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well welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and this evening we are up to Hebrews chapter six and we're not gonna get through Hebrews chapter six this evening I want to spend some time in Matthew 24 and 25 and tie that into the first part of Hebrews chapter 6 because I want to make sure that we're viewing Hebrews as a resource for us today that we're not looking at Hebrews as this book from the first century and it's interesting reading we want to see it as a resource that's going to help us be successful in the things that have been revealed to us in the book of Revelation which we recently studied so we'll get to the first part of Matthew SR Hebrews six God willing but first we're going to go through Matthew 24 in a bit of Matthew 25 and tie that into the book of Revelation and tie that into the book of Hebrews and type it into what's happening around us today just so that we are taking God's Word seriously and changing our behavior accordingly so it's open with a word of Prayer and I will say that we may just go a little bit over I wanna I do want to make sure I get to ebru 6 but there's a lot of ground that I need to cover first we'll open with the word of Prayer our Heavenly Father we come before you lord and just praise you for your wisdom for your righteousness and for your faithfulness and we pray God that as we study your word you would impart to us wisdom righteousness and faithfulness help us to truly be your children and to be reflections of our Lord Jesus Christ we thank you Father when I pray for your

blessing on this study in his name so what I want to do brethren is just begin in Matthew 24 and I'm kind of frustrated when we talk about books of the Bible and chapters of the Bible like Matthew 24 as if it just hangs in midair by itself there really is no such thing as Matthew 24 what we have is a unit of teaching from our Lord that actually begins in Matthew 23 and ends in Matthew 25 so even though we're going to be picking some verses we're going to try and give as much context as I can in the time that I have with you but what I would ask is that you go back in your own time and read the Lord's teachings from Matthew 23 to the end of Matthew 25 and see that as a unit so there's no such thing as Matthew 24 but there is a unit of teaching from our Lord that begins in 23 and ends in 25 and that's the whole context so for today what I want to do is just pick up from a part of the Lord's teachings and that is going to be at the end of Matthew 23 we'll just go to the end of Matthew 23 just to get context for what we're going to read in Matthew 24 and Matthew 23 is perhaps the most inviting condemnation of the rulers in Jerusalem that one could ever read and it's coming from the Lord Himself and so this scathing rebuke culminates at the end of chapter 23 with the Lord saying for I say unto you so Easy's pronounce this first of all he criticizes them and exposes their hypocrisy and evil then he pronounces judgment upon them and upon Jerusalem and then he says this for I say unto you you shall not see me henceforth or again until you shall say you who reject me you shall say blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord that as much as you reject me today you are going to be

desperate to see me again and when you do see me again you're going to praise me and and declare what a blessing it is that I have arrived so that's how Matthew 23 ends and that's the introduction to Matthew 24 and in Matthew 24 the disciples asked this question and we need to understand that the context of this question is what just happened in Matthew 23 and so the disciples asked the question there's a set up on the Mount of Olives so he leaves the temple and he goes over to the Mount of Olives which is where he's going to return and from there he's overlooking Jerusalem foreseeing the destruction that's going to come upon Jerusalem and also foreseeing his return to the Mount of Olives but then the disciples join him on the Mount of Olives and they ask him privately saying tell us when shall these things be and often when we read this we just read we think that these things are what's in verses 1 and 2 of Matthew 24 but if we look at the context of the conversation they're asking about this disjoint that is going to be upon Jerusalem and upon the religious leadership when will these things be and what shall be the sign of your coming because he said you're not gonna see me again until you're you're crying out for me and then you declare what a blessing it is that I arrived so when will the destruction of Jerusalem be and when will be the sign of your coming and the end of the world and that's not the end of the world but the end of the age and the introduction of the new age of what we refer to as the millennium or actually the kingdom of God so so when one of these things going to take place so so again we have to understand this context now he goes on

to warn them not to be deceived and so again sometimes we just take that to mean general deception but in the context of the conversation it is deception about his coming specifically do not be deceived about my coming is what he means by don't be deceived so he goes on and now he explains that you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars and certainly despite our technological advances despite everything that the atheists and the evolutionists and and and arrogant mankind and philosophers have told us about how man is advancing here in 2018 we live in the most dangerous of times this is unprecedented in terms of the chaos and and danger all around us and and we kind of numb ourselves by watching lots of TV and lots of movies and lots of music and everybody's done iPads and iPhone and listening to music and and just kind of numbing ourselves because to actually face the reality of the danger we live in we will lose our minds if we don't have some kind of anchor if we don't understand God's plan but certainly we are seeing this instability since the end of the Cold War it's just escalating the instability of in the world so we'll hear of wars and rumors of wars see that you be not troubled for all these things must come to pass but the end is not yet so these things are necessary so there is going to be there needs to be as we've read in the Book of Revelation the political totalitarian beast system Babylonian system that gets implemented and he says that all these things must come to pass because there has to be this transition from where we are now or where they were then into the new system and that's going to be difficult because everybody

Russians everybody but most nations the rulers of these nations are trying to implement the nimrod agenda upon which they're very they're very societies are based so every civil i every nation can trace its roots except for israel every nation they've not not the nation of israel as we call it today but the people of israel every other tribe of the earth can trace its roots of civilization back to nimrod and the nimrod agenda that we see in genesis 11 and the totalitarian system religious political system that he implemented or tried to implement before he was interrupted the language was confused but the agenda stayed in their minds and so from there we see the Empire of Egypt the Empire of Assyria all these different empires rise up carrying the agenda from Nimrod and so this is you know nothing is new these AI men die ideas don't

so the idea lives on so everybody has been trying to get this totalitarian control over their Nations except for those who are influenced by the judeo-christian principles now now that we are moved into a global world technology has enabled that now there's this competition for globalization and global rule and there is going to be someone some nation some ideology that ultimately will be the successful one in implementing this new morodian totalitarian control over mankind which ultimately means bringing mankind under subjection to the devil because the devil's agenda is and has always been to be like the most high and to have all mankind bow down and worship Him and that's his agenda but he has T needs a proxy he needs to do this through man and as we glimpsed into the book of

Revelation we understand that this man Jesus referred to as the Beast the political beast and it's going to be supported by a religious beast and so these things must come to pass this is necessary but the end is not yet so we who understand the Lord's words everyone's gonna around us is gonna be panicking and think it's the end of the world and the sky is falling and we need to look at all of this and say you ain't seen nothing yet this this is just the beginning and in fact the Lord will say that now this is what I want to focus on for a bit this verse verse 7 he says foreign nation shall rise against nation and Kingdom against Kingdom and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in different places now Kingdom against Kingdom should be pretty clear you have a king you have a kingdom and so these are nations that are going to be going to war and is that they both have the Nimrod agenda trying to get supremacy and domination over the other well what might not be so clear because of our modern English language nation shall rise against nation this is not the same as Kingdom against Kingdom so when we talk about Kingdom against Kingdom we're talking in the Greek basileus which is an actual Empire or or Kingdom I should say now nation against nation is ethno earth knows and we can think of that as an ethnic group or a tribe a tribe of people and why I want to emphasize this for us today is that when we think of Wars and Kingdom against Kingdom you know here we are in Canada if you're in America different people all over the world are tuning in whatever nation you're in you think of your nation going to war against another nation but that's

not what this is saying this is saying ethnos against ethnos and what this can very easily refer to is civil war war within the boundaries of a nation but you have ethnic group within that nation going up against ethnic group and this past week we have certainly seen a turning point and that turning point I refer to if you haven't seen it already and I'm sure most of you are tuned into this is the recent arrest of a an activist in the UK called Tommy Robinson and I just want to just zero in for a moment on that arrest because it is significant and if you haven't seen it all just us to take a moment here for you just to take a listen to what happened almost 10,000 people this is the verdict so the trials ended the jewelry are making their mind up and this is the verdict this is the verdict soccer's see someone yeah me yeah yeah 29 29 of them on trial two women for grooming 11 rolls allegedly just doing this just to unlock them just turn the media mate just so just trying to show people who are watching this is what's happening this is what the case is this is how many girls were victims this is what they've said in this what I've done today they do it in prison I know you've been in there you just ground what was it like all right are you gonna ask me Mike Lai's gonna explain what's gonna happen next I've been arrested I am being arrested on a breach of the peace of course of course a breach of peace I'm being arrested the content of one streaming okay not sure if you could hear all of what was going on there but

if you do look up the arrest of Tommy

Robinson what you'll see is that he is arrested and you'll hear the police officer say that he's being arrested for suspicion of breach of the peace for suspicion of breach of the peace I'm not sure what exactly that means just to say suspicion but when he actually gets sentenced by the judge give me one second here

