 00:33:08,400 maker of his work trusts therein to make dumb idols.

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00:33:08,400 --> 00:33:11,200 Like, this this is just nonsensical. We just need to

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00:33:11,200 --> 00:33:15,067 step back and look at these human beings. Unfortunately,

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00:33:15,067 --> 00:33:17,333 there may were made in god's image. They're intelligent

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00:33:17,333 --> 00:33:21,200 people but they're running after vanity. And as I said

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00:33:21,200 --> 00:33:25,467 they're really insecure. Don't don't let their positions fool

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00:33:25,467 --> 00:33:29,767 us. I think it was, somebody had interviewed Oprah Winfrey.

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00:33:29,767 --> 00:33:34,866 When she was at the peak of her celebrity. And after the

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00:33:34,866 --> 00:33:37,867 interview, Oprah immediately turned to her and said, how did

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00:33:37,867 --> 00:33:40,400 I do? And this, I forget who the interviewer was, but she

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00:33:40,400 --> 00:33:44,667 was shocked. That Oprah was insecure. All the money in the

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00:33:44,667 --> 00:33:47,700 world, all the celebrity, all the fame. Oh, how did I do?

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00:33:47,700 --> 00:33:52,066 Human being are insecure. And we mustn't let them fool us

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00:33:52,066 --> 00:33:56,133 when they're draped in gold, and silver, and power. They're

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00:33:56,133 --> 00:33:59,733 panicking the inside. Cuz they don't know what's going to

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00:33:59,733 --> 00:34:03,333 happen tomorrow. And they're worried. And we can have calm.

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00:34:03,333 --> 00:34:06,567

Because we know what's going to happen tomorrow. And we know

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00:34:06,567 --> 00:34:09,767 who's in control and who's doing as he pleases. So here

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00:34:09,767 --> 00:34:12,133 Habakkuk just says they they're trusting their work but they

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00:34:12,133 --> 00:34:16,567 can't it doesn't make any sense. Here in Romans becoming

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00:34:16,567 --> 00:34:21,967 moving up more up to date. Uh in the modern time now. Romans

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00:34:21,967 --> 00:34:25,967 one twenty-one, he says, when they knew God, they glorified

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00:34:25,967 --> 00:34:30,267 him not as God. There's the problem. You know, so a lot of

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00:34:30,267 --> 00:34:33,567 people don't know God. And they don't want to know God. But

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00:34:33,567 --> 00:34:37,733 even those who come to know God, they don't want to glorify

00:34:37,733 --> 00:34:39,967 him. There there's a, there's something going on here and

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00:34:39,967 --> 00:34:42,433 we're going to be coming into the days of unleavened bread,

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00:34:42,433 --> 00:34:45,600 where we can get at the root of this. And Isaiah's scripture

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00:34:45,600 --> 00:34:49,667 makes it very clear. Human beings suffer from pride, which

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00:34:49,667 --> 00:34:54,400 is the root cause of sin. In, in, in Satan himself. But, they

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00:34:54,400 --> 00:34:57,533 knew God And then they rejected him. They did not acknowledge

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00:34:57,533 --> 00:35:00,933 him. They don't want to be told what to do. So they didn't

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00:35:00,933 --> 00:35:03,600 glorify him as God. Neither were they thankful. And that

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00:35:03,600 --> 00:35:08,000 that's amazing. Like everything we have. We we have to be

00:35:08,000 --> 00:35:11,133 grateful. There's there's no such thing as the self-made

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00:35:11,133 --> 00:35:15,234 man. Or the self-made woman. Everything is a gift.

