

Down the Road of Life - Stephan Willshaw

Well, getting up here to the podium, I always wonder, hold on a second, every time I have my turn to come up here, I always wonder what am I going to speak about?

And sometimes as Sandy knows, it doesn't come easily, None of it does. I have friends in the church that they just seem to be able to put the message together on Friday night. They get up here and they bring an hour's message just on a Friday night put together. I can't do that. It's like a couple weeks or more for me. It's amazing. But earlier in the week I was thinking, "What am I going to speak about this time around?" I seriously didn't know. And this came to mind. What was it like When Christ walked the earth in his time. Yeah, he was 30. He's a kid in comparison to what we are right? He was a kid And we attempt to wrap our minds around that The differences between now and then okay, there's lots of incredible differences But there probably a lot of similarities as well, right? People of troubles kind of how it is and Here it is.

I'll quote it for you.

Ecclesiastes one in verse nine. Solomon says this early on in that book. He says, "That which has been, is that which shall be done. And that which has been done, is that which shall be done." You know the rest of it? There's nothing new under the sun. So it just keeps on sort of Sort of repeating doesn't it?

It's not saying there's probably not a lot of difference between what Christ was going through or what we were going through And in the days of Christ and the Apostles We know this That they did not have the Greek the Quinek Greek writings. They didn't have that from Matthew to Revelation hadn't been written yet, right? So they just had the Hebrew writings And it wasn't it wasn't as easy as this where you just hold up a book No, they were all written on scrolls and parchment and by the way Arling and Everybody was from wouldn't I have a copy everybody here brought their Bible, right? It wouldn't have happened in those days. It was all written by hand and those things were guarded and protected beyond anything else they were really special so not just everybody had them I think you know when you consider that probably why they had so many people showing up because they wanted to hear what the word was going to be said that day didn't have it at all so if you go out in a neighborhood right now and you ask the average person on the street the question of what is taking place here on the planet, you would get a whole pile of different answers to that question. And probably most, and just guessing to say this, probably most, would not come back to you with the answer to that question from a biblical perspective. Right? They probably just wouldn't.

Now, today, the message that I want us to consider is going to go back a little bit in history. What it would be like in Christ's time, and what it is like today, and what it would be like in the kingdom, kind of three areas we're going to talk about here today. So what I've entitled this message today is it's got the title of

Down the Road of Life.

So there's a few different points that I don't like people to say well I got 15 points drives me crazy Oh, he's only on number seven. He's been a half an hour talking, so I don't do that So I just have some points and I'll work through them as I go

Well there I'm sorry

That's just me I Was being critical of you my apologies. So, first of all, we have this book that I brought up here with me, and where would we be without the book? I don't think we'd be here. Well, it wouldn't be here. I wouldn't be, I don't think. We would not be here. Life would be totally different. Maybe the, maybe the earth would not even be here, or the creation, but we, no people would be here possibly, because God has this plan, right? That's I'm getting out of here. So we have this book, but if you go back in time, what would the first writings have been? Well, the first writings were from God himself, and it took place there on Mount Sinai, and this writing was chiseled in stone, chiseled on these tablets of stone, and what were they, the sacred words of what we call now the Ten Commandments. And these Ten Commandments, brothers and sisters, have shaped the world in this ethical system for more than 3,500 years. That's quite a piece of writing to be with us that long. And you know something, no portion of the Old or New Testament writings exist today none of it the

original handwritten productions these early copies were as I said earlier written on these manuscripts that have all perished they just couldn't take the ravages of time I guess the materials they're written on couldn't stand up and it was you know that climates violence lots of fires taking place during wars they had then.

This is what is responsible for these mirids of different articles they wrote that there's none of it today. So all we all what we have now is just the copies that were carefully kept and handwritten for a long long long period of time before they became printed off like we have here today. So another thing is this,

think of this 1500 year period that the Bible, this is the other 1500 years, 40 writers, 1500 years and how it all goes like hand in glove,

it all kind of goes together, these people never knew each other. Just amazing, just a miracle this book, just amazing. Let's turn to a scripture, first one for today.