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looks like I just lost the sound there for a little bit I was just saying that when Tommy Robinson was sentenced he was sentenced for or he was arrested for suspicion of breach of the peace when he was actually sentenced he was sentenced for contempt of court so that it was a it was a bait and switch and then when he was being sentenced the suspended sentence that he was under the judge actually said that he didn't care about the suspended sentence he was he was judged he was sentencing him for what happened right then and there now Tommy Robinson is trying to bring to attention and keeping the public's mind what's going on with these Muslim rape gangs in the UK and there is over the last two three decades there's been at least a million young girls mostly white young girls aged 11 12 13 that have been gang raped by these rape gangs and he didn't want the public to forget in fact he himself he had a niece from Luton that was subjected to this type of torture and many of these girls in killing themselves and they just their lives are destroyed and so he did not want the public to forget and so while these sentences are taking place he was there to report as an independent journalist on what these sentences were and and to ensure that if these sentences are light you know all was a cultural difference

and you didn't understand you're free to go that he keeps that in the in the public's mind the judge did not like this and so the same judge that's responsible for sentencing these grooming grooming quota is a euphemism euphemism these rape gangs was the same judge that sentenced Tommy didn't allow him to have access to his own lawyer assigned a duty lawyer from the government and just he was the judge and jury this is England that is founded upon the the Magna Carta and and the Magna Carta is sort of really the the foundation of most Western law and and and it was really this key that no free man shall be seized or imprisoned except by the lawful judgement of his equals so in this case there was no jury the judge just decided to just sentence him sentence

to jail without any appeal or by the law of the land and yet on a technicality was using the law of the land but he made it quite clear by arrest to having him arrested for suspicion of breach of peace and then sentenced for something else

he just they just want to get rid of him this this guy is somebody and everybody has an opinion about him some people hate him some people love him the point is that I want to make is not so much whether he should he should love him or hate him it's his courage and his willingness to stand up for British values and British people and to not want the plight of these victims to be forgotten and to hold the legal system accountable as they are sentencing these men to ensure that the sentences are appropriate instead this judicial system is being extremely lenient with these men and somebody like

a Tommy Robinson is dealt with swiftly swiftly why can't we move with this kind of speed when we see our young daughters being destroyed why is it there this Swift speed then instead we go for decades ignoring and no people seeing the police the judicial system the social services system all of these people fully aware of what's going on and the pedophilia the evil and nobody's saying and if everybody dragging their feet but when it comes to a Britain saying hey everybody let's keep in mind what's going on here Swift injustice now this is about freedom of speech that's what this is and when you take away freedom of speech watch out in fact there's a saying I don't remember who said this but he said take away all my freedoms take away all my freedoms accept my freedom of speech and with it I shall win back all the others that's how important freedom of speech is and we are moving towards this totalitarian system the socialist-slash-communist left is is totalitarian by Nature and then we have this Islamic political system that is also totalitarian and the two are colluding with each other and what Tommy Robinson represents is every man

we are all Tommy Robinson and our freedom is being taken away from us and Christ tells us these things must be in order to move toward this totalitarian system and these two right now what I can see in the world seen the socialist left extreme communist left and the Islamic political system both totalitarian in nature actually colluding with each other and this spells trouble for the everyday man and so you can look at Tommy Robinson and say poor soul now which by the way the judge basically gave him a death sentence there was a man in England that put a bacon sandwich beside a mosque and he was sentenced to a year in jail he was dead in a week because the Muslim gangs run the the prisons and so by sentencing Tommy Robinson to prison and the the lawyer actually pointed this out to the judge that he could die in prison and the judge basically scoffed and said well he knew what was coming to him and so this ability to take people off the street without jury without a proper trial and just imprison them and just caused them to disappear this is totalitarianism and make no mistake this is aimed at ultimately it's going to be aimed at Christians so we are all Tommy Robinson and when you see Muslim rape gangs raping these young eleven twelve thirteen year old white girls base the mud to the Muslim mind these are the daughters of the Crusaders so the Muslim rape gang see these girls as daughters of Christians even though we know that Britain is hardly a Christian nation anymore but to their mind these are Christian nations and these are the daughters of Christians and so it is a destruction of the Christian judeo-christian values and the left taking people like Tommy Robinson off the street is also an attack on the judeo-christian foundation of society so this is what we see now what what I wanted to make it our the point that I wanted to make here is that this is significant when you see freedom of speech being taken away and the judge putting a gag order on Tommy Robinson's arrest though that nobody could report on it those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution

inevitable they're going to be pushing and pushing and pushing and end up pushing people too far and so what's going what we're going to see happen I predict is that the imprisoned Astaire's wrongful imprisonment and if he dies in prison it's going to trigger people to the far right so you're going to see a rising of the far right everyday people who really have no interest in being extremists when their back is against the wall and they do not have freedom of speech they are going to be susceptible to leaders who rise up with strong decisive actions and the far right is going to grow in popularity so when we see this nation shall rise against nation ethnos against ethnos so if you allow an ethnic group and they say 93% of all these rapes that are happening in the UK are by Pakistani men Pakistani Muslims and so you're going to have people now rise up with hatred in their heart towards all Pakistanis and not being able to differentiate and so this one ethnic group is going to become a target they're gonna fight back and see that all whites are going to then be their enemies and they're not going to differentiate and and we're going to see this ethnic polarization and that is going to be in every Western nation that is trying to curtail free speech and this is why I've been urging us to stay away from these ethnically based movements whether it's black lives matter or the English Defence League and Tifa Islam all of these ideologies are there to divide and create this unrest and the Marxist socialist should be elite the global elite they love funding this they love this this state they want to tear down they want to deconstruct society so that they can reconstruct it

the way they want it and what they don't want is the judeo-christian found so we need to be very sensitive to what is happening around us the world is being reconfigured and this internal strife ethnos against ethnos is going to bring down the Western nations and pave the way for this totalitarian system because the Western nations founded with judeo-christian principles right now are ruling the world they are the you know Britain and America Canada we have been the policemen of the world but we're going to be weakened and we're going to come down and other systems are going to now take over Christ says that all of this is the beginning of Sorrows it's just the beginning of Sorrows so buckle up let's not lose our heads here and let's not get caught up in any of these movements let's not get caught up in a mean let's just be aware of what's going on and the implications and the significance of what's going on so Christ tells us that all of this is just the beginning of Sorrows so so the world is changing and not in a good way and Christ is telling us to have backbone and be prepared to suffer because that's that's what's gonna happen when the devil is in control God's people are going to suffer so I just want to flip a little bit to John 16 because it's gonna reinforce our understanding of Matthew 24 in John 16 Christ says these things have I spoken unto you that you should not be offended the word is scandalized so don't be offended that things are gonna happen that would scandalize the average person but Christ is telling us ahead of time that I'm telling you ahead of time so you will not be scandalized you will not be firm and by scandalized what we could

really say is that you will not a pasta size you will not be so offended and so upset that it will cause you to sin and that's what we've been looking at in Hebrews that Hebrews they were facing such a scandal and such a level of person intense persecution that they were beginning to rewind they were beginning to back up they were putting it in reverse and saying let me leave Christ

and go back to Judaism they were scandalized because of the intense persecution and so we're borrowing the lessons from Hebrews to apply to the future that has been revealed to us through revelation also through Matthew 24 also here in John 16 these things I'm telling you that you should not be offended so we're aware we're seeing what's coming and we're understanding it's just the beginning we're in this for the long haul so he says don't be offended they're going to put you out of the assemblies you're going to be persona non grata that's the reconfiguration that's taking place here so whether it's the again the far left the socialist communist left whether it's Islam both sides hate Christians don't think that either of these love us and then want the best for us both sides want to put us down and whichever side ultimately succeeds they will put you out of a cent you'll become persona non grata yes the time comes that whosoever kills you will think that he does God service and what this is speaking of really what I what I see here is what I would refer to as ideological possession when somebody becomes so possessed by an ideology that they do whatever the ideology dictates and they don't really they can't think

for themselves and I would say that you know what is the difference between the ideologically possessed and the religiously devout somebody who's truly developed to the Lord what's the difference I would say there are three fundamental differences between the idea logically possessed and and those of us who are developed to the Word of God the ideologically possessed and this is a point that I got from Jordan Peterson professor in Toronto he said that the idea logically presents it possessed have an unearned sense of superiority that's simply by subscribing to this ideology immediately and magically I'm better than you I'm superior to you so the ideologically possessed have this sense of moral superiority that is unearned they have done nothing to become superior except subscribe to an ideal

number two the ideologically possessed and this is my observation our just yellow pencils when you are ideologically possessed your uniqueness is irrelevant the particular talents abilities and gifts that you have nobody cares who cares all that matters and this is the third symptom of the ideologically possessed all that matters is the utopian outcome that is promised and the fact that you're a yellow pencil and you're just a cog in the wheel and you really have no value as an individual means you are expendable and in fact as one that is ideologically possessed we expect you to expend your life to sacrifice your life on the march to this utopian promise which has never been proven there is no time in history when we were able to look back at this particular whatever ideology it is and say oh here's a time when there was