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00:35:15,234 --> 00:35:17,734 Everything we depend on. Even the air we're breathing is a

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00:35:17,734 --> 00:35:21,600 gift. But they weren't thankful. Instead because they

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00:35:21,600 --> 00:35:26,567 rejected God they became vain in their imaginations. And

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00:35:26,567 --> 00:35:30,734 their foolish heart was darkened. So this this craving,

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00:35:30,734 --> 00:35:34,534 this insecurity makes them crave power. Makes them crave

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00:35:34,534 --> 00:35:38,667 fame. Makes them crave money. And they're they got caught up

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00:35:38,667 --> 00:35:41,400 with these obsessions. And their foolish heart is

00:35:41,400 --> 00:35:46,333 darkened. Professing themselves to be wise. Oh I'm too smart to

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00:35:46,333 --> 00:35:49,400 believe in God. I'm an atheist. Let's make jokes about Jesus

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00:35:49,400 --> 00:35:53,133 Christ. Cuz I'm an atheist and I don't care. And I can be

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00:35:53,133 --> 00:35:57,399 irreverent. Professing themselves be wise, they became

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00:35:57,399 --> 00:36:02,233 fools. And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an

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00:36:02,233 --> 00:36:06,299 image made like corruptible man. And to birds and four

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00:36:06,299 --> 00:36:08,267 footed beasts and creeping things. So this is what the

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00:36:08,267 --> 00:36:12,933 Psalm ist is exactly saying. We're more comfortable. We we

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00:36:12,933 --> 00:36:14,933 need a God. Everybody needs a

God. There's no such a there's

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00:36:14,933 --> 00:36:17,199 no such thing as an atheist really. There's no such thing

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00:36:17,199 --> 00:36:20,933 as a human being that doesn't have a God. We we all have to

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00:36:20,933 --> 00:36:23,733 serve somebody. I think it was Bob Dylan at a song like that.

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00:36:23,733 --> 00:36:28,167 You have to serve somebody. It's just the way we're it. We

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00:36:28,167 --> 00:36:30,267 we have to serve somebody. So everybody has a God. There's no

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00:36:30,267 --> 00:36:37,200 such thing as an atheist. We much prefer having a God that

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00:36:37,200 --> 00:36:41,500 we can fashion ourselves. And having a God that doesn't speak

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00:36:41,500 --> 00:36:45,667 to us and tell us what to do. So even those who came to know

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God rejected him. Because when you come to know God you come

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00:36:50,133 --> 00:36:53,500 to know that he has expectations. He has commands.

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00:36:53,500 --> 00:36:55,867 And that that's the rob. That's like oh time out. I wasn't

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00:36:55,867 --> 00:36:59,667 expecting to be told what to do. And so they changed the

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00:36:59,667 --> 00:37:02,133 glory. These are people who knew God. They changed the

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00:37:02,133 --> 00:37:07,133 glory of the corruptible God into an image made like two

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00:37:07,133 --> 00:37:09,933 corruptible man. So instead of us acknowledging we're made in

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00:37:09,933 --> 00:37:13,467 God's image we want to make God in our image. And to birds and

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00:37:13,467 --> 00:37:17,767 four footed beasts and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave

00:37:17,767 --> 00:37:22,933 them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts.

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00:37:22,933 --> 00:37:25,867 So there's something really powerful that Paul is helping

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00:37:25,867 --> 00:37:30,667 us understand about the human psyche. It doesn't want to be

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00:37:30,667 --> 00:37:35,733 controlled. Doesn't want to be told what to do. But it needs a

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00:37:35,733 --> 00:37:39,367 God. And so it doesn't matter how sophisticated we think we

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00:37:39,367 --> 00:37:41,100 are. It doesn't matter how sophisticated we think others

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00:37:41,100 --> 00:37:44,433 are. They're going to stand up there with their little idols.

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00:37:44,433 --> 00:37:48,800 Oh thank you so much for this award. I'm so insecure. I I for

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00:37:48,800 --> 00:37:52,800 the first time in my life I feel like I have some meaning.

