

Pentecost - The Journey Stephan Willshaw

I didn't do that yesterday, by the way. Okay Think about this now to start off.
The journey Is now complete, right?

We've reached the marker of what? 50 days. Where did that go to?

50 days! And As I heard already Here today over in the month of June feels like we're in the beginning of May. It's just time. It's flying Is this what happens when you get old? I don't know. It seems like it is but as you know this feast day The feast of Pentecost is the only one that we count to right? the only one and

In God's scheme of things there's a reason for it and as we count through these 50 days It gives us another part of the plan of God doesn't it?

So we're instructed that seven weekly Sabbaths are to be completed and That took place as of when? Yeah, yesterday Happened yesterday.

So here we are Now as we normally do We always start off in this vital

Leviticus 23rd chapter. So we might as well go there and Read this into the record now in our physical life experiences. We you know, we take many journeys Don't be along the road alive and go to Leviticus 23 Excitement always accompanies the scene when we travel somewhere. It doesn't matter what the mode of transportation seems to be, but we get excited about the trip. Many varying experiences come about, don't they? When they come out, we set out for a light out for a new destination.

The interesting part about that, though, is that we always seem to return back to the very beginning place Where the journey started the journeys go out and come back Because they're kind of temporary Now when Moses think about that now when Moses in the Israelites were on their journey here in Leviticus 23 And the Leviticus 23 they were on the journey. They wrote the wilderness of Sinai, right?

Well, guess what? It wasn't temporary. They didn't go back.

They mean they might have looked back, but they didn't go back. Correct?

Because that was Egypt. That's what God took them out of. Now we're coming out too, but we we're coming out spiritually. We don't come out physically. So really it's kind of analogies there, but the physical part of it isn't.

So from the wave sheath, from day number one of account, to this very day we find ourselves in, right now, did you think about this?

Did you think about, I wonder how my journey's gonna go during these 50 days?

Did you think about that a long time in the church? I never thought about that.

But I did this year. I have other years too, but this year especially. I wonder how my journey, I wonder how my 50 days is going to go.

And here we are now, standing on the 50th day. And my thinking was, after these 50, when this 50 days comes up, I just shoot up over a month, almost a month and a half, which brings me closer to where I want to actually be.

It's not in Toronto, it's not down in Oshawa, it's not up, oh a golfing park I like, but it's not there. It's smack down in the kingdom of God, that's where I want to be. So this 50 days brings me actually closer to that, although it's still there, there still in the in the looming distance which brings me to what I want

to bring out today in this message and I'm not going to cover it all off is it takes about three sermons go on listen to Jamie's message if you want to listen to something it's pretty good anyway it brings you why I want to bring on my message which is some of the meanings attached to this day this festival this fiftieth day Pentecost and you know, it's also called something else If you have your Bibles in front of you there, you can see the different things it's called Feast of weeks, maybe it's written in the top of one your little self -heading Feast of first fruit is another one. Well, that's a giveaway, right? Feast of first fruits. It's all about something happening to the first fruits So let's read into the account. Leviticus 23, this is a bit of a reading too. Leviticus 23, the last time I spoke, remember when I was? Not that I'm anything important or anything, but the last day I spoke was on the seventh day of 11th bread, which was 50 some odd days ago. A little over 50. That's the last time I spoke. So I left off in 23 and verse 8. I know a lot for a fact I looked it up. So we'll start off in verse 9 And you know what he looks through the book of Leviticus you're gonna see the Lord There in the Old Testament, which was Christ the word I suppose He was speaking to Moses always. This is being said First night and the Lord spoke to Moses and Sometimes it says Aaron, but in this particular spot right here, does it say Aaron in your Bible? It doesn't in mine. So the Lord spoke to Moses the first night saying, "Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, 'When you have come into the land which I have given you, and shall reap the harvest of it, then you shall bring the premier sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord to be accepted for you. On the next day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it and you shall offer that day when you have when you wave the sheafs a male lamb without vlamish a perfect one of the first year for a burnt offering to the Lord. Think it what that would cost. That's no cheap offering, folks. And its grain offering shall be two -tenths parts of fine mixed, what to say, fine flour mixed with oil, and an offering made by fire to the Lord for a sweet savor, and the drink offering it shall be of wine, one fourth part of a hen. Does anybody know how much a hen is? I looked it up. It's a corn. Think about it on those days. A corn of wine? That's quite a bit. Verse 14, "And you shall eat of red nor parts grain nor green nor green years until the same day until you have brought out an offering to your God and if you'll be a statue forever throw your generations in all your dwellings and you shall count yourselves beginning with the next day after the Sabbath that's the wave sheaf day right beginning with the day That you brought the sheaf of the wave offering Seven Sabbaths shall be complete even under the day After the seventh Sabbath you shall number how many days? 50 days and you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord For 17 you should bring out of your homes two wave loaves of two tents parts, and they shall be of fine flour. They shall be baked with leaven. They are the first fruits to the Lord. And you shall offer with the bread of seven lands without blemish of the first year