paradise here's a time when everybody was blessed there was no violence this is just a wonderful utopia never and so there's a this unproven utopia that the ideologically possessed believe in wholeheartedly and are willing to sacrifice themselves and everybody else on this march towards this fictional and promised utopia so these are I would say the three significant symptoms of the ideologically possessed unearned sense of moral superiority in significance as an individual just a yellow pencil and this willingness to sacrifice all for a fictional utopia that has never been proven and so he says here at the time will come that whoever kills you will think that he does God's service and again this is if you look at for example where we're in the month of Ramadan now and there is just so much bloodshed during the month of Ramadan because the ideology promises significant benefits and rewards from Allah if you kill infidels during this particular month now the mainstream media is not going to report so most people are just lalala no idea what's going on but there's a lot going on and just as an example of ideal logical possession in ruin Pakistan a man's father and brother gouge out his eyes for violating Islamic values this is their son this is their brother but the ideology has such a grip on them that if he's not fasting during Ramadan he deserves the the most vicious of punishments you see this group antiva where the barracks so ideologically possessed that they will just maim and harm anybody old women children it just doesn't matter if they label you as a fascist then you get the full force of their violence for

what for this promised utopia of our socialism that they're that they're striving towards so we are in for a warm time the future is going to be warm in fact it's going to be hot and so this is this time coming that we will be killed and the people who are killing us will think that they're doing they're doing God a favor that they're serving God and why will they do these things and these things they will do unto you because they have not known the father nor me now what is really interesting is I got this message on facebook from a Christian in the Church of God movement and I went on his website and I see that they do believe I think they're an offshoot of the Worldwide Church of God but he says here Allah is the one true God of the Bible and CGI and the rest of the WCG churches and all shoots are wrong in believing in the idolatry of binitarianism which we don't believe wrong enough to get into the second resurrection first corinthians 6:9 Ephesians 5 now this is amazing to me that somebody who actually understands the Bible believes that Allah is the same God as the Bible and I've done a couple of debates with Muslims to expose their ideology and expose their beliefs in the teachings in the Quran the hadith and the Sarah the Sunna to show that this is a totally different God and yet we have somebody in the Church of God movement already and I knew this was coming but already it's here that believe that allows this so this person obviously hasn't studied their their literature is just they're just this concept of oneness of God which is a based on Greek philosophy which Muhammad would have

picked up from the Gnostic Christians in

in the 7th century without reading he believes it's the same God so if he believes it's the same God that let's let spark that because in Matthew 24 Christ has something to say about that but because they have not known the father nor me this is why they're going to do these things that this understanding that we have in that we're getting from Hebrews around the significance of Christ the superiority of Christ the divinity of Christ the Melchizedek Ian priesthood of Christ this understanding is what enables us to really understand God to understand Christ and his father but they don't understand this and so this is why they'll do these things but he says but these things have I told you that when the time shall come you may remember that I told you of them so God's words Christ's words are his then nothing can change them heaven and earth will pass away but his words will not so we have to study his word and be familiar with it because this this is coming and this reconfiguration that's taking place we understand why it's taking place so he says the time shall come when you that you may remember that I told you about them and these things I said not unto you at the beginning because I was with you so he knew this all of all the time but he didn't tell them because he was with them and maybe there's other things that he needs to learn they need to learn and while he was with them these things are not gonna happen but now he's going away so now he's sharing these things with them but because not verse 6 because I have said these things unto you he says here because I've said these things unto you sorrow has filled your heart so so they are very very sad now

because Christ is making it very clear what is going to happen to them and so sorrow has filled their heart nevertheless I tell you the truth it is expedient for you that I go away for if I go not away the comforter come unto you but if I depart I will send him unto you so so I'm going but you're gonna have the comforter which is the Holy Spirit and if the the English translation here says when he has come so so when he has come is actually an incorrect translation because you're taking a demonstrative pronoun in the Greek which is masculine singular but when you are translated we can use something called natural gender when you're translating a demonstrative pronoun from one language that uses natural gender to English you have to use your head and so just because it's masculine singular in the Greek doesn't mean it's masculine singular in the English so a table might be referred to in the Greek as for using a demonstrative pronoun as he but when you're translating into English you wouldn't talk about a table as he your translator that's it and so the proper translation here would be and when it is come it will reprove the world of sin so the world is gonna be full of lawlessness full of iniquity but the Holy Spirit is going to come and reprove the world of this iniquity and of righteousness and of judgment the question we have to ask is how will the Holy Spirit just talk out of the clouds or is the Holy Spirit going to be put inside the followers of Christ and the followers of Christ are going to reprove the world of sin even though sin is just out of control that their God is going to have faithful witnesses who are going

to say no this is God's law and this is sinan and this is righteousness he says howbeit when it the spirit of truth is come it will guide you into all truth and certainly John has received the book of Revelation after this as guidance so that we understand all the things that are going to come to pass for it shall not speak of itself but whatsoever it shall hear that shall it speak and it will show you things to come and so the Holy Spirit is going to enable us to see the future and and when everybody's losing their heads were cool we're calm were collected because we all we know this is just the beginning notice this verse 14 it shall glorify me so anyone

is not understanding the role of Jesus Christ and the superiority of Jesus Christ and how God the Father has given him a name above every name and how he is to be worshipped then this is not the Holy Spirit this does not come from the Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit will glorify Christ for it shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you truly truly I say to you that you shall weep and mourn you sir you shall weep and lament so again Jesus Christ is making it clear to us that we are entering into a time of sorrow all these are the beginning of Sorrows because I've told you these things sorrow has filled your heart truly truly I'm telling you you shall weep and lament this is the future and so people are looking at Tommy robbing insane

Tommy Robinson and saying oh poor soul they don't understand that Tommy Robinson is just a symptom of a machinery that is being set up in place and it's being set up in place by the devil and ultimately it is going to

target Christians truly truly I say unto you that you shall weep and lament but the world shall rejoice they're gonna have a wonderful whale of a time and you shall be sorrowful yeah do we accept the word of God or not so if you are being called to Christ Christ does not sugarcoat he doesn't say come to me and you'll get that flat-screen TV you'll get that brand-new car you've always dreamed of you'll live in a big house you'll wear the finest clothes you'll wear the finest jewelry you can have the most expensive perfume this is the wonderful you'll have you'll be in the best of health come to me this is this is the path and of course Christ wouldn't say that directly his false meant the myth the false ministers of Christ are saying this and so people think that that's the way the true ministers of Christ are saying look if you are being called if God is using the Holy Spirit to draw you understand what you're getting into understand what you're getting into yes ultimately you will we will be joyful and Christ will tell us that but there's a period before the joy where the devil gets to run his course and God is going to bring him to judgment but before he brings him to judgment and brings all his servants to judgment he allows them to have their way just so we can fully see what is your intention what is your motive what is in your heart what do you truly desire and then you're going to be judged so this is the reality of the walk with Christ you shall weep and lament but the world shall rejoice and you shall be sorrowful but but this is the word of the Lord your sorrow shall be turned to joy hang in there have a long term view this

period of instability chaos and sorrow is it's just a period it's just a season see your way through this season and there is such joy on the other end and and such joy that is eternal so you know if you do not have something in your life that you're willing to die for then you're not alive this is the paradox of life if your life is so important to you that you would not die for anything or anybody then I'm sorry you're living a really shallow life and you're not even alive we come alive when there's purpose to our lives and what God is doing is calling us to a very very high purpose that involves all mankind ultimately involved it involves the whole universe and are we willing to die for he died for us recruited us into this grand purpose are we willing to die for him if necessary are we willing to suffer for him if necessary to help in this process of overturning the Beast the kingdoms of this world when he returns he says the kingdoms of this world come the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ so he says but whenever you see the word but it means you can strike out everything that comes before it and the only thing that matters after the word but is whatever comes after the word but so all of this sorrow this weeping this lamentation the rejoicing of the world the the sole onus the sorrowful nosov God's people all of it is irrelevant it all disappears and the only thing that matters now is what comes after the word but and that is that our sorrow shall be turned into joy and and it's an eternal joy it's a deep everlasting joy so he says then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you this is the sorrow this is the the world is

changing the the nations that have been in power that have been advanced what we call the first world nations have all been blessed by the influence of judeo-christian principles and the honoring of the individual and the honor of freedom of thought freedom of speech freedom of religion freedom of worship all of this is going away and so a new system is taking over and in this new system they're going to deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you and you shall be hated of all nations all the nations agree that that somehow they've all been infiltrated they've all been turned over and they all hate the name of Jesus Christ and so you shall be afflicted by all hated by all nations for my name's sake and then shall many be offended and shall betray one another and already I mean I knew this was coming I fully expect that brethren that we see today in the future will see them in the mosque because this is the nature of Islam this is you know we have 1400 years of big data to analyze how this thing works

you think Afghanistan was Muslim it was Buddhist Iran was or Oh Austria Egypt was Christian as Assyria was Christian North North Africa and Middle East these were Christian nations Oh in fact Turkey what we when we read of the churches the seven churches in Revelation they're all in Turkey it was taken for granted that this was a Christian nation now if I say turkey you think Muslim and and in Islam nearly took over Europe but there was such a fight and a pushing back and yes it was bloody and it was violent but today Europe is basically free and based on judeo-christian principles because of that fighting back today we don't see this fighting back in