00:37:52,800 --> 00:37:55,933 Oh thank you. And and this image now is something I can

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00:37:55,933 --> 00:37:59,100 worship. And we can all worship it together. Cuz we're so

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00:37:59,100 --> 00:38:02,667 insecure. And because they reject God. And they needed

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00:38:02,667 --> 00:38:05,767 they needed garden. They're going to make the God in their

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00:38:05,767 --> 00:38:08,000 own image. But whatever this idol is, it doesn't tell them

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00:38:08,000 --> 00:38:14,133 what to do. So now their heart is unrestrained. So idolatry

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00:38:14,133 --> 00:38:17,200 leaves leads to unrestrained behaviour. And so this is why,

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00:38:17,200 --> 00:38:19,967 hey, you don't want me as your God, then you really, you have

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00:38:19,967 --> 00:38:23,533 Satan as your God ultimately. But your your heart is now

00:38:23,533 --> 00:38:26,333 unrestrained. So God gives them up. They don't want a

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00:38:26,333 --> 00:38:28,267 relationship with him. He gives them up to their unclean.

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00:38:28,267 --> 00:38:30,967 Remember, these are people who knew God. But he gave them up

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00:38:30,967 --> 00:38:34,466 to uncleanness. Through the lusts of their own hearts. And

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00:38:34,466 --> 00:38:39,600 that, that's, that's, that's the the

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00:38:40,066 --> 00:38:44,601 and the contradiction is the human heart of man is

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00:38:44,601 --> 00:38:52,234 desperately wicked. And God is pure. God is love. Pure love.

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00:38:52,234 --> 00:38:56,267 And so what a combination. A heart that's desperately wicked

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00:38:56,267 --> 00:38:59,333 and a God of pure love. And

authority by the way. And so

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00:38:59,333 --> 00:39:03,400 this combination only one of two things can happen. Either

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00:39:03,400 --> 00:39:06,833 we repent in dust and ashes. And we acknowledge our our

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00:39:06,833 --> 00:39:12,366 evil. And we conformed to his mind Or we reject him? And then

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00:39:12,366 --> 00:39:15,433 we have to go and make another God. But once we're on that

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00:39:15,433 --> 00:39:19,433 path our heart is unrestrained. And and now you see these

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00:39:19,433 --> 00:39:24,201 people virtue signaling when when the evil in their heart is

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00:39:24,201 --> 00:39:27,101 off the scale. Off the charts. They just maybe haven't

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00:39:27,101 --> 00:39:29,701 realised it yet. And that's why they have this need to virtue

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00:39:29,701 --> 00:39:32,133

signal because we're insecure. And we need to feel that we're

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00:39:32,133 --> 00:39:38,234 good. So God gives them up to this this dynamic that's in the

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00:39:38,234 --> 00:39:44,267 heart to dishonor their own bodies between themselves. So

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00:39:44,267 --> 00:39:48,033 this they go to the absolute end of the scale of disgust.

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00:39:48,033 --> 00:39:51,167 Who change the truth of God into a lie. So they knew God.

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00:39:51,167 --> 00:39:54,767 But they didn't want him. So now they're orchestrating all

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00:39:54,767 --> 00:39:56,867 of this and this this great reset that we're living. We're

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00:39:56,867 --> 00:40:00,733 living it now. These are these people. Many of them absolutely

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00:40:00,733 --> 00:40:04,234 do know God. They do know the truth. They've rejected him.

00:40:04,234 --> 00:40:07,333 And they changed the truth of God into a lie. And worshiped

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00:40:07,333 --> 00:40:12,133 and served the creature more than the and then caused others

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00:40:12,133 --> 00:40:14,200 to follow them because they're insecure. I remember as a young

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00:40:14,200 --> 00:40:17,634 boy, my father said to me, everybody wants you to be like

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00:40:17,634 --> 00:40:20,267 them and it was like a incredible insight for a young

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00:40:20,267 --> 00:40:23,034 guy to realize like, you don't have to be the same as

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00:40:23,034 --> 00:40:26,467 everybody else and the reason they want you to fit in, the