Let's go to Zephaniah, right at the very end of the Old Testament, one of the minor prophets there, found at the very end of the Old Testament, right before Malachi. You got Zephaniah and Malachi. Now the original languages of the Bibles we know were Hebrew, Aramaic, a bit of it was an Aramaic, and Quine Greek, the Greek language. And they're written on scrolls of parchment, and as I said earlier they were not available to the average person. And there's quite a lot of information written that's available today on the Bible. I forgot to bring up how the Bible came down through history. I've got a book at home I got this information from, and it's amazing how it all came down, how it was all brought to today. Just amazing, all the different miraculous savings of this sat and the other that put we've got this amazing we've heard of the Dead Sea Scrolls all this sort of thing

what was that thing we've seen up in Toronto Dead Sea Scrolls yeah Dead Sea Scrolls that's really interesting to see so another thing I found out and you know this this book that we use it's translated into seven I think the exact word or exact numbers 733 different languages on the earth right now.

Now I didn't know there's that many languages out there, but apparently that's that's how many. So it's God's making sure that it's been it's being put out there. It's gonna be no excuse in the end, right?

So I said turn to Zephaniah 3. Another thing that I want you to consider is language problem. Remember I said 733 languages. Well, look at what it says in Eon Zephaniah, Zephaniah 3. Look what it says. This is millennial. This is talking about the future, not right now, but yet ahead of us. It says in Zephaniah 3 in verse 9, I'll quote, "Zephaniah 3 verse 9, for then I will restore to the people a what?

A pure language that they may call upon the name of the Lord to serve him in one accord. So it seems like there's going to be this one language given. Remember at the Tower of Babel? They all had one language and then God didn't like what was going on in this league. He confused all the languages immediately just like that.

This could be talking about that in reverse down the road. We'll see. We'll have to be around maybe to see that happen. So the Bible was around in the ancient past in what we would term as the Old Testament, right? And today,

as we know, it's around in this amazing abundance. I have about 10 of them at home, 10 different versions of the Bible. And I'm sure that you can see Sharon's going up and down with her head. She's got many copies of the Bible too. And that's what goes on, right? So we've got all this happening. It's really really quite amazing and there's no doubt in the kingdom The Bible will be preserved there as well We'll be going on going by the Bible during the during the thousand year reign of Christ when he returns that will be available That writing this piece of material will be there them as well. We can count on that for sure

Let's consider another subject. Let's continue our journey down the road of life.

Let's consider the subject that's all very important to everybody here, and it's the Holy Spirit.

In the timeframe of the Old Testament, God's chosen judges and prophets seemed to be the ones that were directed during that period of time by God's Holy Spirit. Now, if you were to go home and take out your handy dandy concordants and do a concordant study on that Holy Spirit. You'll find that that Spirit word, that Holy Spirit, is contained in almost, I'd say pretty much every Bible, every every book in the Bible. It's a real serious subject and it's there through every book of the Bible. So God sees that as something very important. That's why we're going to talk about it here.

Here are two very well known references that I'm going to read to you right now concerning this particular subject. The first one here is Christ speaking on the Passover night. That's found in John, Big John, John 16.

You can turn there or you can just listen while I'm going to read to you. I'm going to read two scriptures, John 16 verses 7, then I'll jump down to 13, verse 7, I quote, But I am telling you the truth, John 16 verse 7,

it is profitable for you that I go away because if I do not go away, this is Christ speaking, if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you. However, if I go, I will send it to you. Verse 13,

however, when that one has come, even the Spirit of Truth, It will lead you into all truth because it shall not speak from itself But whatever it shall hear it shall speak and it shall disclose to you the things to come the Holy Spirit is The one that brings a motivational change from our past carnality Brings us into a more Christ-like personality

