

19-Psalms-68-Transcript

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well welcome brethren to another wednesday night bible study hopefully i'm coming through loudly and clearly we

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had a bit of a technical issue in getting started so i'm not sure if we're broadcasting on all the channels that we

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normally do but if you are hearing me loudly and clearly maybe let me know in the chat

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also uh welcome pastor murray i understand you're joining us uh despite being on vacation a well-deserved

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vacation with your lovely wife we're so happy that you can be with us this evening i'll go ahead and open with prayer and

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then i'll check the chat just to ensure that indeed you are able to hear me

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our heavenly father loving god what a time that we live in a time that

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we know has been prophesied for so long and yet we didn't understand exactly how

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it would unfold we are seeing it now lord and we need you more than ever and we

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need the guidance provided in psalm 119 more than ever help us to look at it

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with fresh eyes and help us father to fully digest its meaning and to apply it to our lives

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we thank you so much lord for for jesus christ for his sacrifice for his commitment to

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us to the covenant and we pray in his holy name amen so let me just uh go ahead and just

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confirm in the chat that i am coming through uh good sound okay brother jeffrey

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pastor murray very very good all right so hopefully those whatever channel i'm not

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broadcasting on uh brethren will be able to figure that out and join us on the

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channels that we are coming through clearly on okay so let us continue

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with psalm 119

3:02

and i just need to make sure i am in the right place i think i am i

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think work to mem uh mem and noon

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is what we want to cover the two letters of the acrostic is what we want to cover

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this evening so without uh further delay let's get started i'll go ahead and share my

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screen and just before we get into mem share

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screen that should be working for us uh just before we get into the

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stanza for the letter mem i just want to remind us of something that we read

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under the letter tet where the psalmist says the law

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of your mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver and i

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personally believe this was king david speaking but whoever it is this faithful worshiper of jehovah

4:02

this verse really struck me in terms of understanding the whole psalm

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it seems to me that there's a series of decisions that the worshiper of jehovah has made

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always being guided by torah always demonstrating faithfulness to god

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and as he reflects on his life you can you can't take this away from him

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that that he understands something about his destiny about the covenant about salvation

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that as he looks at by god's grace the decisions that he's made

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always valuing above everything else god's law god's covenant god's people

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and and making decisions accordingly while others perhaps he's watched like saul king saul for example perhaps

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you prioritized things like wealth things like power and authority

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and they made their decisions prioritizing those things and david watched

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and saw how they shipwrecked themselves i said david the psalmist the author of 119.

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he watched how they made these decisions prioritizing something else and how they shipwrecked themselves and

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he's looking and saying you can pay me whatever it is and in our parlance it's uh you know stock market wealth real

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estate whatever i'm not putting that above my position in the covenant and my

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relationship with god in that covenant so there's something here about how much he prioritizes the torah

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that is the gist sort of the undercurrent of the whole song so now this across if we come to the

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letter mem he says o how love i thy law it's just he's just

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in this it's like an obsession but it's an obsession based on experience

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he has been through some things and by being faithful to the instructions of god

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he has come out on top all the time and he's able to see hope in the future

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all the time and so then he says it is my meditation all the day so it's something that he is constantly

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dwelling on considering reflecting upon and as i said earlier every decision

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that he's making he's making it in accordance with good instruction and he values highly

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instruction so you know how i love by thy law the torah is instruction

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and so he values instruction he doesn't just cast it away it's not like oh you know i

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just i just pick up the bible and read it and i just pick up twitter and read it and that's it

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no it has to be unpacked and we need teachers to unpack torah for us and he

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just loves it and he gains wisdom through this process he says

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through you through your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies you

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know it's uh i think i did this last week didn't i if somebody could just check in the chat i think i have picked

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up the wrong sequence

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yeah okay so let me carry on this is what i have prepared um he says i just since i i covered this

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before but we'll go over it again uh you may be wiser than my enemies for they are ever with me

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the commandments are ever with me because he's meditating all the time i have more understanding

7:42

i have more understanding than all my teachers i'm going to go through this because i'm pretty sure i covered this for your testimonies are my meditation i

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was working on another laptop and i think i didn't copy over the exact scriptures i wanted to cover

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but let me see this

8:02

um your testimony for your testimonies are my meditation and then this is obviously

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in torah keep therefore and do them for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of nations

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which i'll hear of these statutes and say surely this great nation is a wise and

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understanding people and unfortunately in this modern age we're throwing the torah away

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we're throwing any any recognition of the moral code that was established

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by god we're completely uh throwing that all away and uh

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we are becoming a foolish nation uh or the western nations are becoming despised

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and the godless nations like the communist party in china

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the islamic nations that have that do not have a relationship with god they're looking at us and laughing at us they're

8:53

despising us our our military is our military power is no longer powerful uh

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headed up by transgender lunatics who don't understand war is war

9:05

you need to be able to defend your people and so they're no longer looking at us as a great nation and a wise and

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understanding people it says i have more understanding in the nations because i keep your precepts i've refrained my

9:16

feet from every evil way so that i can keep your word and this if we look at the new testament here what

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the apostle paul taught the ephesians he says be you therefore followers

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of god as dear children and walk in love as

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christ also loved us and has given himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice to god

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for a sweet smelling savor thanks pastor murray so i did make it to verse 104 last week