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00:40:26,467 --> 00:40:29,734 reason they want you to be like them is because they're

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00:40:29,734 --> 00:40:32,267 insecure. That's why they need reinforcement. They need you to

00:40:32,267 --> 00:40:34,133 be like them so they feel better about themselves. My dad

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00:40:34,133 --> 00:40:38,133 told me that as a boy. And so I think that helped wire me to

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00:40:38,133 --> 00:40:41,301 say, I don't have to be like everybody else. I just going to

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00:40:41,301 --> 00:40:45,100 now as a man, I'm going to read the word of god and conform god

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00:40:45,100 --> 00:40:48,133 willing to the word of god and hopefully, you're the you feel

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00:40:48,133 --> 00:40:51,900 the same way. These people are insecure but that's why they

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00:40:51,900 --> 00:40:53,533 beat us over the head that we have to fit in. Everybody has

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00:40:53,533 --> 00:40:55,667 to do the same thing. Now, everybody must stand with

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00:40:55,667 --> 00:40:58,133 Ukraine even though we don't really understand the conflict

00:40:58,133 --> 00:41:02,234 and we don't understand the complexity of the conflict. And

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00:41:02,234 --> 00:41:04,933 everybody must say Russians are evil and if they get bombed,

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00:41:04,933 --> 00:41:09,067 that's great. We can rejoice.

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00:41:09,333 --> 00:41:13,033 So, they serve the creation and then they want us to serve the

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00:41:13,033 --> 00:41:17,100 creation and reject the creator who is blessed forevermore.

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00:41:17,100 --> 00:41:22,501 Back to Psalm one15. They that make them are like unto them.

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00:41:22,501 --> 00:41:26,167 So is everyone that trusts in them. So they're just they that

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00:41:26,167 --> 00:41:28,533 make the idols are likely idols. They're vain. They're

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00:41:28,533 --> 00:41:31,700 dumb. They're blind. And everyone who follows them is

00:41:31,700 --> 00:41:35,767 the same. Then the Psalm is shifts now. And addresses the

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00:41:35,767 --> 00:41:41,933 people. Oh Israel you trust in the Lord. So no matter what's

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00:41:41,933 --> 00:41:45,867 going on here, don't let them shake your faith. Trust in the

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00:41:45,867 --> 00:41:49,433 Lord. And then it shifts now. This this seems the the sense

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00:41:49,433 --> 00:41:55,900 here is that this is in a worship service. And there's

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00:41:55,900 --> 00:41:57,800 you know one part of the audience speaks and then maybe

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00:41:57,800 --> 00:42:02,533 the the worship leader responds or vice versa. So two people

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00:42:02,533 --> 00:42:05,200 are talking here and we're going to hear this rejoinder

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00:42:05,200 --> 00:42:11,167 three times. Oh Israel trust

you in Jehovah. Amen. He is

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00:42:11,167 --> 00:42:16,099 their help and shield. So, he's there and he will act. Oh house

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00:42:16,099 --> 00:42:19,300 of Aaron, now becomes more specific to the priesthood. Oh

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00:42:19,300 --> 00:42:24,066 house of Aaron, trust in Jehovah. And then the response,

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00:42:24,066 --> 00:42:29,200 he is their help and their shield. And then more broadly

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00:42:29,200 --> 00:42:31,467 down, some people feel that this is really the, the

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00:42:31,467 --> 00:42:36,201 Proselytes, the God fearers, they're not necessarily in the,

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00:42:36,201 --> 00:42:39,200 in the nation of Israel, but they've come to, they've been

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00:42:39,200 --> 00:42:42,267 surrounded and accepted the God of Israel. You that fear the

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00:42:42,267 --> 00:42:47,167

Lord trust in the Lord. He is their help and shield. So three

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00:42:47,167 --> 00:42:53,299 different people are identified And each time the

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00:42:53,299 --> 00:42:57,099 acknowledgement that he is their help and their shield.