fact we see the protection of this special ethnic group and they're allowed to do whatever they like if you're a Christian Baker and you will not bake a homosexual cake or cake for a homosexual wedding you'll lose your business but you'll never hear that about a Muslim that I went to a Muslim Baker and I was trying to get a homeless no not me but someone was trying to get a homosexual cake who made and so now they're gonna lose their business no way so these nations that were never think of them as Islamic today we take it for granted they're Islamic and that's the nature of this totalitarian system okay so do not be surprised if you see Sweden Germany France England and nation other nations becoming ruled by Sharia law that's certainly the agenda so now because of this new environment not a few but many the very thing that Christ said don't be don't be scandalized the very thing that he the instruction not to be scandalized it's going to be so intense it's going to be so hot that people are gonna be offended and they are going to turn back the very thing that the Hebrews is all about that that Paul is trying to prevent this is what's coming and that's why the book of Hebrews is such an important resource for us then shall many be offended and shall betray one another Christ says by this shall all men know that you're my disciples if you love one another but then he tells us here that what's going to happen this marathon that we are running it's a long run and people are going to be dropping like flies on this race to the finish line people are going to be dropping like flies so not a few but many are going to be offended it's too intense they weren't

expecting it they weren't watch it and they're going to betray one another that's that's that when you face these sort of totalitarian systems is terrifying and they shall betray one another and shall hate one another and many false prophets are false teacher shall rise and shall deceive many and again this is not generic deception the context of the conversation is deception around the coming of the Lord deception around his return and so there's going to be many false prophets many false teachers who are going to be talking about the return of Christ but it's a deception and so this whole passage from Matthew 23 to Matthew 25 the Lord is giving us this this instruction of this unit of instruction so that we do not fall victim to the deceptions specifically around his return and because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold and most certainly we are entering into this age when iniquity is abounding so if we look at the UK I don't know if there is any evil greater then abusing in in the most horrific way the most vulnerable in our society and that is what has been happening in the UK for the last thirty years every single I think it's every single town every single city in the UK has suffered this this tragedy and in the last estimate I saw something like a million girls have been victims of this over the UK over the last two three decades and Tommy Robinson who's trying to keep this in the British mind and trying to expose the hypocrisy he gets Swift injustice within a matter of hours he's thrown in prison he's given a death sentence basically if he comes out of there alive he's got to be he's got spent 400 days where every single day

every single hour of every day is a threat to his life if he comes out of there alive it is truly a miracle so he's basically been sentenced to death for independent journalism the Free Press meanwhile these perpetrators have been have been getting away with this for decades now it says that the iniquity of many shall or the iniquity is going to just be out of control in this very same environment we go to a different nation that we're going to go to America where we see this porn star maybe the news refers to her as an adult film star being honored with the key to the city the mayor giving her the key to the city

and naming a day after her and and this this this is a this is pornhub porno graphic filth and she's being honored and someone like Tommy Robinson is being thrown into into prison for just trying to protect his country and and keep his country aware times are changing and all these Western nations are changing and here if we look at Paris let's go to Europe and this is not the way people remember Paris while here's Paris today the whole world is being turned upside down there's a reconfiguration and and it's not good for Christianity it is not good for Christianity and unfortunately people spend so much time being entertained not realizing that every form of entertainment is a form of programming and and messing up our minds so that we cannot understand iniquity we no longer understand iniquity in fact when you look at the royal wedding that just took place recently everyone is just you know eleven twelve million people tuned in to watch it and everybody's just so happy with this

wonderful fairytale like yo she's all dressed in white God refers to this as adultery she had a Jewish wedding in Jamaica divorced her Jewish husband dropped him like a hot potato went on to have relations with someone else in Toronto then met this prince now she's married to him but she's a divorced woman and God says this is adultery and so the whole world is celebrating adultery because we're being programmed and we no longer can see things the way God expects us to see them so he says because iniquity shall abound

the love of many shall wax cold but he that shall endure unto the end the same shall be saved

so this most certainly is a marathon we are running a marathon and and and it's all about crossing the finish line we need to stay with this until the end and the Lord is making it clear to us that it's a difficult race and many are gonna drop out of the race many are gonna be scandalized because of the difficulty of the race we need to set our sights on the finish line and keep going no matter what he says therefore so now I want to just flip to as we transition into Hebrews he says here remember when we were in chapter 1 you know let's just combine this with with Matthew 24 we must endure to the end we cannot drop out therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should have we should let them slip and remember if you have a red letter Bible all the red letters are the words of the Lord directly so in these last times he spoken to God has spoken to us by his son therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have

heard lest at any time we should let them slip and fall out of the race in chapter 4 he says let us therefore fear let us therefore fear lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest that is crossing the finish line any of you should seem to come short of it any of you so any of us could could fought just as in the first century so now the Lord is giving us these warnings to say that any of us could stumble but he's telling us ahead of time so that we're not scandalized and we just fix our minds you know Paul says that there's a crown laid up for him and not only for him but for all those who love his appearing so all of us who are looking for the appearing of the Lord all of us who are not going to allow ourselves to be deceived we're looking for his appearing this is what were focused that's when the rest comes before then it's Labor we're gonna be labouring until he comes and he says here in Mathew 24 this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations so all nations are going to hate Christ and yet this gospel will be preached to all nations that Christ is going to infuse the Holy Spirit in people all over the world all tribes that this is not this has nothing to do with ethnicity because all tribes are being grafted into Israel Israel was always a proxy for God to save all of mankind from the beginning with Adam and Eve from the moment that they fell God 7 plan set in motion a plan to redeem mankind and he's doing it now through this mechanism that we call Israel and so all the tribes of the earth are going to be brought in and you're seeing now in these totalitarian systems in Iran in China in Pakistan all over Christians or

people coming to the Bible and and I understood it recently in India in one city 10,000 people were observing the Passover so this knowledge is getting out there this gospel shall be preached and that is our job it is our job to be witnesses to bring the gospel to mankind that is our work and so we cannot get caught up in these ethnic conflicts we cannot get caught up in political agendas we can have no other agenda except this we our agenda is the kingdom of God

our agenda is loving all mankind wanting to see all mankind come out of the darkness that the devil has cast over the earth to be the light of the kingdom and so we will preach this kingdom and we will tell mankind about the beauty that is in store for them when Christ returns

so this gospel noticed that that this is being preached in an environment of intense hostility and yet the people of God are fearless and they are preaching this gospel in to all nations and all nations are going to be hating the Christian all nations will agree that to the quick the followers of Christ are to be hated and yet this witness shall still go out and then shall the end come so back to Hebrews he says let us labor therefore to enter into that rest lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief so anciently they couldn't face the Giants in the land and they didn't believe God so they didn't want to go into the Promised Land and then in the first century the Hebrews solved the dance in the land there was the Romans at the time and so they didn't want to continue they wanted to drop out of the race

this is unbelief and God is telling us

now there are going to be giants in the land again but we mustn't worry about it because he has the keys of death and of Hades of the grave he can unlock the grave he has the ability to bring us back to life and so he says don't be afraid of them the worst they can do is kill you that's the end so when they're done that's the end then they can't do anything else but he can then bring us back to life and he has the ability to judge people God has the ability to judge people after they've died so he says we must and let's take this first century instruction to the Hebrews who are facing a very similar situation that we will be facing in the near future let us labor therefore this is not the time to rest this is a time of difficulty this is a time of labor pains let us labor therefore to enter into that rest lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief

we must believe the Word of God back to Matthew 24 therefore remember if we look at this as a unit of teach from Matthew 23 to 925 then the unit of teaching is about the return of Christ and what happens immediately before and when he returns and how he returns and it's about not being deceived because there's gonna be a lot of teaching in the end time about the return of Christ we mustn't be deceived about it so he says therefore if they shall say unto you behold he is in the desert go not forth behold he is in the secret chambers believe it not who are they so we just heard that all nations are going to hate Christians they're going to hate that they main Christ the true Christ of the Bible and now he's saying and and Christians are going to be persecuted and those who kill us from John 16 will

think that they're doing God's service but now there's gonna be false prophets false teachers talking about the return of Christ and we mustn't be deceived and he says here if they shall therefore so as a result of what he's taught us therefore if they shall say unto you behold he is in the desert do not go forth now we have to ask ourselves why does Christ talk about the desert who on earth we know he's returning to the Mount of Olives that's what the scriptures say so who would say otherwise who's going to say that he's returning to the desert it is there something that's sweeping the world is there a movement that's sweeping the world today that's going to claim that Christ is returning to the to the desert well I don't know let's take a look at this hadith it says here that the hadith that's the sayings of the Prophet Islamic prophet Muhammad Jesus praying behind the Mahdi which is there there are coming ruler refers to a collection of hadith related about the prophecy that Jesus will follow the mady's lead in salaat when after he descends so he's going to descend in his to go to Mecca and the mati is going to lead prayer he's gonna offer Jesus to lead the prayer and Jesus gonna say no you're superior to me I'll pray behind you and so this is all going to happen in the desert mati is the 22 12th Imam of the Shia Muslims and salat is the Islamic practice of the worship of God which Muslims perform five times a day the prophecy is narrated in numerous hadith collections both Sunni and Shiite a total of 29 a hadith relate to the return of Jesus and his prayer with Marty's lead so they are going to claim that somebody named