And well, just before the return of Christ, Joel, he first prophesied about a further pouring out of God's Spirit, and we can see that, Joel talked about it first, but it's in the New Testament as well, and we know that's Acts the Second Chapter. What we see there in the Acts the Second Chapter is a big thing, it's this miracle of languages taking place here on this day of Pentecost. That's just how the spirit moved. The spirit moves differently. The spirit moves us differently all the time too. We don't get the same thing here all the time. Whatever comes comes. We've seen it today. Sometimes we're more quiet, other times we're more lively. Depends on how the spirit moves. Let's take a look at Acts 2. I'm going to read down from verse 7 down to 18 and I quote Acts 2 verse 11, "Cretes and Arabians, we hear them speaking in our own languages the great things of God." So here the Cretes and the Arabians were speaking in their tongue, but they were hearing it in their own tongue. That's the miracle. That's what happened on the day of Pentecost. Verse 12, "And they were all amazed." Hey, we'd be amazed too. They were all amazed and really plex saying to one another what does this mean but

others were of course you always get this too right verse 13 but others were mocking and saying all that they've been drinking in other words they're full of new wine as the scripture says then Peter standing up with the 11 lifted up his voice and spoke to them Men, Jews, and all of you who inhabit Jerusalem, let this be known to you and pay attention to my words. For these ones you're accusing of drinking, for these are not drunk and as you suppose, for it's only the third hour of the day in other words they didn't really don't drink this early in the day. I guess that's what he's saying. Verse 16, "But this is that which was spoken earlier by the prophet Joel verse 16 and it shall come to pass in the last days says God that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters they shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams and even upon my servants and upon the handmaids will I port my Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy." Well, we know that the Holy Spirit wasn't so available in the past before Christ, like it is now between His time and our time. We see the Holy Spirit more available now. If we think about it during the them. This Holy Spirit is going to be poured out even in greater amounts because it will be more readily available and Christ will be there with the saints. So it's going to be more of a time of, I just can't wait to be there. It's going to be a time of holiness. So when the Holy Spirit works with a person, within a person today, that light always becomes

quite noticeable. Well, how? Through expression, through the demeanor of that particular individual, and it does stand out and become quite noticeable.

I think Larry was talking about that. Sandy definitely was talking about it. So we'll continue our little walk down this road of life. We have the book.

We have the power of God through the Holy Spirit. Let's continue What about understanding? What about the understanding we have or the lack of understanding that goes along with the two because they go right back to the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve Had in their presence with them God himself and

I know I'd weave off and say, "Well, if I was there, I would have been different.

I wouldn't have done that. Don't count on it." Because back there, they really blew it. They really blew it. And we continue on down through time to the flood. And the same stuff was going on.

This was taking place they weren't listening they weren't getting it mean think about them building an ark and probably the preaching that was going on there they weren't listening

the people in these times were basically in utter darkness then they come a little further on in time they come to the children of Israel and bondage for over 400 years in Egypt another period of amazing darkness

The Bible tells us that these Israelites were delivered by God to your Moses to be freed from that bondage And when they were freed from the bondage The only wandered about in another bondage of their own making, right? They didn't get it Again, they had God right there in the pillar of fire or the cloud Then get it Just amazing how that worked out and after that period God raised up judges and prophets under the people To minister to them. It was much the same thing just amazing now It has only been a very few that had the direction and understanding of true of the truth It's just hard to hard to think on those lines first,

but then, as we continue on in time, God came down, born in the flesh, as a man, as came the Savior, which brought about another brand new beginning.

The church started out pouring out again of the Holy Spirit, pouring out actually then of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was given to a few individuals earlier, but the Holy Spirit really poured out on that day of Pentecost. We see that written there in the book of Acts. Again, the quote from Solomon. Remember, nothing new under the sun. It was only the few who understood on down through time until our present time right here today in 2025. Overall,

this story has not really changed.

8 billion, we think about it. 8 billion on the planet.