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00:42:57,099 --> 00:43:01,867 The Lord has been mindful of us. He will bless us. He will

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00:43:01,867 --> 00:43:05,967 bless the house of Israel. He will bless the house of Aaron.

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00:43:05,967 --> 00:43:09,233 And those that fear the Lord who have been grafted in.

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00:43:09,233 --> 00:43:12,900 They'll be blessed as well. And so this is the plot line. This

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00:43:12,900 --> 00:43:17,600 is what we to know. We have to trust in him because this is

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00:43:17,600 --> 00:43:21,434 his will. It's it's it's in his name. He's the God of Jacob

00:43:21,434 --> 00:43:26,067 forever. So we know that he's going to be mindful of us in

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00:43:26,067 --> 00:43:29,734 the covenant. And he will bless us. Yes we may be put down.

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00:43:29,734 --> 00:43:33,699 Some of us it's the scripture says. Uh some of us will be put

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00:43:33,699 --> 00:43:37,734 down. We will all of us who love God and want to live in

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00:43:37,734 --> 00:43:40,933 live Godly in Christ will be persecuted. But we just have to

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00:43:40,933 --> 00:43:44,667 hold onto this this knowledge. This insight. Uh God is mindful

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00:43:44,667 --> 00:43:48,533 us. He's watching. And he's returning with his reward in

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00:43:48,533 --> 00:43:52,699 his hands. And he he is mindful of us. And he will bless us. He

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00:43:52,699 --> 00:43:56,367 will bless the house of Israel. He will bless the house of

00:43:56,367 --> 00:43:58,933 Aaron. Period. Full stop. That's the end of the story.

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00:43:58,933 --> 00:44:01,067 And so everything that's happening in the world today we

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00:44:01,067 --> 00:44:03,934 we need to know this is the outcome. This is where it's all

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00:44:03,934 --> 00:44:07,100 heading. He will bless them that fear the Lord. Both small

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00:44:07,100 --> 00:44:10,800 and great. Both small. It doesn't matter. As long as we

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00:44:10,800 --> 00:44:15,833 fear the Lord. The Lord shall increase you more and more. You

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00:44:15,833 --> 00:44:21,199 and your children. Speaking to Israel. Now, this is

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00:44:21,199 --> 00:44:26,733 Deuteronomic language. This is Torah language.

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00:44:26,733 --> 00:44:29,433

he says

he says Deuteronomy thirty,

00:44:29,433 --> 00:44:32,133 kind of our go-to scripture, kind of a real good summary of

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00:44:32,133 --> 00:44:36,099 the Torah relationship. Verse five, and the Lord your God

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00:44:36,099 --> 00:44:39,634 will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed,

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00:44:39,634 --> 00:44:43,800 and you shall possess it. So whatever the land is that the

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00:44:43,800 --> 00:44:45,567 fathers possessed, there's coming of people that are

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00:44:45,567 --> 00:44:48,066 going to be gathered from around the world, and they're

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00:44:48,066 --> 00:44:51,734 going to possess that same real estate. And he will do you

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00:44:51,734 --> 00:44:57,200 good, and multiply you above your fathers and goes on to say

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00:44:57,200 --> 00:45:01,467 your children will be blessed

as well. Verse fifteen, Psalm

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00:45:01,467 --> 00:45:05,134 115. You are blessed of the Lord, which made heaven and

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00:45:05,134 --> 00:45:09,233 earth. He does what he pleases. And he's the one that created

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00:45:09,233 --> 00:45:12,066 heaven and earth. And and this again, the atheists don't

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00:45:12,066 --> 00:45:16,267 understand this. He created the heavens and the earth and he's

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00:45:16,267 --> 00:45:20,267 given the earth to man. And so now we have this whole, that's

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00:45:20,267 --> 00:45:23,300 the next hysteria now. Climate change. And no doubt, we're all

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00:45:23,300 --> 00:45:28,500 going to run after and human beings are bad. Human beings

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00:45:28,500 --> 00:45:32,367 are filthy. Human beings must be reduced because of the

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00:45:32,367 --> 00:45:37,633

environment. When God says he made the environment for human

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00:45:37,633 --> 00:45:42,633 beings. The environment is there for us. And a wise God

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00:45:42,633 --> 00:45:47,467 made it for us. And if we would only acknowledge that man is

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00:45:47,467 --> 00:45:51,067 made in God's image. And we cannot worship the environment.