Christ has returned with the Mahdi and he's praying in the desert and very very clearly Christ is telling us here that when we see that teaching and they say behold he is in the desert Christ the same don't believe them do not go behold he's in the secret chambers he's in the the mosque don't believe it he goes on here in verse 42 watch therefore for you know not what hour your Lord does come so he tells us what to look for what what are the signs we should be looking for in terms of his return and then he tells us to watch don't be deceived there is a way that he's going to return there are things that are going to happen that lead up to his return there are things that are going to begin the process but then that's not the end that's just the beginning and then there are particular things we need to look for and then there's a particular way that he's going to return despite all the claims to the contrary so he says watch therefore for you know not what hour your Lord does come but know this so you don't know what hour he's going to come we don't know what hour is gonna go but know that this is what we have to know that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come he would have watched and would not have suffered his house to be broken up so there's a good man of the house so there's the house and then there's somebody who's responsible for the house and if that person is responsible for the house had known in what watch the thief

come he would have been watching and would have been prepared but because he doesn't know then he relaxes and he stopped watching for the household and then the thief breaks in and so we need

to spend a little bit of time on this concept of the thief coming in the night and what does that mean so Christ likens himself he doesn't say that he is a thief but he says his coming is like a thief it's not that he is a thief it's that his coming as like a thief and so he keeps likening himself to a thief and what do we know about a thief well usually the thief is in disguise he usually operates under cover of darkness and you know when we read this we typically think of the thief coming by surprise but many people can come by surprise there is a function that the thief serves and the function of the thief is not simply to come by surprise how do you know that your feet your home has been burgled things are missing things are missing so Christ is saying he's gonna come like a thief that means he's gonna come his coming is gonna be disguised it's not gonna be recognizable and his coming is going to be associated with loss something that people have is going to be taken away from them in Revelation 3 and verse 3 you'll remember we read remember therefore how you have received so this is again what Hebrews have to remember who have they heard this from how have they received and heard and hold fast same thing he's saying in Matthew 24 you must endure to the end same thing we're reading in Hebrews don't turn back hold fast and repent if therefore you shall not watch I will come on you as a thief again he's not saying that he is a thief he's saying that his coming will be like a thief and you shall not know what hour I will come upon you so it's very very clear that God is speaking to the church and saying my coming to the church is gonna be like a thief that means what

you have

we'll be taken away from you by surprise you're not gonna know you're just gonna wake up and you've been burgled in Revelation 60 and 15 he says behold I come as a thief I'm not a thief but my coming is like a thief blessed is he that watches and keeps his garments lest he walk naked and they see his shame and that's again why we read at the beginning of Revelation blessed is he who reads and keeps reading and they who hear and keep hearing because the time is going to come when people don't want to hear you know it's like the to witness the two witnesses the two spies 12 spies went into the land and ten came back and said no no this is bad this is bad news and two came back faithful and said no this is good news yes there are giants in the land but there's also abundance in the land and that's for us God promised it to us let's go and take the land and what was the result the whole nation went with the ten because that was easier we don't want to have to fight we want to face Giants let's let's agree with the ten and let's not just agree with the ten let's stone the two faithful witnesses of God let's stone them to death and so this is brother will be ray brother and so blessed is he who read we don't want to get to a point I don't know it's the book of Revelation oh I hate the book of Revelation so so much bad news in there so many Giants in there no no no we're gonna keep reading because we're watching and things are unfolding and he's coming as a thief to those who fall asleep blessed is he that watches and keeps his garments lest he walk naked and they see his shame now in Luke 18 when we were in Luke there's a there's a statement here which is very

troubling he says I tell you that he's going to avenge his servants even though he's Terry's long and that's the whole point here is that you know how much longer Lord the white robes were given to them and they told to wait he that endures to the end is at the end yet no not yet a bit longer and so he says he's going to avenge his servants nevertheless when the Son of Man comes and he's coming like a thief shall he find faith on the earth and this is the point Christ is not a thief but his coming is likened to a thief and we have to understand the operation of a thief he comes in disguise he comes under cover of darkness he comes when you're not expecting it and he comes to plunder he comes to take away what's yours and what's yours is this faith this faith that we have in Christ it's yours but the return of Christ is like a thief that is going to take the faith of the believers away that right before he returns there's going to be a massive apostasy apostasy is the order of the day for Christ's return so he says that you know we're going to be seduced if we're not careful by evil spirits and so all the brethren that we see today so many believe well the return of Christ is like a thief and it's going to be taking faith away so that when he comes shall he find faith on the earth continuing in Matthew 24 immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the Sun be darkened and notice this it's immediately after so there's tribulation and then coupled with the tribulation is the darkness of the Sun the moon in the light and the moon not giving his light and the stars falling from heaven and the powers of heaven shaken so it says therefore be you also

ready for in such an hour as you think not the Son of Man comes so the whole question Matthew 23 to 25 the subject matter is the return of Christ and what happens immediately before he returns and what happens immediately before he returns it's like a thief that unless we have this knowledge unless we have the knowledge of the book of Revelation and the encouragement from the book of Hebrews that the things that are going to take place on the earth before Christ returns are going to take people's faith away

that they're the love is gonna wax cold we're going to betray one another we're going to join with the nations and hate one another unless we are staying true to the Word of God but these events are the thief of faith these events immediately before Christ returns are going to steal the faith of many because they're not expecting it so that when he returns there's hardly any faith so therefore be you also ready same thing he says in the epistles in Revelation for in such an hour as you think not it's going to be the opposite of what we think that's why he's telling us ahead of time it's going to appear like wow it's it's it's in our interest to reject Christ just as the Hebrews are think we're thinking about it's actually better to go with the system and and cooperate and comply and in such an hour as you think not the Son of man comes who then is a faithful and wise servant who is it so you ask the question given all of this that's gonna take place who then is a faithful and wise servant we need to know whom so it's not just any faithful and wise servant who then is a faithful and wise servant whom his Lord has made ruler over his household who is

this faithful and wise servant that the Lord has made ruler over his household to give them meat in due season so the household is gonna be broken into the good man of the house should be watching so that the house is not broken into but because we don't know the hour that the thief will come the good man of the house takes his eye off the ball takes his eye from the window goes to sleep maybe and then the house is broken into and everybody in the household suffers so given this context of the coming of Christ like a thief in the night that the coming is going to take the faith away from many the question is now asked who then is a faithful man wise servant whom his Lord has made ruler over his household and why did he make them make him ruler over his household to give them meat in due season that as the seasons change somebody needs to be digging into the Word of God to be that one or that category of servant that is able to give me to new season okay this is the meat you need now okay now the world change now this is the meat that you need now we need to go over here now this part of the Word of God is coming alive you need to eat this who's going to take that role so we need to recognize that there is a role like this and in fact if we go back to an interesting scripture in Chronicles first chronicles 12:32 this is the time when David was ascending to the throne and Israel and Judah were coming together to unite under David and of the children of Issachar which were men that had understanding of the times they understood the times so they understood the Word of God and the will of God and they understood what was going on around them they had understanding of the times

to know what Israel ought to do so the reason they had understanding of the times is so that they could me give me to do season and tell Israel this is how you ought to behave now this is what you need to do the heads of them were 200 and all their brethren were at their commandment so they were over the households and there were 200 of them so it's a similar situation that we see now in Matthew 24 when Christ asks who then is that faithful servant whom the Lord has appointed ruler over the household he's the good man of the house and it's a category of servant that is watching and reading and studying and observing and able to give meat in due season he says blessed is that servant if you love me feed my sheep if you love me feed my sheep if you love me feed my sheep so the servant that says I love you and I'll feed the Sheep blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he comes so his whole thing's insulting when is he coming and nobody knows and his coming is like a thief in the night it's gonna get a lot of people catch a lot of people off-guard but this servant when he comes he needs to find this category of service or servant so doing so it becomes clear now that not everybody falls asleep that there are people who are devoted to watching and and the Holy Spirit will always ensure that there is this category of servant that is watching and understanding and and able to read the signs of the times and give meat in due season because of their love for the Brethren and when Christ returns he says will he find faith on the earth well here's the answer that when he comes there will be a servant or servants so doing so when he returns there are servants that are

giving me to new season and there's a household that is receiving the meat verily I say unto you that he shall make him ruler over all his Goods so there's a great reward as difficult as the job maybe there's a great reward and Paul says that I know now has come the time of my demise and there's a crown laid up for me and not for me only but for all those who love his appearing so Paul was looking forward to a crown and he says here that you know if Paul was alive when he returns he will make him ruler over all that there's a crown this is about reigning with God but and if that evil servant shall say in his heart my lord delays his coming is it it's weird because all of this stuff is going on the world is basically falling apart and he's still not here and Christians are being hunted down and being disappeared being taken to prison and then there's a narrative spun that this is the reason why and people say oh he deserved it and it's just not true but you can't get a counter-narrative there's only one version of the story that goes out and so people are just giving up and they say he's in his delaying is coming and then shall begin to smite his fellow-servants so the brother will betray brother this is going back to the beginning of the chapter that it's a time when it's so terrible that this apostasy kicks in and people are not studying the Word of God instead of studying the Word of God there they're being consumed by their Netflix and their I don't know not Netflix modify Apple Tunes Apple iTunes Apple TV all these different magnificent forms of high-definition entertainment but they all contain doctrine they all contain philosophy and year after year decade