This is the scary part. 8 billion on the planet and God tells us two different times in the book of Matthew. What is it? Matthew 14 verse, what is it? Matthew 20 verse 16, Matthew 22 verse 14.

Two times Christ says, "Many are called, but only few are going to be chosen."

What's that telling us?

We've talked about that many times. Many call few chosen.

We're concerned the understanding or lack thereof. What I've just given you is a quick version of man's journey or sojourn here on this planet for roughly the last

6,000 years.

Now even still today,

it's really only the few who are really fearing God.

When I say fearing God, that's kind of a weird statement, but what it really means is fearing God is to hear what he says and then actually obey it.

Very few do that. Look in your neighborhood. Look around. Look in the churches today. Very few show up. Very few care. Look what's happening.

I could go on and on with all this. You know what I'm talking about. So this

can't help but make us wonder in the judgment that we're all coming to we're all going to be judged at some point down the road the people that are being judged

for not listening they're going to say well why didn't you tell us

well we did but you didn't listen it's going to be obvious and the example was

there the gospel's been preached the Gospels and publishing the whole world, this is

what's going to take place. It's a sobering thought. We think about this stuff and

we laugh about it a little bit. It's not a laughing matter, is it? The lack of

understanding, lack of faith, the lack of belief that is there, there's no excuse.

It's just amazing as we talked earlier. How many Bibles do people have? Everybody's got a Bible basically.

I know people who have Bibles in boxes. It's too good to get out. It's a

collector's item. They don't read it

So lack of understanding lack of faith a lack of belief that is there

It's just amazing how we think of it We could probably come up with a quite a

variety of contributing factors as to why the few are going to be the ones chosen,

not the many. Many called few chosen. Let's consider something in Zechariah the 14th

chapter. Let's go there. Zechariah 14, that's one of the minor prophets again.

The concept of the coming kingdom seems to escape people's thoughts.

Now what

could cause this to happen?

Well, I think I know what it is Walking by owning the five senses,

you know the five senses the hearing and smelling the sight to touch all this stuff

The

sixth sense that we have or that is given to you at your baptism Upon repentance

baptism laying out of hands would be the Holy Spirit. This has to be the missing

element in regards to this concept of understanding or lack of understanding in the

future That will all change and all the choices we see around us today won't be

there because the kingdom in the kingdom is going to be what? All these

congregations all these denominations. I don't think it's going to be one truth and

there won't be all these deceptive choices available. Look what it says in Zechariah

14, reading in the first verse here, "Behold," Zechariah 14,

I'll read to verse 4, "Behold the day of the Lord comes, and your spoil shall be

divided in your midst. I will gather

All the nations to battle against Jerusalem, and the city shall be taken, and the

houses plundered, and the women raped, and half the city shall go into exile, and

the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city, and the Lord shall go

out and fight against those nations as when he fought in the day of battle, and his feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem. On the east and Mount of Olives shall split in two. From east to west it will make a great valley, and half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half will move toward the south, Matthew 24 language coming at you there, out of Zachariah.

Prophecy yet to be fulfilled? Speaking of the final end time days of Jerusalem and the return of Christ, when all fighting has finally come to an end, it's going to, well, understanding prevail. Let's see what also it says here, verse 16 to 19 now, I quote,

"And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all nations, which came up against Jerusalem, shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be whoever will not come up from all the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts. Even upon them shall be no rain.

"And if the family of Egypt that has no rain does not come up to present themselves, This shall be the plague with which the Lord shall strike the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be Egypt's punishment and a punishment of all the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. Now, in the quote, "Can we consider that here the lack of understanding will be replaced with the ability to have understanding?" God's telling and what to do. If they don't do it, they're going to be cursed. They're going to curse themselves. I can't see people doing that. I just can't see it. We understand that Satan and the demons, with their deceptive ways of the past, as well as now, in the present will be, that's going to be gone.