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so i'll just continue here um i may not have all my references as i continue but i wanted to get up to verse

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1 17 tonight i believe so we he says here um

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he's refrained his feet from every evil way so that he can keep god's torah

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we are instructed as followers of god and dear children to walk in love which

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is torah torah instructs us how to do this the way christ has loved us and gave himself for us as an offering and a

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sacrifice to god for a sweet smelling savor and hear him now but fornication

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and all uncleanness or covetousness let it not be once named among you

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as becometh saints we should be a holy people we should conduct ourselves

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with with holiness and if from time to time we need to be

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corrected by one another we should have that humility to be corrected sometimes

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we just bring bad habits with us and because they've been with us all our lives

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we don't realize the sort of lewd humor that we might bring into the congregation

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or or or loot talking or or certain gestures that are inappropriate and if

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we are corrected by brethren or by the ministry for this i hope we would have to hit the the

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humility to accept this because this should not be named among us even once we should we should actually flee it

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neither filthiness nor foolish talking nor jesting which are not convenient

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which are not convenient in other words which will lead to our downfall and disaster but rather we should be giving thanks

11:26

and having the torah as our meditation all day long why

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for this you know that no whoremonger nor unclean person nor covetous man who

11:38

is an idolater so these things are idolatry these things are putting other things before god

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has any inheritance in the kingdom of christ and of god this is quite

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a stern warning not to the world it's not saying you know these people in the world who are whoremongers and unclean

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they have no place in the kingdom that's one way we could read it this is a warning to god's church

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to say if you are slipping and you are engaging in foolish talking or joking

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trying to trying to cross over boundaries with

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people who you know inappropriate uh relationships either fornication you're not married

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or adultery you are married but you're coveting someone else's wife or husband

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these things will lead to your disaster in in god's congregation in god's church this is not speaking of the world now a

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whoremonger is someone who loves horrors and we are living in a society a global

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society that is peddling that is peddling sexuality even down to

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the kindergartener that whether they want to addict kindergarten children to to sexual

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perversion so so it's very difficult to be clean

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in this environment but we have to strive for that and and conduct ourselves with true

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holiness and the way we do that is by meditating on torah

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all day long in the middle of the night it's just always there it's just how it frames how we see the world and how we

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navigate within the world he says i've not departed from your judgments for you

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have taught me and so we see an example of this with christ

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when he when he answered satan and said it is written man shall not live by bread alone

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but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of god and so christ led the

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way and as christians we are following the way the way of torah and we understand

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that we cannot depart from torah we've been taught even that you know you have taught me this again this this

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valuing of teaching and putting it above wealth that it it's the spiritual wealth we

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have that we prioritize and so following christ we understand it's not the material things that are a

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priority it's just being taught by every word that proceeds from the

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mouth of god he says how sweet are your words unto my taste yes sweeter than honey to my mouth

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through your precepts i get understanding therefore i hate every false way

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and and we see this now so this uh maybe this is where i wanted to just pick up for the new uh for noon noon and semec

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is what i wanted to cover tonight uh but here with mim he says through

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torah that's how we get understanding so so the torah is this book that

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anybody can read if you all read the translation of it and there's stuff in there that anybody

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could grasp there's a lot of things in there maybe they think it's boring so and so begat so and so the

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so and there's a lot of that and then the different offerings they might think that this is boring information and lose

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interest but it's written in such a way to keep fools away

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and those who've tasted the sweetness of god we are attracted to torah

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and and by studying and unpacking it and connecting it we get understanding

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this is this is the way to get understanding through your precepts i get understanding therefore i hate

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every false way and i just want to emphasize here every

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he hates every false way okay so so there are multiple false ways there are multiple ways we can be seduced and today one of these false ways

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can be seduced and today one of these false ways

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is to forsake the assembling of ourselves together that we've just been through two years

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absolute nonsense and mischief and tyranny

16:01

and these organizations that are orchestrating this

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like the world health organization like the world economic forum

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like the united nations and like some of our governments and health ministries

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and departments they have led us into a false way and evidence of this

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clear evidence of this is if you look at the current pandemic

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so the united nations the world health organization the head of the world health organization dr tetris i believe

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his name is has declared monkey pox as a pandemic

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so or as a health emergency so so monkey pox has been declared a

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health emergency that's significant when when they declare something a

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pandemic or a health emergency that that immediately triggers

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levels of authority that would not be available to them

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if there was no emergency so by saying this is a health emergency that triggers

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authority that the world health organization now has over

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nations and monkey pox is now being seen because because it has shown up in 72 nations

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all at once so this is why they're saying it is a national emergency

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now as they study the data and dig into the data what they have observed

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is that 98 of the cases and it's horrible think of job suffering with boils all

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over him some some cases are that severe some you know they've just got a few boils in

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inconvenient places let's say so what they've noticed is 98

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of these cases are with they say gay men or homosexuals we might say

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sodomites are bisexual and then they say he says

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and men who have sex with men so whatever this distinction means i'm not sure

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but biblically and according to torah this is all perversion and it's all sin and 98 of the cases

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are with men who are exposing or touching genitals let's put it that way to be try to try to be delicate about

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this and this is how they expose themselves to this virus and it's showing up everywhere

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now in the same announcement he says

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that we must be careful not to stigmatize this demographic