after decade our minds are being reprogrammed and we don't realize it and if we're not studying our scriptures our brains are being warped we're being brainwashed and we don't realize it and so they don't understand what's going on they don't understand the signs of the times and so they begin to smite the fellow-servants instead of by by this shall all men know that you're my disciples if you love one another they begin to smite the fellow servants and to eat and drink with the drunken the drunken are the ideologically possessed so those that just allow themselves to be possessed by ideology brethren are going to go over and be possessed by this ideology and be warped and be twisted and be brainwashed and be ideologically possessed and eat and drink I've got this kind of emailing me to tell me it's Allah is the God of the Bible go and read the Koran go ahead and read the hadith go and read the Sira and read your Bible and try and reconcile it you can't the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looks not for him this is the whole point do not be deceived about the coming of Christ and and when he comes it's an hour no one is expecting it's sort of like the opposite it's like oh he's never gonna return and that's the moment he returns the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looks not for him so we have two different types of servants here one servant is constantly studying the word constantly observing what's going on in the world bring reconciling the two and giving meat in due season this is the time for this meat this is the time for this meat and then there's another servant that's not studying and is getting caught up in what's going on

and the superiority and the joy of ideological possession and they're going over to that side the Lord of that so when he comes there's two different types the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looks not for him and in an hour that he is not aware of and shall cut him asunder this is the Lord with a sharp two-edged sword that goes out of his mouth eyes like a flame of fire

he shall cut him asunder and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites so what we see here is faithful servants who hold on despite much opposition and crossed the finish line and when he returns he they're doing the they're caught in the act of righteousness of right doing then we have the apostates who have given up and turned themselves over to evil but then there's also this group of hypocrites who are kind of in the faith but not really but it appears like they are and they're doing wrong their wrongdoing in the body of Christ and causing conflict and persecution in the body of Christ he says he's going to appoint him his portion with the hypocrites and and this is it's just a terrifying verse or phrase there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth we saw in John that when Christ returns our sorrow shall be turned to joy but what this is saying is that there is a portion of people in the body that when Christ returns they're actually in a state of joy and superiority and ease and that joy superiority and ease is going to be reversed it's going to be up ended they're going to be appointed with the hypocrites and Christ says and we cannot we cannot undo this there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth that that means this we can't read over

this this needs to sink in you've been we've been running the marathon we've been in this race we've suffered a lot of agony in this race and somehow the race just gets too hard you know after running I don't know 30 kilometers or 20 miles whatever the equivalent is in in miles in the imperial system and after we ran izing and there's so much more race left to be run and now we have to run uphill and now it's getting cold and now people are trying to push us over and a lot of people are just going it's too hard it's too hard and God says you know what there's gonna be such regret that you've been a part of this and you've then you've turned back god forbid but it's going to happen now we come into Matthew 25 and ice when it's melt a little bit of time on Matthew 25 because I didn't mention this two weeks ago and I just want to revisit it then at this time when Christ returns and there's a weeping and gnashing of teeth at that time the kingdom of heaven will be likened unto ten virgins we're gonna look back and say you know what it's like there were ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom and it's important that we see these are virgins virgins is a symbolic language to say they are not defiled by false religion these are people who have the right doctrine they have the right understanding they understand who God is so they're virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom this is tremendous disappointment all of this teaching is unit of teaching from Matthew 23 to at the end of Matthew 25 it's all about the return of Christ understanding what it means what happens

before he returns and how devastating it is and how it's going to deceive people into believing that he has returned when he hasn't or that he's not going to return that he's taking too long and might as well give up and there's gonna be great disappointment it's gonna be great joy but it's gonna be great disappointment as well he says five of them were wise and five were foolish so again we see and you will see in Matthew 24 that you note or in the field one is taken the other is left that there's this polarization in the church and so it's not necessarily 50/50 but it's two groups there's two groups one group is wise one group is foolish they that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them so there they're going with the flow they have the rituals they appear to be doing what's right but not really that what we learned from Hebrews is that this righteousness is exercised by doing and and Paul says that the Hebrews have grown dull they're their senses were not exercised because they had this knowledge but it was slipping away and they weren't doing it we have to do in order to developed our religious our righteous sensibilities so they were there they're in services they're listening to the messages but they're not doing anything versus the other group that's actually doing so they were though that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps so as we do God fills out more Holy Spirit while the bridegroom tarried and this is we read Revelation we read here in Matthew 24 but in John over and over and over he's he's delaying his coming when we think he should come it's not yet he that

endures to the end and the finish line just it's like our understanding where we think the finish line is it's like no we have to push it out further and people are saying you foolish Christians why do you even believe that he's returning so while the bridegroom Terri's he's going to tarry when we think it should be over it's nice more and then suddenly it's over while the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept now earlier I said not everybody slumbers and sleeps because it said that who is this faithful servant that the Lord appoints over the house who is watching and is is fulfilling his duty of giving meat in due season blessed is that servant who when the Lord comes find him so doing so he's not sleeping he's doing and Christ returns and finds him so doing but this is saying that the the Virgin's all slumbered and slept so there's one over the household and then those in the household and those in the household have fallen asleep despite the meat in due season and at midnight was a cry made behold the bridegroom comes go you out to meet him so who's making the cry it's the one that is giving me tuned due season and so now the season is common to say the brightness is it the bridegroom is coming so somehow there's an understanding despite the fact that there's so much deception around the Lord's coming there is an understanding of his coming and how it's packaged and there's one or there is a category that are watching that understand the package and they're saying no not yet no not yet this is what you need to know now this sell we need to be reinforced that's what we need to be focusing on stay

strong make sure we love one another let's really build up our congregations with build up our communal understanding let's develop our gifts let's make sure we're edifying one another let's get rid of it despite the evil that's all around us the iniquity that's all around us let's be righteous let's turn to righteousness all of that is meat in due season and then there's this understanding this is it he's coming go you out to meet him and this go you out to meet him it's almost like go and meet your maker go you out to meet him I don't see right now as all he's coming in the clouds and let's just an immediate reunion with the Lord or Union or reunion with the Lord no go he ought to meet him means nobody understands that this is it

and those over the household giving meat in due season understand the package and now is the time to just go all out and that means witnessing preaching the gospel facing whatever opposition and being faithful unto death and he'll give us a crown of life and so this go you out to meet him it to me but the sense that I get here is it's a very difficult thing to do it's not easy and it's not easy and we can see and I'll just come back to it here but in Matthew 24 we need to understand from reading Matthew 24 that the appearing of the Lord is a package it's not just oh look the Sun is dark the Lord is appearing it's a package and so he says this gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come so this preaching and the end are a package so this preaching takes right takes place right up into the end and so

go you out to meet him could very well mean go all out and preach this gospel despite the fact that the Beast is that is its pinnacle the beast power is at its pinnacle it's at its height and everyone has given up on Christ we don't give up and now's the time to go out all out and preach even unto death I mean if the scripture says they loved not their lives unto the death notice now in Matthew 24:29 immediately after the tribulation of those days so there's tremendous tribulation go you out to meet him and this is tribulation for the Saints and immediately after packaged with the tribulation is the darkening of the Sun and this is what he says to look for his return and the moon will not give her light and the stars shall fall from heaven and the of the heavens shall be safe taken and he says in Matthew 24 when he's saying that there's this package that immediately before my return the beast power is intense and it's it's irresistible but immediately packaged with that is my return that's when I return and so this didn't Satan is at his full all-out onslaught and that's what I'm gonna stop it and that's when I return and in that context he says now learn a parable of the fig tree so we have to understand this fig tree parable when his branch is yet tender so it's a young plant it's a healthy plant it's not like an old plant that's not functioning properly it's a young plant it's a young plant when it's branch is yet tender and puts forth leaves you know that summer is near so there's this understanding of the package that when the leaves come out summer comes it's a package and so Christ is saying if you're gonna understand my appearing

you need to understand the package because when the leaves come out that's the deception when the leaves appear that's when everybody believes all Christ is not coming because the leaves appearing are persecution its hatred it's its sorrow it's the Beast flexing its muscles and when you see that you know that summer is near so it's this understanding that the return of Christ is a package and there's something that happens immediately before it that operates like a thief and it takes the faith away from the Saints except for those Saints who understand and are encouraged by what's happening and then he appears so he says here so likewise you so the same way that you understand the coupling of the leaves appearing in the summer in the same way when you shall see all these things know that it is near even at the doors so there's one who is understanding what is going on

who's understanding the Word of God who is giving meat and due season and whose understanding this package and there's a time when this type of servant can say this is it go you out to meet him and there's you know the Holy Spirit is either with us at that point or it's not and we can face whatever we have to face or we can't then all those virgins arose so somebody says this is it

he's didn't this is the time cool you want to meet him that person who says that is not sleeping he's over the household watch it then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps and the foolish said unto the wise so they who realize by trimming their lamps they really they don't have the faith when the Son of Man comes shall he find