That's going to be bound for we know it's a thousand year period, they won't be around. And the kingdom of God at that time will be lived without that presence around outside of the fact that men will still have a free moral agency.

So as we continue down the road of life we come to realize that the underlying cause of all the problems of the human race today the bottom line really is Satan the devil and the demons and those Demons are made up by the one-third of the angels that Satan deceived way back when and these

Demons and the Satan they're still at large okay Satan as demons with her evil influence has been I've been at large during the entire time of man sojourn on earth and This influence showed up with the first two Adam and Eve right in the garden and

We're all aware of that situation

So Remember how we first started off with the quote of Solomon in the book of Ecclesiastes about everything being the same nothing's really changed Well, it just seems to repeat over and over and why is this always repeating remember that be Groundhog Day? Interesting. Yeah, I thought when I seen I thought of this. Remember how we first started off too? Now the bottom line is that Satan and his demons continue to stay hidden. They do. They stay hidden because people, well that's just,

that's just a fairy tale or that's just a cartoon character or something. Well, that's what they want you to believe. Let's consider the Apostle Paul and his epistle to the Ephesians. Let's go to Ephesians 6.

Ephesians 6 this time. This entire epistle is divided into six chapters.

This is the letter Ephesians 6 we're going to, this is the letter, and it is intended to be read in full, the whole thing. Chapter 6 is the key chapter of this letter to the Ephesians, that even though the Christian is blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, spiritual warfare is still the daily experience of the Christians out there in the world.

This is more or less the thrust of this whole letter.

Chapter 6 here in Ephesians is probably the clearest advice for how to be strong in the Lord and to have the power of His might. After reading down through all the letter with Paul here, we see his instructions are pretty pretty incredible, pretty fantastic instructions, and at the end of the letter he starts to wind down in chapter 6. When he comes to this closing remark, look at what the Apostle Paul states in his closing remark there. Paul emphatically states, "Finally, Ephesians 6 verse 10, after he tells them all he told them there in the whole letter, "Finally, my brethren," I'll quote it, "finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might." Verse 11, "Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the skinning through the wiles of the devil. For we're not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts, a wickedness in the heavenly places." He says there in verse 13,

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand in the evil day. Having done all to stand. So we think we're arm wrestling with humans all the time. Always something behind it. Always something behind it.

And I remember one time reading that. It says verse 12.

And I put something, I don't have it there anymore, but we are not wrestling only with flesh and blood. 'Cause a lot of times we think we're rushing with, we're rushing with flesh and blood all the time, having problems, getting into arguments, and all this stuff, you know, the deal with humans, it's just, but they're all, we're all influenced one way or another sometime, and we gotta step out of that trap that we get ourselves into. This is the very situation taking place today.

And This is no Hollywood, this is no Disneyland cartoon taking place, it's real.

The bottom line here, brother, Satan and demons and those demons are influencing and they've always been doing it right from the very beginning and will continue to do it until the end of the age. We have to smarten up.

We are instructed in the Word that the Eternal has his plan in place and as we come to understand that Where is the plan found out? Where do we where do we under you say what what's the plan of God people? I don't know Plan of God is through the keeping of the annual holy days. That's where the plan is. It's amazing You tell people that they have got a clue what you're talking about You won't understand a plan. Let's do it until you until you start keeping the days. That's how it works. So this coming kingdom is a plan coming. We know a thousand years will be

the time period and this evil influence will not be around during this time period.

So let's continue our walk down this journey of life.

What also has changed through time as being the advances in technology.

Amazing inventions in technology. As far as we know a very basic lifestyle was lived in most of our past history. The industrial age seemed to enter in most of our modern technology and as far as we understand in the past in comparison today It was somewhat primitive in regard to technology and what was taking place in our age today. Very primitive. I got looking on my Mac,

what is it, Siri, you ask Siri a question and she sends it and gives the information. So I said, "When did most of this technology take place?"