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these homosexual men must not be stigmatized and so this is very very interesting

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that 98 of these cases are with homosexual men

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and it's therefore it's a national therefore it's an international emergency and what we're told is do not stigmatize

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these men compare and contrast to the covid

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19 health emergency where we went into lockdown

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and christians could not assemble christians were not allowed to assemble

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and those ministers who said no we're going to go ahead and assemble because the word of god says we must not forsake

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the assembling of ourselves together the swat team showing up to arrest them forcibly and humiliate

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them publicly and detain them because you absolutely will not assemble

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now we have this monkey pox pandemic which is very easy to stop

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if 98 of the cases are because of genital contact between men then we simply say stop doing that but

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no we don't say that we see they have their pride month and we allow that and they we we

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shake the finger at us and say do not stigmatize these people this is mischief and perversion

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now i say all of that to say this as an elder of jesus christ

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do i participate in this type of judgment

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do i support this type of judgment or do i look at torah

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and torah says when you are sick with a communicable disease you must quarantine

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it doesn't say when you are healthy you must quarantine the healthy it doesn't say take young six-month-old

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babies and inject them with an unknown substance that could ruin them for life and cause them to have to depend on

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government for immunity the torah doesn't say any of this

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therefore i'm going to declare the world health organization as a false

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way and i'm going to uh emulate

21:04

the psalmist of 119 and say i hate this i hate every false way i hate that

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judgment that says discard the torah do not quarantine the sick

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don't stigmatize them let them have their way let them do whatever they like instead quarantine the healthy

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and allow them to congregate and it's a form of worship by the way all sexual activity is a form of worship

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that's why he said earlier in ephesians paul says this is idolatry it's a worship of satan

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so through your sexual activity and through my sexual activity we are either worshiping god

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and representing jesus christ and the bride or we are worshiping satan we're

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involved in fornication we're involved in adultery we're involved in sodomy this is the

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worship of the devil so it is a worship system and the world health organization says

22:02

we must not stigmatize that worship system we must allow it and not impede it in any way

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but as far as the worship of christ goes we must crack down on that and prevent it and i say with the psalmist i hate every

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false way so let us be very very clear that there are many false ways

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and today what we are grappling with is this hebrews 10 25 to not forsake the

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assembly which goes all the way back to torah do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some

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is so this is what's going to happen in the end time in fact he says we should exhort one another so much the more as we see the

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day approaching meaning this is going to get more and more urgent let's go now to the next stanza at noon

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he says thy word again this is torah your instructions thy word is a lamp

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unto my feet and a light unto my path and this is exactly what we

23:02

see in proverbs 6 23 that the commandment is a lamp and the law is a light

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and reproofs of instruction or torah are the way of life

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you know can we accept reproofs or do we want a ministry

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that is so weak and limp like a wet noodle that there's just no reproof in our

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culture whatsoever the ministry oh we're just helpers of your joy we just let you do whatever you like

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and we never provide reproof even though paul instructs timothy to rebuke and to reprove with all

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authority is there authority in god's church and and at the same time we don't want

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to be abusive we don't we've seen lots of that we've seen ministers take on authority

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that doesn't belong to them the only authority we have is instruction to point people to the torah that

24:02

they're asking questions they're wondering or their their behavior is is offside and we're pointing them

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constantly back to torah the authority comes through the torah and so if we

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love god's word and it truly is a lamp unto our feet we're going to be humble and accept

24:21

instruction now the commandment is a lamp and the law is a light

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so this this lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path we can't help i

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think we can't help but think of the apocalypse the revealing there's

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darkness there's mystery there's ignorance and then there's the revelation

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and so this idea that his word is a lamp unto our feet takes us right back to revelation 1 and verse 1 where he says

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the revelation of jesus christ the revealing the apocalypse which god gave unto him why

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to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass

25:05

so this is the lamp this is the light as we study revelation the prophecy of revelation

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we understand where all of this is headed so so there are things happening today

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and we can say okay let's fast forward where is this headed

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do we support something like vaccine passport which would then give governments

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globally the ability to at the flip of a switch shut off access to all services

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the ability to buy and sell do we support something like this knowing that ultimately the light tells

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us the revelation tells us there's going to be some kind of political power

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that is going to have the ability to prevent anyone from buying and selling unless they worship the beast

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so you look at this vaccine passport technology you look at social credit scores from from the communist

26:04

chinese party and it's not it doesn't take a lot of imagination to say okay let's kind of see where this is headed i i don't think

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i'll support this or do we support it not having the light so we've got to have this light and that

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has to be a lamp and and guides our decision making the psalmist is is rejoicing

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over his ability to make sound decisions based upon his understanding of torah he says i have

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sworn and i will perform it and you know what all of us who are baptized

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and have received the holy spirit we have sworn and and praise god

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and god willing we will perform it we will perform this oath that we have taken

26:48

publicly when we came up out of those waters we had witnesses there's no such thing as a

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private baptism where nobody sees it there are no witnesses there are always witnesses to a baptism

26:59

because it's an oath it's a covenant that we're entering into with god that we will perform by his grace and by his

27:05

mercy i have sworn and i will perform it that i will keep your righteous judgments

27:12

and hebrews tells us this we have to perform this oath because hebrews tells us it is

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impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and