and one young bull and two rams. They shall be for a bird offering to the Lord, with their grain offering and the drink offerings, "Even an offering made by fire of sweet savor to the Lord." Verse 19, "Then you shall sacrifice one..." If that wasn't enough, okay? "Then you shall sacrifice one male goat for a sin offering and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of what? The peace offerings." How many offerings do they have? Wow, I'm just wild by this.

Verse 20, "And the priests shall wave them with the bread of the first fruits, a way of offering before the Lord with the two loaves, and they shall be holy to the Lord for the priests, and you shall proclaim on the same day that it may be a holy Convocation to you, you shall do no servile work therein.

It shall be a statute. How long? Forever. In your dwellings throughout your generations. In the very last verse we're going to read today. "And when you read the harvest of your land, you shall not completely reap the corners of your field." Getting something to the poor here, right? God thinks of everybody.

"And the gleaning of your harvests, you shall not gather, but you shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger. Why? Because I am the Lord your God." End of quote. So here in Leviticus 23, from 9, clean right down on through there to 22, we find God's instruction concerning the ascension of Christ, pictured by that premier sheaf, and the two wave offerings that led up to the 50th day which is on this day we're standing in right now on Pentecost. So if we consider this 50 -day period being a journey through 50 days, we've just done that, we've gone through the 50, we also could picture this time as a journey of life right from the beginning of the putting out of sin picture by what days the days of 11 bread clean right on through to a brand new beginning as spiritual beings if you've ever thought about that before it's an amazing concept it's biblical.

In all reality this is what we are all anticipating and building up to.

There is quite a lot of meaning tied in to this particular holy day and I'm going to outline a few several of these significant meanings associated with this Day of Pentecost in the sequence of when the events actually took Now, this is not my note, this is just in the side here for a second.

I've often, I've been in the church for a few years and I've often wondered, "What in the world? Why the excitement of a count? What are we counting to?" There's got to be something at the end of this count, this 50 -day count. What could it be for? And I listen to the messages, I listen to the messages, I listen to the messages, and he's like, Nobody's telling me. I don't think anybody knows until one day. I heard what it was When I heard what it was You know what?

I was never the same again It changed me. Wow There it is That's what the count's all about when I get to the end of the message you'll know exactly what I'm talking about So I just Transfigure of where I am here now, I'm just outlined here what they did basically in the Old Testament and it comes into the new as well and these are days that the Israelites didn't know about these appointed times, they had no idea God took them out into the wilderness to show it to them. Do you think it came like that? It takes a while. They didn't see it.