faith they have been playing and now we have to face the viciousness that is associated with the return of Christ and they said to the wise please give us of your oil we can't face this for our lamps are gone out but the wise answered saying not so lest there be not enough for us and you but go you rather to them that sell so there's there's divergence in the household but there's a category of people who sell somebody has the Word of God and they're giving me to in due season that's where we got our oil from you should go to them and get your oil and buy for yourselves and while they went to buy the bridegroom came and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage and the door was shut and you see here in Revelation he counsels Laodicea to buy gold tried in the fire so co-pi to them that sell and be prepared to go through tribulation because that's the process but you need Holy Spirit to do that and so he says here to learn this parable of the fig tree that this is how it's gonna operate it is verily I say unto you this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled so there's this understanding that all of this comes as a package and we just have to understand the timing of the package because as it gets worse it's actually in decay we're getting closer and closer to the appearing of the Lord and as it gets intense more and more intense it's discouraging and people are giving up when if we understood the parable of the fig tree it would actually be encouraging and we would realize at the very moment we think he's not going to appear that's the moment he's going to stop everything and appear call you out to meet him heaven and earth will pass

away but my words shall not pass away we have to be immersed in his words but notice this but of that day and hour knows no man no not the angels of heaven but my father only so this is the exact timing of his return we don't know so we just have to be on our game oil in the lamp watching giving me to new season being aware of what's going on in the world around us not being seduced because there's a massive program massive agenda operation of seduction and deception and not being seduced about his return he says as the days of Noah were so shall the coming of the Son of man be so it's gonna be just like the days of Noah it's not notice so we have to understand well what was it like in the days of Noah because that's what he says it's gonna be like in this end time for as in the days that were before the so we don't actually mean we don't actually have to go to Genesis to understand what was it like in the days of Noah we can just stay right here in Matthew 24 because Christ is gonna tell us what it was like in the days of Noah for as in the days of Noah that were before the flood they were eating and drinking so having a whale of a time having a wonderful time marrying and giving in marriage so marriage never goes away it's just that it's perverted the very Union that should picture Christ in the church gets perverted and millions of for example millions and millions of people even people in God's church celebrating adultery celebrating adultery so they're going to be eaten drinking marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered the Ark and so that's what that's what he says

nobody knows and they're they're gonna be having a wonderful time and it's gonna be discouraging to the Saints the Saints are actually gonna believe that I stood no longer returning because in an hour that you think not that's when he appears it's a package and so we need to understand the days of Noah the flood was part of a package and there was partying and joy before the flood came and then it came until the day that Noah entered into the ark and knew not they did not know until the flood came so they're not gonna know until Christ returns but if we're watching we know no one knew the flood was coming he wasn't surprised by the flood he knew it was coming he just didn't know when exactly so in the same way that they didn't know and they're marrying and they're having their perversion and they're having a wonderful time and life is good for them not so good for the Saints but the Saints who understand understand go ahead have your time because the more you're having a good time the more the persecution of the Saints intensifies the more we know that it could be any moment because it's a package and this very persecution that's going to rob the Saints of their faith because we understand this we're not going to be scandalized we are not going to be offended and we are not going to allow these circumstances to rob us of our faith and knew not until the flood came and took them all away so also so shall also the coming the appearing of the Son of Man be this is the way it's gonna be it's a package that his return in a way comes out of nowhere it is the exact opposite of what you'd expect you're seeing the triumph of the beast power all over the world

it's Christianity has become ridiculous it's become a byword it's it's a joke and whatever this totalitarian system is it's the one it's triumphant it's the way you know you join within you can have the mark of the beast and you're just having a wonderful time and it looks like you are a step there's those that dwell there established in the earth and then out of nowhere Christ appears and those who have allowed their faith to be robbed because his appearing is packaged with these events that happen immediately before there's going to be weeping and gnashing of teeth so this is the way it's gonna be so it's just gonna come out of nowhere apparently so - we'll be in the field again this idea of the church being categorized into two sections one will be taken and the other left and so you know the one taken is that the one that's in taken into the Ark or is it the one that's taken by the flooded right now we don't know I think as time unfolds it'll become clearer but it's very clear that there are two categories one category pleases God the other category does not even though both are in the body of believers two shall be it doesn't say women it's - she'll be grinding at the mill one will be taken in the other left watch therefore this is it pay attention same message to the Hebrews you're falling asleep you're growing dull you're going backwards take heed take the more earnest heed because these words come from the Lord so these words are red-letter they come from the Lord watch therefore pay attention don't let this slip away because it's obvious from the Lord's words that which cannot pass away it becomes very obvious men mean

not a few I wish it said a few it says many are going to be offended watch therefore that we don't so the category these two categories it's not half and half it's just two categories but in the category of apostasy and hypocrisy it's many and the ones that endure to the end are few so we need to fight earnestly for the faith contend earnestly for the faith that was once delivered watch therefore he's saying because I'm telling you all of this pay attention don't allow yourself to grow dull for you know not what hour your Lord does come and it's an hour that you don't expect it's an hour that you think this is this there's no way any of this that's going on can be reversed this is triumph triumph and they're established and they're victorious and right then is when he appears so we talked about the good man of the house and here the Virgin staying open to us and he says I don't know you watch therefore for you know not the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man comes so we can now understand how Hebrews applies to us when we understand we're facing what they faced what they faced in the first century 2,000 years later we're facing the same thing we're facing the same decision-making process and we have access to the same counsel that they had access to how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him and then in chapter 3 therefore holy brethren partakers of the heavenly calling this is your word this who were talking to it's not just any old bit you know me everybody this is talking to the

partakers of the heavenly calling to consider the Apostle and high priest of our profession Christ Jesus let us therefore fear let's be afraid of this let's take this seriously lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest any of you no exceptions no once saved always saved any of you should seem to come short of it so he's called of God he's a high priest after the order of Melchisedec and so we're gonna be spending a lot of time now about his superiority as high priest why because he's merciful but yes he's an apostle and we have to take his words seriously and we'll be condemned if we don't but then he's a high priest and he's there to help us and so we can go to his throne boldly and ask for this help all right he says of whom we have many things to say and hard to be uttered seeing you are dull of hearing so Paul is responsible for giving me to new season but he's realizing he has a challenge here there's this very high order of knowledge about the priesthood of Christ and he wants to deliver this very strong meat very deep understanding and he realizes they're dull of hearing and so for us you know it could be these prophecies in Revelation in Matthew 24 and we want people to understand but they've grown dull I don't want to hear oh there goes Adrian again he's just every time he talks as bad news or whoever the minister is Oh prophecy prophecy why do we always have to talk about prophecy you've grown you've become dull of hearing you should be excited this is your eternal life we're talking about and the same way the first century Hebrews have grown dull of hearing we're going to have a period now where people are falling asleep well

give us smooth things we don't want these difficult problems cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us stone those two faithful witnesses we don't want to hear this run dull of hearing for when the time you ought to be teachers you have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the Oracles of God so we have to go all the way back to the foundation which is what the Hebrews had and you've become such as have need of milk and not of strong meat for every one that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness for he is a babe so we need to become skillful this is how we build up oil in our lamps by becoming skillful in the word of righteousness and the only way we can become skillful in the word of righteousness is if we are applying it good doctrine is not words in a booklet good doctrine is not what you hear in a sermon good doctrine is not academic good doctrine is what teaches us to change our behavior good doctrine is what we apply good doctrine is righteousness and as we apply it and the Holy Spirit teaches us this is how we gain wisdom so he says everyone that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness frees a babe but strong meat belongs to them that are of full age so one has to give meat in due season and as the season intensifies the meat needs to get stronger but then we've got people who only want milk for the church for I don't know 10 20 30 50 50 years and we can only give milk we need to be exercising righteousness so that we can receive the strong meat what people think is bad news we're like no this is the word of the Lord and we we are with the Lord and so as we digest

this strong meat we're like wow our our understanding it opens up strong meat it belongs to them who are a full age even those listen to this who by reason of use this is the difference between the Virgin's that were wise and the Virgin's that were foolish the Virgin's that were wise by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil so these Hebrews have been in 1st century reasoning with themselves and with each other and rationalizing their behavior and believing they can turn their back on Jesus Christ and go to the temple and participate in a form of righteousness and not realizing turning your back on Christ that is evil that is the height of wickedness but they've justified it in their mind and in the same way as we move into this era of ideological possession that because we're just so into the entertainment of this world and our minds are being reprogrammed by those who do the programming as opposed to by the Word of God we're being warped and we are having our senses

messed up and we can no longer discern you know 12 million people rejoicing over adultery and Christians as well instead of having our senses exercised so that we can discern both good and evil

coming into chapter 6 now as you wrap up therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ these are like fundamental principles we need to move on you don't stay in the milk forever so what you received in in Judaism as Hebrews this was from Christ and it's the basics but these basics are the foundation they were pointing to something therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ let