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were made partakers of the holy spirit and have tasted the good word of god and the powers of the world to come if they

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shall fall away to renew them again unto repentance seeing they crucify to themselves the

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son of god afresh and put him to an open shame this truly is the unpardonable sin

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this is a blasphemy that cannot be forgiven and he goes on to say and i've explained this in previous sermon in

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bible study the earth for the earth which drinks in the rain that comes often upon it and brings forth herbs

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appropriate for them by whom it is dressed receives blessing from god and that earth that doesn't receive the rain

28:03

and doesn't produce fruit is cursed by god so we need to know this is an oath that

28:09

we've made we must perform it and that performing it means we're going to be guided by torah

28:16

verse 107 i am afflicted very much

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again we need this guidance because

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all those who desire to live godly in jesus christ shall suffer persecution

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and we're just living in a time now that is anti-christic everything is just unraveling

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and it's getting to the point where you know just a few decades ago

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homosexuality was frowned upon heavily never mind

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never homosexuality was frowned upon heavily never mind child molestation

29:04

this this is something that was just that's why a lot of these politicians could be so easily bribed

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because they got into this child molestation and that's the last thing they would

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ever want anybody to know so they get caught up in that maybe they start off with uh you know

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year olds and then they just keep getting younger and younger and before you know it they're being filmed

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molesting or worse little children and that's sort of the ticket to power

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but that's also how that's the the chain around the neck and that's how they're bribed

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and then they just will do anything not to let that get out but now this uh child

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molestation is just everywhere it's becoming normalized

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it's becoming normalized so not only normalized it will be praised

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think of the ancient greeks how they praise that homosexuality will be praised

30:05

transgenderism will be prayed this is the holiness these are these are the new priests of society
the high priests

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and christianity will be cursed christians will be spat upon and considered immoral

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this is where we're headed and this is what aldous huxley tried to warn us in brave new world
how the moral

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code will be completely flip-flopped so affliction is coming

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and we need to understand them what do we do in a world where we are despised and

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afflicted well we reach out to god he says i'm afflicted very much bring me to life quicken me o
lord

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according to your word do it according to your word and this is the key you know christ was

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raised according to the scriptures christ suffered according to the scriptures and his disciples
didn't understand

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because they didn't understand the scriptures and so when he came back to life

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he had to sit down with them and show them everything according to the scriptures so that they
could teach according to the scriptures

31:07

so we need to understand that yes we we will suffer affliction according to the scriptures

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and we will be quickened and brought to life and salvation according to the scriptures we're not

31:18

looking for a path outside of the scriptures hebrews 12 and verse 7 says if you

31:24

endure chastening god deals with you as with sons this this is the word of god

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so we just have to endure we can't run at the first sign of trouble

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this is ultimately where we'll see brother betray brother because that brother who betrays didn't

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understand god's word wasn't meditating on torah i wasn't pulling the scriptures together to

31:48

understand so we have to endure chess chastening according to the scriptures

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and when we do that god deals with us as with sons meaning he will quicken us

31:58

for what son is he whom the father chastens not but if you be without chastisement

32:03

you're trying to do this without god's word whereof all are partakers of chastisement well then your bastards are

32:10

not sons so brethren just be ready let's be let's strengthen our strengthen

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ourselves in god's word let's strengthen each other let's be there for each other let's value highly

32:23

our fellowship with one another and our instruction in god's word

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verse 108 about to psalm 119 except i beg you i beseech you

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the free will offerings of my mouth o lord and teach me your judgments so free will

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offerings are not prescribed in fact here if we go to leuiticus 23 he says

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these are the feasts of the lord these are holy convocations which you shall proclaim to be holy

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convocations to offer an offering made by fire unto the lord a burnt offering and a meat

33:00

offering a sacrifice a drink and drink offerings everything upon his day so as

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we celebrate these feasts and we're just now turning the corner to come into these the fall holy days but there are

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prescribed offerings mandatory offerings on these feast days it's part of the

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worship system of god these are not free will offers these are prescribed but then he says in verse 38 beside the

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sabbath of the lord and beside your gifts and beside all your vows and then a separate category

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and beside all of your voluntary offerings your free will offerings which you give unto the lord so so there's an

33:39

offering that is just of our free will and the psalmist here in his worship of god is is praising god 33:47

and not just you know put your money where your mouth is he's praising god and he's bringing in his worship these

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voluntary offerings and he's praying that god will accept his offerings and uh 34:00

in in the process that he will gain deeper understanding of torah

34:05

an example of free will offering here in exodus 35 and verse 29 the children of israel

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brought a willing law firm voluntary unto the lord every man and woman whose

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heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work which the lord had commanded to be made

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by the hand of moses so moses had a great work to do the brethren saw this

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and of their own free will they they wanted to support this they wanted to worship god and be a part of

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this and they brought everyone whose heart made them willing they brought their offering forward so it's that sort

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of um just voluntary response that the psalmist is talking about he's just so overwhelmed with god's goodness

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that he brings these free will offerings wants them to be accepted by god and also wants deeper instruction in torah

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he says in verse 109 my soul is continually

35:01

in my hand yet do i not forget your torah so what does this mean that

35:07

his soul is continually in his hand it means danger

35:12

it means because of his decisions to remain loyal to god his life is constantly in jeopardy and