Moses had to reveal it to them. God was speaking to Moses there, not to the

people, so they were getting it from Moses. They were too afraid of what God was all about. That's just the way it worked out. Well, not explicitly stated that the law, and probably even the commandments too, were given around this time of Pentecost, if not on the very day. Now, Bible scholars suggest that there's a strong connection to that, being given at Mount Sinai during the Feast of Pentecost.

There's no real scriptures that tell us that, but that's what they figure. So another significant meaning of this day is that Christ himself promise something and you know what that is he promised something and it was this this power if I don't go you won't receive it I have to go and by the way when I go something better is gonna happen to you it's gonna be even better for you when I go and we know that that is the Holy Spirit was given on this pick your day to the on the festival of the first year each rather and this

day was being observed by very devout people including Christ very own disciples at the time and for many generations this took place now let's go to the book of Acts Larry read that already you see that book of Acts second chapter

And this is how it came about. It says there, you'll see in verse 5 it talks about Jews. These were Jews. But they were, anyway, I'll just say it about once, possibly Jews. They were, a lot of them were Jews, probably. But they were from all over the Roman Empire, gathered together with the disciples of Christ on this very 50th day of Pentecost. Let's start right off and act the first second chapter rather in verse one and when the day of Pentecost the 50th day was being fulfilled they were all with one accord in the same place and here in the New Testament period Christ disciples were aware of this day of Pentecost because they had probably had previously kept it however here on this particular Pentecost something very special was going to take place, was going to happen to them. Verse 2, "And suddenly there came from heaven a sound." Think about this. What would this be like if something like that happened right here today? Suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a rushing of a powerful wind and filled the whole house where they were sitting. Now as an aside, some believe that this was a large room in the temple premises, possibly Solomon's porch.

In verse 3, "And there appeared to them." Think about this taking place. What an amazing sight this would have been. Verse 3, "And there appeared to them divided tongues." What's a divided tongue?

I can't think of what that would be like. Something fantastic, right? Divided tongues as a fire and sat upon each one of them. Can you imagine that? I'm up here looking at you guys and these whatever it is divided tongues sitting on each one of you that would be mind -boggling.

And they were all filled with something says the next verse with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak with these other your verse maybe your Bible says tongues. I'm changing it because it says in the faithful version languages. That's what the faithful version says

And then the end of speak whether the language isn't as a spirit gave them words to proclaim verse 5 now There were many here it is. There are many Jews who were so journey in Jerusalem These were devout man from every nation every nation that

says they're under

They must have had some powerful boats in those days and some aeroplanes that have every nation gather there. I read that, that's kind of what I see there, but verse 6. "Then the word of this went out, the multitude came together, and they were confounded." Because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

It says tongues maybe in yours, but it says languages in the faithful version. And they were all what? Probably super, not where it super is not there, but super amazed and marveled, saying to one another "Behold, are these who are speaking? Are they Galileans? How then is it that we hear each one in our own language in which we were born?" End of quote.

This is another shocking miracle They witnessed on this day of Pentecost and there are many different cultures represented there in the crowd as they spoke and all these, I'll use the word tongues because you got the idea now, they spoke in various different tongues yet when the Apostles spoke they heard it in their own language. So I'm up here speaking to you And you guys are all with different languages. I'm speaking to you in English and all yours are hearing in your own language fast, what was taking place? another mind -boggling experience a Little further on in Acts we see in Verse 38 to 41 another outstanding event.

Let's read that Acts 2 verse 38 and 41. Then Peter said to them, he says, "Repent and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for what? For the remission of sins and you yourselves shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, to all those who are far off, and as many as the Lord God may call." And with many other words in earnestly testified, exhorting, saying, be saved from this perverse generation.

Why don't people hear that today?

It's more imminent now than it's ever been.

Verse 41, "Then those who joyfully received this message were baptized." Think about that. Listen to this, about 3 ,000 souls were added that day.

I don't remember the day. The last meaningful baptism here, right at the hotel, that blonde hair lady sitting right there, was baptized.