us go on unto perfection don't stay there and go backwards it's time to grow up we need to go forward these were pointing us to something let us go on unto maturity not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works of and of faith towards God so all of this they would have learned as Hebrews in the Judaic ethic repentance John taught that dependence from dead works faith towards God of the doctrine of baptism then this is really the clue that we know he's talking about Judaism because there is no doctrine of baptisms in Christianity there's the doctrine of baptism singular but this is plural washing doctrine of washings and of laying on of hands and a resurrection of the Dead and of eternal judgments all of that is foundational and if we just quit fast forward to Hebrews we'll see here that speaking of this time to come in which were offering gifts and sacrifices that could not make him that did service perfect or the pre of the high priest wasn't perfect by doing this as pertaining to the conscience which stood only in meats and drinks and notice this and diverse baptisms different baptisms so this is speaking of the Judaic system that had all of these foundational doctrines to point to Christ and so we just I just wanted to call that out that the plural form of washings or Baptists really has to do with Judaism and Christ is a high priest of greater and more perfect Tabernacle we'll come to chapter 9 in a few weeks so we're leaving these foundations that were given to us in Judaism as the Hebrews they would have this it's time to move on and go on to maturity and he says here so we're gonna leave this he says you know we can't just lay again this foundation we need

to go on unto maturity so let's let's not go back with let's go forward and then he says this and this will we do if God permits so we're gonna go on you see even though you're babes and you're there I can only give you milk have strong meat I have to give you you meat to grow up we need to go on this this is an intense period of persecution you need to grow up fast and face this she says and this will we do if God permit and he says we're gonna do this because it is impossible and this is a very controversial scripture now and this really kills the doctrine of once saved always saved and so you'll hear these people two Calvinists when they come to this scripture you will never hear them come to this scripture beginning in Hebrews chapter one and tracing the line of reasoning from chapter 1 to chapter 2 to chapter 3 to chapter 4 coming into chapter 5 coming into chapter 6 and to stay with Paul's line of reasoning coming up to chapter 6 so that there's context this this chapter didn't just drop out of the air it's like Matthew 24 didn't just come out of thin air this chapter is in the context of everything that's come before it so there's a specific audience that he's talking to and he's talking to them about a very specific matter and it's a very intense message that we need we take it as a sermonic letter that seems like it's a sermon that was transcribed and so this is a real operating of these people and so this doesn't you can't just kind of bring this out of thin air you have to keep it in the context those who've tasted of the heavenly calling and so he's saying to them now we're we're gonna go on to the meat and I'm gonna tell you about Melchizedek and I'm gonna

strengthen you to face whatever persecution you have to face because God is merciful and I and I you know it's impossible I we're gonna see they really really believes they're gonna repent and they're gonna get their act together because it's impossible for those who were once enlightened and notice these are conditions and this word and in the Greek it's the word Kai and it's fine to translate it in this context as and except with the nuance that it has what what they say is a cumulative effect it's like you're layering one thing on top of the other so so we're saying and and then we're putting something up and then and then we're built it's like building blocks were building a tower so it's impossible for those who number one they were once enlightened so they they their eyes have been opened by God and they've tasted of the heavenly gift in chapter 3 he says partakers of the heavenly calling so they've part they've tasted of the heavenly gift and then you build on top of that they are partakers of the holy spirit so they've received the holy spirit and so I can't understand how people try to say these are not real believers God is not playing this and I believe I explained this before that this Calvinism versus Arminianism it's an older conflict to do with Pelagius and Aristotle and I forget his name that begins with an a he's a big big thinker in the Christian world Augustine so Augustine and a bill Aegeus and that actually goes back to a conflict between Plato and Aristotle and between whether it's about works and

building up your your works to get right with God or it's about God's will and

his sovereign will and he just chooses and whoever he chooses they're gonna be fine and whoever he doesn't this whole conflict has nothing to do with the Hebrews the Hebrews is all about covenant and and this is about people who are turning their back on the Covenant and they've tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come and this says if but it's another kai and they shall fall away so these six conditions together taken together if somebody comes into the faith and these Hebrews were people of the faith that partakers of the heavenly calling that if they satisfy these six conditions it's impossible to renew them again unto repentance this is it this is the unpardonable sin seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame so the very thing that can save us which is the crucifixion of Christ the his sacrifice his offering that he did once for all they've rejected it and what they think that he's gonna be able to sacrifice again for them the very the only way to salvation the only thing that can redeem mankind they've rejected the blood of Christ and they've satisfied all of these conditions in order to reject it Paul is saying you know what if this is the path you go down then there's going to be weeping and gnashing of teeth so the unpardonable sin that Christ spoke of he says all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men but there is a sin that's not forgiven but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven unto man and that's what we're seeing here with these six conditions when these six conditions

are met that Holy Spirit that comforter that he promised in John 16 which will testify of Christ and will glorify Christ that when they reject this and degrade Christ the Holy Spirit does not do that so this is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit and it is the unpardonable sin for the earth so that now suddenly goes into this metaphor as we wrap up here for the earth which drinks in the rain that comes off the planet and brings forth herbs meat for them appropriate for them by whom it is dressed receives blessing from God so it's impossible to renew these this category of people who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and then he says that the earth which receives the rain and brings forth herbs or produce appropriate for them for whom it's dressed that Earth's receives blessing from God but that which bears thorns and beer prayers is rejected and is near unto cursing whose end is to be burned so the earth is not there for itself it receives the rain not for itself to produce fruit and that fruit is for others and when the earth behaves in this functional way it's blessed but when it just bears thorns and prayers it's rejected and it's cursed whose end is to be burned and it's like the fig tree that Christ saw and there was no fruit on it and he cursed it because there's an expectation of bearing fruit so in the same way this body of believers we're not here for ourselves God has recruited us to put into service as Israel to serve whole world to be that kingdom of priests to bring the whole world to God so this is the expectation that we will bear fruit so that we are useful to God

and I just want to conclude by pointing back to a prophecy in Isaiah where Isaiah says now will I sing to my well-beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard my well-beloved has a vineyard in a very fruitful hill and he fenced it so there's an expectation of this vineyard and he fenced it and gathered out the stones thereof and planted it with the choicest vine and built a tower in the midst of it so he's doing everything he can to set this up for success and also made a winepress therein so there's this expectation of fruit from the vine from the vineyard and his knees got up a winepress because of the expectation of the fruit and he looked that it should bring forth grapes and it brought forth wild grapes we could say poisonous grapes grapes that have a horrible stench and it's just like this is a disaster I've set up everything for the success I've got the winepress ready I'm gonna make the wine and this is just I'm really looking forward to the harvest here and I get wild grapes and wild is not a good translation it regretted to say poisonous spoiled rotten grapes and now all inhabitants of Jerusalem the suppressant mind of Matthew 23 and men of Judah judge I pray you between me and my vineyard what could have been done more to my vineyard that I have not done in it - tell me is there anything more I could do you Hebrews is there anything more I could do for you therefore when I looked that it should bring forth grapes it brought forth rotten poisonous grapes and now go - I will tell you what I'll do -

vineyard I will take away the hedge there off to that protection that was around it and it shall be eaten up and

break down the wall there off and it shall be trodden down this is the future of the Hebrews and I will lay it waste there was an expectation and when the rain comes down and the fruit is produced there's a blessing pronounced but when this just thorns and thistles and it's useless and poisonous and harmful I will lay it waste and it shall not be pruned nor digged but there shall come up brewers and thorns so this is again what Hebrews six what Paul is pointing back to I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it for the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the house of Israel you Hebrews are the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts and the men of Judah his pleasant plant and he looked for judgment but behold oppression so you are to be this nation of kings and priests we should have good judgment but instead you're you you're drunk with the drunken and you're smiting your fellow servants instead of judgment and mercy I'm seeing oppression and I look for righteousness but behold a crime this is the state of the Hebrews and this is what Paul was warning against and this is what our Lord was warning against in Matthew 24 and 25 and throughout Revelation and this is why our study of the book of Hebrews is so fundamental it's not just a history lesson oh yeah in the first century those Hebrews were so silly it's point it's a resource for us to face the future that the Lord has prophesied heaven and earth will pass away but his words will not pass away and so we need to be looking and watching for the return of the Lord and what you see now with this trigger of the wrongful imprisonment sentencing an imprisonment of this independent

journalist who is just trying to keep in the mind in the other saying he was perverting the course of justice this was at the sentencing there was no more jury listening to the trial this was at the sentencing and he just wanted the British people to be aware of the sentencing and whether it was a light sentencing or appropriate sentencing for the Highness terrible evil and wickedness that has been done to young girls in Britain and he's just disappeared just taken away like that basically sentenced to death for trying to be an independent journalist and and Free Press is the foundation of democratic society so this now has triggered marches all over England in fact all over the world and it's something like this not necessarily this but it's going to be things like this that cause ethnic group to rise up against ethnic group it's not just Kingdom against Kingdom but ethnic group against ethnic group civil war and when that happens inside our democratic countries this is hell this is hell on earth and it's the beginning of the whole unraveling of everything that we have known everything we understand about how society works will be unraveled when ethnic group goes against ethnic group we must not get caught up in any of this we count everything as dumb compared to this high calling in the prize that God extends to us this this first resurrection that we are pursuing so let's not get caught up in all of this but let's be aware that the return of the Lord is packaged with an intense period of distress and discouragement and at the height of that distress at the height of that discouragement when we think he's not

coming that's the signal go you out to meet him so watch therefore because he's coming and he is our Lord he is our husband-to-be he's our Savior king of kings and Lord of lords let's praise him no matter what