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again this is so relevant to us today that those of us who are going to cooperate

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with anti-christic governments we're going to be fine

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those of us who are using god's word as a light and say no we're not going along with this we're going to suffer

35:37

and the suffering might be life-threatening so he says my soul is continually in my hand and just to see this expression

35:44

uh this hebrew expression of the soul being continued continually in one's hands if you look at judges and again

35:50

this is in the archives judges 12 and verse 1 the men of ephraim gathered themselves together and went

35:56

northward and said unto jephthah or this is in the archives why did you pass over to fight against

36:05

the children of ammon so you he went on you fought without us and you did not call us to go with you

36:12

we will burn your house upon you with fire how dare you we're going to burn

36:17

everything down you're going to you're going to die by fire and jephthah said unto them

36:23

i and my people were at great strife with the children of ammon so ephraim

36:28

wanted to have that glory of the victory against them on but he says look we were a great strife with the children of

36:33

allah and when i called you you did not deliver me out of their hands

36:40

when i when i called you you delivered me not out of their hands and when i saw that you delivered me not

36:46

i put my life in my hands and passed over against the children of ammon and the lord delivered them into

36:53

my hand so he's explaining that i died you were my brethren i called out to you you didn't help me i realized i'm in

37:00

trouble you know what throw caution to the wind i'm going to put my life in danger and i'm going to go out against

37:06

these children of ammon and you know what the lord delivered me so this expression put my life in my hands it

37:13

means to put oneself in danger in jeopardy trusting in god and so here the psalmist

37:20

is saying my soul is continually in my hand it's constantly at stake

37:26

uh and and we know that nimrod was was a great hunter of souls

37:32

and we know that we're entering or we're activating or amplifying and and

37:39

executing at scale the nimrod agenda and so the precious soul will be hunted

37:47

your soul my soul the soul of the worshipper of yahuwah will be hunted

37:53

and so but as long as we're constantly making these decisions to

37:58

uphold torah to worship jehovah we will be despised

38:04

and our life will be in danger and no matter what as much as the wicked are trying to get

38:09

him to change he's not going to forget torah and this is our success formula

38:15

that no matter what happens what danger or whatever danger we're in we're not going to forget the instructions in fact

38:21

this is why we gather every sabbath this is why we gather every wednesday night

38:28

we're looking for instruction from god's word and we're not going to forget we're

38:33

really putting into pieces together and this is what's going to enable us to be successful

38:39

despite the danger as these wicked people are gaining more and more momentum

38:45

and and and collaborating globally the christian soul is in trouble

38:53

verse 110 the wicked have laid a snare for me yet i erred not from thy precepts

39:03

this is this is the world we live in this is this is the this is our time

39:08

but an amazing time that we find ourselves living in upon whom the ends of the world have

39:14

come we are certainly entering the end of man's history and the wicked have laid a snare oh

39:23

conspiracy theory what do you mean the wicked latest near i mean the word of god says

39:29

there's a devil and there are wicked men who serve him who who do not rest

39:36

until they destroy the soul of the righteous that's what i mean you want to scoff at conspiracy

39:42

of course what is a conspiracy where two or three people at least are collaborating

39:49

to jeopardize the health and welfare of others is that so preposterous is that hard for

39:56

us to believe do we do we live in this world where we just think that you know everything is fine always all the time

40:03

or do we understand that there is a satan and there are worshipers of satan

40:08

and there are wicked men and seducers deceiving waxing worse and worse

40:14

deceiving and being deceived and they have laid snares for us

40:19

our way of navigating through all of this is not to depart from god's word

40:25

to study god's word to be committed to god's word to navigate to make decisions this this the word psalm 119 really

40:32

strikes me as the psalm of a good decision maker and whatever is coming at him he's all

40:39

he always knows which way is north and he's always making decisions that honor god

40:45

and value the torah and this is this is our ticket this this this is our ticket out of here

40:52

this is a crazy world it's a very dark world and wickedness is everywhere

40:58

and as i said earlier monkey pox is a national emergency but sodomy is fine don't don't don't um

41:04

don't make sure you do not despise or in any way um diminish the value

41:12

we need to be careful that we're not looking down or despising

41:17

sodomy and those who engage in it but when there's a national emergency

41:22

and we say you cannot worship in a church we mean it and we'll send a swat team out to

41:29

publicly humiliate you and damage your reputation and even take your life if we have to

41:34

because we we we are serious about preventing the dignity of human contact

41:42

the dignity of of worshiping god in a way that has been done for thousands of years

41:49

from from the revealing of the torah god's people have always assembled to

41:54

worship him it's an instruction from him and yet the wicked have laid a snare

42:00

to get us to think that hey we're on zoom hey we've got technology which they can

42:06

pull the plug any minute see you next week we would say normally god willing they

42:13

want us to say government willing because the state is now god

42:18

and from one moment to the next they can pull that plug just like that if we go for this vaccine passport qr

42:25

code which they can update update the software continually and just pull the plug on our services like that

42:33

and believe me if you're not going to bow down and worship the state you're going to fall into this snare and

42:38

we we don't see it coming because god's word is not front and center god's

42:44

word has to be front and center we have to see what's coming and the wicked have laid us there for us