Can you imagine, Wilma, how many would that be? 2 ,999 other people being baptized with you, I can't relate to it. Wow, I don't forget that day. That was a thrill for me, because I had never been involved. I'll baptize Sonya too, but I think when were you baptized? Which day? Which year?

2019 over here. Were you there before that? I can't remember. Sonya, 2019.

Oh, was it? Okay. Okay.

Yeah. Well, that was a privilege to do that. A privilege was signed to you over in Italy to assist with that one. But, oh, was I here? Oh, yeah. 3 ,000, so think of that. That's a lot of people. 3 ,000 souls. Yeah. Just, pardon me. How did you do that in one day? I had no idea. 3 ,000 people, a lot were so moved by what they saw and what they felt that they were all compelled to go down in the water to be baptized on this day of Pentecost just an amazing another amazing act of God let's go to Luke the first chapter this time turn there after Luke 1 .35 we're going to read after the baptism and they're receiving a Holy

Spirit. The next miracle occurred. God's church began on this day of Pentecost. As an aside, remember, and let's read this one scripture in Luke, the first chapter very carefully, and I quote this quite often here and there.

It's a really, really, really scripture that everybody should consider. A lot of people don't understand this concept. Anyway, here it is, Luke 1 .35. Here we see the angel of God giving explanation to Mary about what was taking place with her at this particular period of time in her life. She was found even with childhood.

Mary was now pregnant. She was perplexed about this situation. She had had no relationship with any man and for some reason this was taking place in life and so on Mary's mind and Mary's been actor she would have said it differently I suppose but she would have been saying how could this have taken place was me I I didn't know on any man how can I be pregnant does make any sense right

Luke 1 35 quoting for the faithful version in the angel Attributes and to her Mary the Holy Spirit shall come upon you and the power of the highest Shall over look at that the power of the highest shall overshadow you and for this reason the holy one Being begotten and you shall be called what the son of God now If the whole Think about this, the Holy Spirit was a person who would, how would God the Father be the Father, right?

You know what I'm getting at here? That's why it's so important. A lot of the world thinks the Holy Spirit is a person, identity but it's a power of God.

I just read it here and the power it says here when I read it and the power here it is verse 35 and the power of the highest and the power of the highest and see a person says the power of the is the faithful version what's it saying the King James very similar okay so that's my point the Holy Spirit is not a person but it's the power of God I want to bring that out because it's the Follow these spirits of power not a person going back to axel the second chapter Peter explained to the crowd that day How they could enter into the one church of God and as we just read in Acts 238 Something had to take place repentance baptism laying on his hands and receiving of the Holy Spirit. I've seen it with this lady over here on this side and this lady over here on this side. Have you repented from all your sins? I heard no words. Have you repented from all your sins? And the answer was yes.

That's what they said. So this is what takes place. It's how you receive the Holy Spirit and it can't be any sort of lie. It has to be truth. That's how it works.

It's all through the power of the Holy Spirit. That's how God dwells in His church. He's called out once and His chosen people. That is the church.

Not a building. you are the church, we are the church, and it's scattered all over the place. Little small chapters here, little small chapters there. Now, in the New Testament book, Hebrews, if that book wasn't written, we'd be in the dark. That is a very pivotal book of the New Testament, and we're not going to turn to Hebrews 12. I don't like quoting a scripture, I'm not going to. I just want to refer to it. Hebrews 12 tells you about we see the link there. I think it's right around 1823 or something. There's a link there between the Old Testament,

the Old Covenant people, and the New Covenant people. There's a link there. You'll see it between the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament and the Church. The firstborn is of course Jesus to Christ. And Christ? Is that His last name? No. Christ means what? Messiah. Christ is a Messiah. We always say, "Oh, Jesus Christ." But it's really Christ the Messiah. We've heard Jesus is a butch Christ, haven't we? That's probably the proper way to say it, preferably to refer to it. So Christ, of course, is the founder of the Church of God.