It was 200 years well we've had six we've got the time right six thousand years on the planet the last 200 years have been when the technology just went nuts especially the last 60 or 70 years right now we'll get really adventurous here let's say 200 years ago if a person wanted to travel somewhere that was going to take a major amount of time to get there not like it is today right the steam engine for example the steam engine was just coming on the scene 200 years ago it was right around the beginning of the 1900s which is not that long ago that the first cars for the average person were being developed 1903 remember this they're right brothers three. That's not that long ago. Now you can jump on an airplane and fly anywhere.

I mean, it takes a while to get there, but I mean,

it just shows you how much, how much is into this, you know, like the Stone Age 200 years ago, basically, and beyond.

So before this time, I'm talking about here, People weren't going anywhere very quick. I just read a book. It was all about the voyageurs.

They tried to travel across the country. They were doing that by canoe, not by car.

It was a couple hundred years ago. It took forever. If they made it,

it crazy that what they had to go through so it just just goes to show you like we're so blessed now at the present time we have this technology the advancements in technology we can't even keep up to it I know that Sean would know all about this he's quite a technological guy and you can't keep up the stuff it's increasing so much just incredible every couple years it doubles just the information they've got so We will have to stay here that the high technology has been experienced At least in the last hundred to two hundred years Before that it was pretty much days of old. It's pretty much absent after that or before that time Today we are experiencing this what we call Ex -potential growth in The patterns of the technology sector and in the kingdom it leaves us thinking And it more than likely will be that I couldn't find the scripture to support that by the way But in the kingdom, it's probably more than likely gonna be very high tech as well Have to be there to find out. I can't give you a scripture on that one, but even maybe more so than now Think about this. This is another thought I had

What kind of technology does it take to create a human being?

Pretty wild. So let's continue off our journey here. The next one I'm going to talk about is wars. That's an important deal.

Wars, we can't miss this one because they've always been the common denominator here

on the planet. There was one who was found in the I looked in the Bible. What was it? What was the first war? It's recorded there in Genesis 14 right around 1880 BC and This battle was centered around this king by the name of Chedor Chedor Lady Omer

That's the best I probably butchered butchered the name, but Chedori Elmer, and he ruled back there, these people in this area they called Elam, and it's located in the southeastern portion of Iran. That's where it's located. And this first war that they had, they recorded in the Bible, apparently it was a fairly big thing, And what apparently had the impact on Abraham, because he went to that war, it happened. And it also included parts of Canaan. This is the land that he was given.

And these people, it's like you, oh, you're protective of-- you make sure you have a stake that my land goes right to my property land goes right. They were like that, too. They were given this land, so they're very protective of it. So this is what got Abraham involved in that particular conflict. And we've had all kinds of conflicts everywhere, all down through history. We've had civil wars, battles over lands,

the McCoys in the Hatfields, that kind of stuff going on, the feuds going on with people, and all kinds of things. We didn't think about David. King David was a man of war, and There's only been a few periods of time where there's been any peace but very very very little So wars are something that have been with us and are going to be with us until the kingdom starts, right? The last war is going to be a rather big one

and in the kingdom. Will there be any wars a thousand years? I don't think so. Maybe more towards the end, Bill. Think of that. Think of almost, let's say, no wars for a thousand years. It's hard to wrap your mind around that. But that's what it is.

Let's continue on our little trip down the road of life with one last consideration. By the way, there's been six so far. This is the seventh one.

And it's an important one. We've already discussed about the Holy Spirit. Let's consider what it will possibly be like in the spirit realm as a born -again son of God. So it's a spirit being. That's what we're going to talk about here now. This thought is amazingly fascinating for us in the church. Perhaps it's the most interesting thing we can come up with in our minds and some would hear you talk about that you're going to be a spirit being they think it's something like that what is that some kind of are you smoking pot or what you think you're on some kind of dream right never heard of their mind is in the same place yours is that's what happens so in the past as far as we read in the word there were and our spirit things right? Yeah, in the very beginning God Himself brought the earth into the condition for man to live here, brought all into proper condition. We read of that in the first page of the scripture on day 6. God, here's technology coming at you. God formed the man out of the dust of the ground many many times over. We probably have wondered, and I said it earlier, "What sort of technology? Is that an operating room?" He'd be, "How do you wrap your mind around that? How can God create something out of dirt?" I had no idea. I couldn't find a scripture on that