42:51

our job we can't control the wicked what we can do is control ourselves

42:57

and stick to the torah and not depart from the precepts

43:02

luke 21 speaking of the snare conspiracy theory luke 21 and verse 34

43:11

and take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and

43:18

drunkenness and cares of this life and this is this is how the state is going

43:23

to control us again brave new world he had insight he had understanding

43:29

that we would be so caught up with sensuality and pleasing ourselves

43:35

and the state knows that we have to eat you know we need to drink

43:40

we want access to our loved ones and so they're going to use these things to bribe us

43:46

but as long as we put torah first we're always going to the psalmist is a great decision maker
43:52

we need to learn to make decisions like the psalmist so we're not going to get we're not going to
end up in idolatry

43:58

so he says be careful about these things so that day come upon you unaware

44:05

that the the torah is a light god's word is a light to us if you're in the light

44:10

you're not caught by surprise but if we're walking in darkness of course we're going to be caught
by

44:17

surprise so he's warning his people to be careful that this doesn't come upon you unawares
because you're not you

44:24

know he says in revelation to the blessed is he who reads and they who hear

44:29

and it's in the present continuous it means we have to keep reading we don't just oh yeah i
studied the book of

44:35

revelation a few years ago it's a pretty interesting book we have to keep reading so that that light
stays with us and

44:41

we're constantly connecting the dots and say okay we know it's going to end up here we're here
we know it's going to end up over here

44:48

how does it get there we're not quite sure but we're beginning to connect the dots we know for
sure it's going to end up over here

44:54

i i would have never you know 10 years ago five years ago

45:00

i could have never foreseen the state of affairs that we find ourselves in now

45:07

across all the western world i i i would not have seen this i could i

45:12

didn't see it but i did see revelation i did know ultimately we're going there

45:18

so that's how we had that's how it's a light underwear we know the end game we're just not 100
sure of the middle

45:24

but as it unfolds we're beginning to get okay i know where this is going at least that's how we
should think

45:30

for as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole

45:36

earth in other words the earth is in darkness

45:41

the people of the earth they're made in the image and likeness of god but they are in darkness

45:47

that as far as their their mental activity their character

45:53

their their intellect it's the opposite of god it is only darkness and evil and wickedness

continually but they look

46:00

like god they're made in his image but they're in darkness and then there's us

46:07

who look like god we're made in his image and likeness and we have access to his mind and his

holy spirit that our

46:13

mental activity and our character is is to reflect the character of jesus

46:19

christ and we do that continually through his word when we cut ourselves off from

46:25

god's word the darkness creeps in and then we too shall be caught in this snare laid by

46:31

the wicked psalm 119 and verse 11 and allowed by

46:37

god god is allowing it verse 11. your testimonies

46:43

have i taken as a heritage forever for they are the rejoicing of my heart

46:51

this is just we we have to be here that where there's something we understand

46:56

about his testimonies revelation tells us that the testimony of jesus christ is the spirit

47:02

of prophecy and there's this understanding that we have of his testimonies

47:08

that we have just taken it as our inheritance inheritance is something that you you you take you

you

47:14

receive from somebody else so this is our inheritance forever

47:19

we've received this as our inheritance and we're not letting go that the exhortation constantly in

revelation is

47:26

to keep those things to hold on behold i come quickly my reward is with me and this is the

rejoicing of our heart not

47:32

what happens now we may have to go through some very difficult period periods right now
47:38
that's that's part of the package our rejoicing is at his return and that first
47:44
resurrection revelation one and verse two these testimonies listen to the apostle john
47:51
he was faithful he bore a record of the word of god and the testimony of jesus christ
47:59
and of all things that he saw and he didn't do that without consequence he didn't do that without
cost just
48:06
further down in the same chapter in verse 9 he says john i john who also am your brother
48:12
and companion in tribulation you know you're going to go through tribulation you want to be a
faithful witness for
48:19
jesus christ you're going to suffer all those who desire to look godly in christ shall suffer
persecution you want
48:26
to be faithful you want to be a faithful witness you're going to suffer john's saying i'm with her
i'm right there with
48:31
you i'm your brother and i'm your companion in tribulation but not just tribulation it is through
48:37
much tribulation we enter the kingdom of god i'm your companion in tribulation and in the
kingdom
48:43
and patience of jesus christ i was in the aisle that is called patmos in other
48:48
words he was exiled there he is being punished why for the word of god
48:55
and for the testimony of jesus christ so he was faithful he faithfully declared the word of god
49:01
and the testimony of jesus christ and that got him exiled and got all the
49:06
other apostles martyred this comes at a high cost
49:11
but the psalmist this worshiper of jehovah understands something something
49:16
looking into eternity that he's able to say i've taken your testimonies
49:22
as a heritage forever and so you know i don't know your particular situation
49:29
i don't know what season of life you're in life has seasons

49:36

and you might be in a season of suffering but if you've taken

49:41

the testimonies of jesus christ as your heritage

49:46

then you have a long-term view and all of this suffering it's all building the patience what does

49:52

he say he's he's uh our brother not just in companion not just in tribulation

49:58

and not just in the kingdom but in the patience of jesus christ and this is a key theme in the book of revelation

50:05

that we have to have the patience in our patience we possess our souls so we just have to understand the season

50:11

where maybe we're in a season of great blessing and rejoicing it's a season don't take it for granted