We know that. God's church consists of those who have their names. Where? Written in the encyclopedia. No written in the book of life Those who are now going on to perfection right now not not not in the next life not after you end up in the grave We're going on to perfection now Be like my father in heaven. He's perfect. that's what we're called to. So those who are now going on to perfection in this life, as well as those, not to forget, the ones who have died in the faith and are now themselves waiting the first resurrection. And guess what? There's no time in the grave. It's timeless. It doesn't matter whether it's five minutes or 500 years, it doesn't matter. No time there. Let's go to Luke 12 this time.

So we're all looking at this first resurrection, that's first verse, "God's true church was prophesied." Luke 12, or it's going to be one scripture here, I'm going to show you something, maybe you've read this before, this is just a reminder. "God's true church was prophesied to be a small scattered assembly." Most of the time, that's what it is, Just as we are right here today Not the huge Thousands of people at these gatherings you see on TV and these mega churches Generally, that's not the way it works because here's what it says in Luke 12 verse 32 Here in the gospel Luke reread that it says this I'm quoting it here from the faithful version prophesied and recorded over 2 ,000 years ago for us today.

In their time of love, for us today. It says here, "Luke 1232, do not be afraid," big flock. No, little flock.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your father delights in giving you the kingdom. He delights in it. He knew what was gonna happen? He knew that many are called but only few are going to be chosen. Why? Because few actually repent. Few actually answer the calling properly. That's how it goes. Not because I'm saying so. That's what it is. That's what the Bible tells us.

1 Peter, I better not turn that yet, but 1 Peter 5, let's go to see that back in the book of 1 Peter. 1 Peter 5, we'll read this time from 2 to 4.

Let's turn there. The word flock there is descriptive.

Probably you have a flock of sheep. And these sheep, what do they need? Well, they need food, first and foremost. That's what they're all looking for. They're always eating, right? Eating machines, cows are like that, but sheep especially. They need food, they need production, and they need direction. Food protection direction. It can also relate to a flock of birds. What the birds do?

We've seen, as I had seen it lots of times, they fly together a lot of times in a group, don't they? And it symbolizes some kind of a lot of times, especially in the fall and spring, you see it, we see it right now, the big V's

in the sky symbolizing, they're doing a migration because we're involved in this what? The seasonal journey. That's what this is, what is it? It's a seasonal journey, amazing the concept, isn't it?

And they happen in our lives because we change and grow spiritually that's what it is first Peter 5 verses 2 to 4 I quote feed the flock there it is feed the flock of God that is among you exercising oversight this is to the the elders by the way not like impulsion but willingly get up there and do it willingly not in fondness of this song is gain.

But with what? An eager attitude. Not as exercising lordship over your possessions, but by being examples to the flock of God. And when the chief shepherd is manifested, you will receive an unfading eternal crown of glory.

That's speaking to these elders, Guys like Jim, guys like Harane, and you know lots of them.

The closer we stay together, the more unified we are within the flock.

And not only that, but we can also be examples to one another. Examples and beacons of light within the church of God. Those guys are looking at us. God's looking at us. Everybody's looking at us. You might not think they are, But they are we're always being watched that's the way it goes you pull your car in your out of your garage with your car Neighbors are looking at you there. They go to church. Oh It's Sunday now. We're they're not going to church. Well, we are going to church today, right? They wouldn't look at they wouldn't notice that today because they know we're Weird guys keep Saturday The proper name of the church in the Bible.

What is it? Anybody know? It's the Anglican Church, isn't it? No.

Okay, let's cover that off. You guys know what it is. Church of God. And it's kept what? It's kept in the name of the Father. Coincidentally, if you plug Church of God into a third genuine, I did it yesterday on the faithful version. And I know this, but in the New Testament it comes up eight different tithes. The Church of God reigns on that order. The Church of God eight times in the New Testament. Now I'm going to give you an example of one.