one. But it must be amazing technology. How does he put the molecules together? It just gets your brain spinning, right? Because remember everything at this point Everything at this point when God was in the garden creating the Those first days creating the man everything was what it was perfect There's no imperfection. It was perfect. They they were nothing abandoned taking that apple They probably would have lived forever. They lived almost a thousand years as it was So they wouldn't they would have any eternal life. So it's just Mind -boggling you think about all this stuff

We also See other spirit beings Or hear what other spirit beings being referred to as angels And we just had a Bible study this week Larry and I were on it apparently there's billions

Billions of angels. I've never seen one not that I know of that's one user an angel. I've never seen any. We first read about that, about angels, in the 16th chapter of Genesis, during the time of Abraham, or Abraham really at that point, Sarai and Hagar, the handmaiden, who was sent away by Sarai, and she was found at the spring of water in the wilderness while she was traveling on to this place called Shura, S -H -U So I kicked her out of the tribe.

She was jealous, I suppose, you want to get rid of her. Anyway, that was the first time that we come up against angels. There's an angel found there at the spring in the wilderness. Let's have a look at Isaiah 30's chapter this time. Isaiah 30, again, if you wanted to do a study on this angels or spirit thing,

It is addressed in many many books of the Bible. It's a big subject as well Let's consider the thought of being in the family of God and being a spirit being Here's a Millennial scripture that I thought what can I get a scripture on this? This is what I came up with Isaiah 30. Let me read it to you just from verse 19 Down to 20 this seems like a millennial scripture here. I'll start in 19. I quote Isaiah 30 verse 19, "For the people who dwell in Zion and Jerusalem shall weep, you shall weep no more. He will be very gracious to you at the voice of your cry. When he hears it, he will answer you. And though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of reflection, yet your teacher shall not be removed into a corner anymore, but your eyes shall see your teachers. Verse 21, "And your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' when you turn to the right and when you turn to the left." So some kind of correction they're getting. They're going off in the wrong direction. The spirit being behind them, maybe you are correcting this person that's going the wrong way. That's kind of how that is taken, kind of how we understand that.

So we understand this to be, again, what we'd refer to now is a true, born -again saints directing people living on the earth during the thousand year rule of Christ during that kingdom of God. Multitudes of spirit beings were in the very beginning of man's sojourn on the earth. God the Father and Son Jesus Christ as well as the multitudes of angelic beings are still here with us today.

Now our hope is to be first roots in the kingdom as sons Within the God family together with all these angelic hosts, and we're going to be as we Understand it the sons of God's really really important

Let's for a last I'm writing down here now. I'm on my last page. Let's let's take a look at our last scripture This is an uplifting scripture. Let's go to Revelation 20. I really like this portion of scripture Revelation 20, and I'm going to read from verse 1 down to verse 6, and I quote, I'm reading out of the faithful version this time, "Then I saw an angel descending from heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain in his hand. And he took hold of the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for one thousand years. Then he cast him into the abyss, and he locked him up and sealed the abyss over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer until the thousand years were fulfilled. And after that it is ordained that he be loosed for a short time. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them, and I saw souls, I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded, for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who did not worship the beast or his image, and did not receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hands, and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until a thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. In verse 6, "Blessed and holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection. Over these the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him for a thousand years. So that ends my message today of Down the Road of Life. I hope maybe that's wet your whistle for a little bit of thought. A little bit different for me to bring something like that but I just thought I'd try something different for a change and I really enjoyed studying and being able to come up with this and I hope that maybe you can stimulate some talk here this afternoon so I'll pass it back to you Rick.