50:17

maybe we're in a season of suffering it's a season it's not going to last forever regardless

50:24

what will last forever is this heritage that we have in the lord that you have in the lord

50:30

that i have in the lord psalm 119 verse 112. i have inclined my heart

50:36

to perform your statutes always even unto the end he understood

50:42

something he wasn't caught up in the here and now he wasn't caught up in this the the

50:48

vanity and the seduction of riches his mind was on god's salvation

50:55

on the eternal life that he would have with christ this was his fixation

51:01

and how the torah enabled that and so this this aw of the torah

51:07

comes from this holistic long-term view of life

51:12

though those who are caught up in the here and now they're not going to have this passion for god's teaching

51:19

samick let's do another stanza samik

51:25

he says i hate vain thoughts

51:31

but your torah do i love love your torah

51:36

so again there's something he understands that if we don't understand this if we just have a here and now view

51:43

maybe some of these vain thoughts they seem interesting to us they seem attractive maybe we get caught up we're reading

51:48

secular material all the time it's all vanity but if we understand the ultimate

51:55

purpose of life we just understand just how precious god's instruction is

52:01

you are my hiding place and i just want to highlight this just to make sure i have every reference that the torah

52:08

highlighted you are my hiding place and my shield

52:13

i hope in your work so this hating of the vain thoughts

52:20

and and just hiding within god's word this is again the the world that we

52:27

inhabit here in the church john he writes in third john 9 that he wrote to the church

52:33

but diotrophies who loves to have the preeminence among them receives us not

52:39

and so within this church of god movement you're going to have a very senior

52:46

ministers who are not on god's plan i'll tell you my experience with one

52:54

gerald florid evil man evil man using the word of god to terrorize god's

53:00

people and he will not receive those who are sincerely

53:05

in a leadership role sincerely pursuing the holy spirit because he must have the preeminence and he's just one of many

53:14

so those who are being abused by

53:20

men of vanity hold on to the torah it's all a season it's all passing away

53:27

and they will be exposed he says verse 115

53:33

depart from me you evildoers for i will keep the commandments of my

53:39

god and you know we were worshiping with these brethren in this philadelphia church for a while and uh we brought our

53:46

kids up there and uh the first few years i think we're fine and then this man started to become very

53:52

egocentric and then caught up with every every year giving himself more titles

53:57

and then he just made this commandment that if you are in the church

54:03

and you have family that was in the worldwide church of god if that family did not make it into his

54:10

church you were to cut them off and i watched in horror

54:15

as brethren cut off their family members just because a man said so

54:21

and my father-in-law was in the worldwide church of god and did not come into

54:27

florida's church and the commandment from him was we were to cut him off and i just had say to them you got to

54:33

show me that from the bible you show me where you get the authority to countermand

54:40

god's torah god's torah tells me i must honor my parents and my wife must honor her parents

54:46

so show me where you get higher authority than that and they couldn't so they chose instead

54:51

to disfellowship me and and mark me and do whatever that nonsense is but i will keep the commandments of my

54:58

god and there's no man in the church or out of the church that is going to intimidate me

55:05

against the commandments of my god and i'm sure you are the exact same way depart from me

55:11

you evildoers for i will keep the commandments of my god here in second corinthians 4 and

55:18

verse 2 the apostle paul says but i have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty and we can see that we we

55:25

know dishonesty when we see it whether it's in the church or in the world we know dishonesty when we see it

55:31

and i've renounced the hidden things of dishonesty not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of god deceitfully

55:39

and beware brethren there are many out there that handle it deceitfully we're not we're not among them

55:46

no one is above the word of god and we subject ourselves to the word of god

55:52

not handling the word of god deceitfully but by manifestation of the truth commanding ourselves to every man's

56:00

conscience in the sight of god so so we can be an example

56:05

of how to handle the word of god faithfully with a good conscience and commit

56:11

ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of god that's the example that the apostle paul said

56:17

not right you know i'm going to write my own booklets and then i'm going to quote myself

56:22

to say oh no it's written in my booklet that i said this and brethren unfortunately this is

56:29

really sad actually brethren are going to follow that authority because it's in the book

56:34

that i wrote or some man wrote no nothing is above the word of god

56:40

and that's where we take our instruction and in fact within the word of god the foundation of our instruction is the

56:46

torah and everything that we're reading through the prophets

56:51

the writings the history the apostolic writings the book of revelation everything goes back to the

56:57

foundation which is the torah

57:02

we don't handle the word of god deceitfully the apostle says to tim to timothy in

57:08

2nd timothy 4 and verse 2 preach the word preach it be instant in season out of season

57:16

so so there's there are seasons and as things change as the weather changes as the season changes we need to

57:23

be instant without apology here's what's going on and even if it's out of season there are

57:28

still lessons that must be taught reprove and rebuke

57:34

uh oh i i thought we're supposed to be like wet spaghetti overcooked

57:40

and limp and have no no strength and we're just just trying to please everybody

57:48

that's not what the apostle paul taught timothy there is a time to reprove and rebuke

57:53

and exhort but that exhortation and rebuke and reprove is done with all long-suffering

58:00

and good teaching based in torah it's not you know do as we say because

58:06

we said so do as we say because i wrote a book and i'm going to quote myself out of this book