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00:45:51,067 --> 00:45:55,300 At the expense of man. That we will destroy made in God's

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00:45:55,300 --> 00:45:59,400 image. All because we're worshiping the environment Uh I

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00:45:59,400 --> 00:46:04,201 mean, we're going back into pre-modern, pre-civilization

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00:46:04,201 --> 00:46:08,533 ideology. So, god made heaven and earth and he's given Earth

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00:46:08,533 --> 00:46:12,267 to man and he's given a specific plot of real estate to

00:46:12,267 --> 00:46:16,400 Israel and he's going to rule the whole earth. He himself is

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00:46:16,400 --> 00:46:18,099 coming to Earth and he's going to rule the whole Earth

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00:46:18,099 --> 00:46:22,133 from that part of real estate through this tribe of people,

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00:46:22,133 --> 00:46:25,000 the covenant people. The heaven, even the heavens are

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00:46:25,000 --> 00:46:29,300 the lords but the earth has he given to the children of Ban.

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00:46:29,300 --> 00:46:31,867 This is what we need to understand. God has given the

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00:46:31,867 --> 00:46:37,200 Earth to the children of men. And it's so so it's not like

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00:46:37,200 --> 00:46:40,800 it's like when he says you know man was made for the Sabbath.

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00:46:40,800 --> 00:46:43,200 Uh sorry the Sabbath was made for man. Not man for the

00:46:43,200 --> 00:46:46,267 Sabbath. So he had to explain to the Jews how important man

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00:46:46,267 --> 00:46:50,933 is. And now we need to explain to these atheists how important

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00:46:50,933 --> 00:46:55,601 man is. The environment was made for man. Not man for the

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00:46:55,601 --> 00:46:58,600 environment. Bill Gates. Man wasn't made for the

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00:46:58,600 --> 00:47:03,633 environment. Man wasn't made to line your bank account. So the

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00:47:03,633 --> 00:47:09,001 earth has he given to the children of men. He says here

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00:47:09,001 --> 00:47:15,466 the dead prays not the Lord. Neither any that go down into

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00:47:15,466 --> 00:47:21,700 silence. So this scripture alone is it it should challenge

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00:47:21,700 --> 00:47:27,333 most ideologies. Almost every religion we know it's false.

00:47:27,333 --> 00:47:33,333 Even Christian when they say, when you're dead, you're not

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00:47:33,333 --> 00:47:36,766 really dead. When you're dead, you just keep on living. That,

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00:47:36,766 --> 00:47:41,766 that, that is really, truly a satanic teaching. The

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00:47:41,766 --> 00:47:45,767 scriptures make it abundantly clear. That even in the New

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00:47:45,767 --> 00:47:47,733 Testament, people will twist scriptures to make it sound

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00:47:47,733 --> 00:47:49,867 like this is not the case, but throughout from, from Genesis

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00:47:49,867 --> 00:47:55,167 to Revelation. It is very, very clear. When we're dead, Christ

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00:47:55,167 --> 00:48:02,499 said, we sleep. We we cease to exist we perish until the

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00:48:02,499 --> 00:48:07,200 resurrection. When he brings us

back to life. And so that's a

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00:48:07,200 --> 00:48:10,533 whole big subject that we could go into but the key here.