58:12

this is madness here it's not do as we say

58:18

it's do as god says have the love for torah that we see this worshiper

58:23

has in psalm 119 and then turn to those who have devoted themselves

58:30

to studying torah and studying the word of god and to teaching what it truly says

58:38

and seek guidance big decisions you know you have people

58:44

make big decisions oh pastor i'm getting married next week can you perform the ceremony

58:50

wow you're getting married next week do you do you want some counselling i guess not

58:56

i guess you don't really want to understand what the word of god says you're just looking for somebody to perform a ceremony that's really not the

59:03

role of the pastors it's to be a shepherd

59:10

nor is it to be these overlords who want to addict you know one thing

59:15

men love is to be in control of other men that's what we see happening in the world right

59:20

now if we have that lens that we understand men are addicted to power and so this is why we need god's holy

59:27

spirit that that's not what we're about we're about shepherding people and giving them understanding of torah so

59:34

they can make their own decisions so you see these dysfunctional churches

59:39

you go to the minister for counseling and you regret it you see people go and they want to control every aspect of your life that's

59:46

the same thing you see in islam it's the same thing you see with the communists left now they want to control every

59:51

aspect that's not there's freedom in christ but there's also a multitude of

59:58

counselors that can give wisdom and so and again if we are if we are bearing

1:00:05

if we are slipping the responsibility of the elders

1:00:10

is to reprove to rebuke and to exhort but to be patient you see

1:00:16

we're dealing with human nature in some cases we're dealing with people who have habits that it's been their entire life

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and now they're being confronted with the fact that this is wrong and and it's just so deeply ingrained in

1:00:27

them it's going to take some time but through doctrine through good teaching and the holy spirit

1:00:34

they'll achieve that enlightenment and commitment to change verse 116

1:00:40

he says uphold me according to thy word there it is again

1:00:45

according to the scriptures we've studied the scriptures there's a promise that god has made

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or there are promises that he has made and we're studying the scripture and we're making sure that we are adhering

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to his word and as long as we're adhering to his word then then there's a relationship that

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there's a reciprocity here that we have with god that he will not forget

1:01:10

our commitment to the covenant because he's committed to it he wants to see that we're committed to it when we

1:01:15

demonstrate this commitment to his covenant to his word he's there for us and in some cases it's not going to be

1:01:22

right away but he's never gonna break his promise he's never gonna go back on his word uphold me the psalmist says

1:01:30

according unto thy word that i may live and let me not be ashamed

1:01:35

of my hope so it is possible for worshipers of jehovah

1:01:42

to be ashamed and that's why the apostle paul is saying make sure that you reprove

1:01:48

that you rebuke and that you exhort you know the the the i think the

1:01:53

minister who oh everything's fine all the time always so i'm just here to please

1:01:59

we're not if we're doing that we're not here to serve you we're not here to serve your eternal

1:02:04

life and i've seen some ministers that anything goes we're just here to make

1:02:10

you happy in this life even though your eternal salvation is slipping away

1:02:16

uh no we can't be like that we want you to be upheld by god

1:02:22

according to his word that you may live and not be ashamed of your hold of your

1:02:27

hope he says hold thou me up and i shall be safe this is our

1:02:35

safety you know there's and this is really important for us in fact because we're living in a time of fear-mongering

1:02:43

this this is the era of fear this is the season this is the the the

1:02:48

the period the period of time we are entering in because man is seeking control

1:02:54

because he wants more and more power unto himself that that's why we need emergencies

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because in emergencies when we panic when the amygdala fires we can't think straight and we're happy to give up our freedoms

1:03:07

and once we give up our freedoms we cannot get them back because ronald reagan says the price of

1:03:12

freedom is eternal vigilance and we've lost that vigilance so through this fear we turn to the

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state to keep us safe not realizing we're losing our freedom

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and with that freedom of worship freedom of religion that as the state flexes its muscle

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because it's giving us what we want it's making us safe now it's going to interfere with our
1:03:37
ability in fact it's going to prohibit the worship of jehovah so we're not learning we're not
turning
1:03:42
to the state we're turning to yehovah hold thou me up that's when i shall be safe
1:03:50
and i will have respect unto your statutes continually unto the
1:03:55
torah continually so we've covered uh samick uh noon and semik
1:04:01
and this is really as i as i'm saying now it's really dawning on me as we study this together
1:04:07
this is all about decision making and vision
1:04:13
and through these decisions that this worshiper of jehovah has made
1:04:19
he's in a position where he deeply understands the plan of god
1:04:25
and the ultimate end and his place in the ultimate end and the role of torah guiding him in this
1:04:32
path keeping him on that straight path of the arrow to hit the target so that he can enjoy this
eternal
1:04:39
salvation is eternal life with jehovah so it's it's about decision making
1:04:46
and if we develop this love for torah
1:04:51
this love for instruction we're going to be right there with him
1:04:58
jesus christ what a wonderful god we serve what a wonderful savior he
1:05:03
will give us this wisdom he will fill us with his holy spirit and with this holy spirit we will
1:05:10
develop this deep love and in this great separation we will be able to look at the darkness
1:05:17
that the world is heading into and and being obsessed with and being seduced by
1:05:23
and we'll be able to look at it from a distance and say i i hate every false way
1:05:28
but i love your law god be praised good night
1:07:04
you