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00:48:10,533 --> 00:48:14,667 In fact I I did speak on this a couple of weeks ago. Um in the

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00:48:14,667 --> 00:48:18,499 last two sermons that I gave up from the grave. Uh part one I

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00:48:18,499 --> 00:48:21,867 talked specifically about the the fact that the dead are

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00:48:21,867 --> 00:48:26,667 dead. And and and what the resurrection is. But the dead

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00:48:26,667 --> 00:48:30,400 are dead. And it's very clear. They they not praise the Lord.

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00:48:30,400 --> 00:48:33,200 It's not that they they die and they go to heaven and they're

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00:48:33,200 --> 00:48:38,967 still praising him. The dead prays not the Lord. Period.

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Until the resurrection. Neither any that go down into silence.

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00:48:44,166 --> 00:48:49,567 But we who are alive and remain. But we will bless the

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00:48:49,567 --> 00:48:54,967 Lord. From this time forth and forevermore. So we know it

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00:48:54,967 --> 00:49:00,634 doesn't matter what the wicked do. God does as he pleases. And

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00:49:00,634 --> 00:49:05,000 he has the keys to the grave. And so even in this process in

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00:49:05,000 --> 00:49:09,067 our commitment to him and our our commitment to the glory of

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00:49:09,067 --> 00:49:14,267 his name. Should that result in our demise? That's okay. That's

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00:49:14,267 --> 00:49:17,433 okay. It's every human being is going to die anyway. We're

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00:49:17,433 --> 00:49:20,767 going to die with the glory of God on our lips. If should we

00:49:20,767 --> 00:49:23,733 die? Cuz some of us will not. Some of us will live over to

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00:49:23,733 --> 00:49:28,033 the to the kingdom. But we know that we're we're committed.

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00:49:28,033 --> 00:49:30,467 We're in the covenant. We're committed. We're going to bless

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00:49:30,467 --> 00:49:35,267 the Lord this time forth and forevermore. And I think as we

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00:49:35,267 --> 00:49:38,533 go into the Passover season this is how we need to come out

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00:49:38,533 --> 00:49:44,466 of the Passover. With this complete depth of realization.

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00:49:44,466 --> 00:49:50,099 As to the uniqueness of the God we serve. And and his

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00:49:50,099 --> 00:49:53,733 commitment to the covenant. And his commitment to us

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00:49:53,733 --> 00:49:57,833 personally. And our commitment to him to to really

00:49:57,833 --> 00:50:01,533 reinvigorate our love and our commitment to him. And that

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00:50:01,533 --> 00:50:08,667 means also to his body. And and we need to discern the Lord's

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00:50:08,667 --> 00:50:12,700 body. And this is again another another area where we are weak.

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00:50:12,700 --> 00:50:15,667 And we don't understand and therefore we suffer. But we

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00:50:15,667 --> 00:50:20,433 need to read first Corinthians eleven carefully. And in

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00:50:20,433 --> 00:50:22,933 context understand what does it mean to discern the Lord's

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00:50:22,933 --> 00:50:27,733 body? And go into the Passover and come out of the Passover.

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00:50:27,733 --> 00:50:30,499 Discerning the Lord's body and just having this inspired

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00:50:30,499 --> 00:50:35,033 commitment to bless the Lord from this time forth and

00:50:35,033 --> 00:50:39,700 forevermore. Praise the Lord. And so this is a hallelujah

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00:50:39,700 --> 00:50:43,567 Psalm. And he ends with hallelujah. Praise the Lord.

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00:50:43,567 --> 00:50:47,699 Brethren thanks so much for joining me this evening. As we

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00:50:47,699 --> 00:50:52,133 go through the scriptures. And beautiful scriptures to really

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00:50:52,133 --> 00:50:55,766 get us in the right frame of mind. As we head into the

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00:50:55,766 --> 00:51:00,133 Passover. May God bless your evening. Jesus Christ. What a

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00:51:00,133 --> 00:51:05,267 mighty God we serve. Good night brethren.