You don't need to turn to just listen to this. I'll read it for you. 1 Timothy 3 verse 5 says this, "For if a man does not know how to rule his own household, how will he take care of the Anglican Church? No, it says the Church of God. Let me read that correctly. "How will he take care of the Church of God?" Just like that, written right there. That's 1 Timothy 5 and verse 3. There's seven other ones in the New Testament scattered there. I think most of Paul's writings, actually. So we have this particular chapter of God's church going on right here. This is a particular chapter of the Church of God. What have we done? But the word 'international' after it. Church of God, international. We've got all different churches. Hundreds of them, by the way. I don't know if there'd be hundreds of names. What's the one that, what's the one called an ashua there? The one that we don't know about. What's the name of the Church of God Sabbath keeping? There you go. The Church of God, see? We've got the United Church, got well -known. We got the Living Church of God, now I well know, there are probably two of the biggest ones that I know of, maybe the bigger ones I don't know about,

those are the two bigger ones I know about, but that's what it is. They try to keep the Church of God in there, and that's for good reason really.

So let's also be reminded of what it says in Hebrews,

The 10th chapter verse 21 to verse 25 Hebrews 10.

Let's go there. We're reading together I've stayed at this before in the past And it's worth stating again. It's it's it's pretty straightforward You guys have been here many times read this many times There are many in God's church today who are I was talking about this yesterday if you were here Many in the God's church today who are isolated And sadly, often with any sort of fellowship, with any other church of God, brethren, I got a good friend up at the Bancroft. He's isolated. He's got nowhere to go. And he doesn't have the means of conveyance. Like, "When you guys have cars, you don't have a car, can't afford to drive." And he's stuck. He's stuck in the middle of nothing up there, with no church. And he's going to come through that door someday, and and he's gonna say, "Wow, I wish I lived down here." I've heard that so many times with people. So many times. Hebrews 10, verses 23 to five. Let's check that out. I've got 22 here, or 21. Let's start in 21.

And having Hebrews 10, 21, and having a great high priest over the house of God. Well, that has to approach God with what? A corrupt heart? No, With a true heart, with full conviction of faith, our hearts have been purified from a wicked conscience, and our bodies have been washed with nothing but pure water.

Let us hold fast without waiving to the hope that we profess, for he who is capitalized there, he who promised is faithful. And Let us be concerned about one another and he's throwing up one another. Unto what? Unto love and good works. Verse 25, this is a key scripture right here. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, even as some are accustomed to do." Why in the world would you be accustomed to do that? I don't understand that if you're in the church why would you not want to meet it just rocks my conscience even as some are accustomed to do it but rather encouraging one another all the more even as you see the day drawing near what day The day of Christ, you know, that's gonna be Maybe tonight Not because he's coming tonight But my heart might quit tonight. I'm hoping not we don't know we've got to be ready Not tomorrow Not next week Not next all night 2030 I'll be ready by then. No, it's got to be today. That's what it's saying.

All the more as you see a day drawing near,

end of quote. So here we are. We see God inspiring the writer to record for us in his word, to be assembling together, to be exhorting one another, to be stirring up each other in good works. And I think we do a pretty good job here in

Corsal Lake, so doing that. Now another significant meaning of the Feast of Pentecost, this very holy day that we've got our feet in right now, also termed Feast of the first fruits it's looked at as well as a harvest feast.

Not a war feast, a harvest feast. And there are two annual harvest seasons in Palestine. Did you know that? Two annual harvest seasons in Palestine. The first one is a small spring harvest that follow the winter rains.

It's bitter over there. If you move out to Victoria, it doesn't stow there a lot,

but it's bitter. It's damp. It rains a lot. People don't like it there, because it's damp, and it's like my son used to live there, Tanner told me a few weeks ago. You know what I didn't like about Victoria? I was always cold. It's so damp, although it's like a tropical climate, but it doesn't stow very much, but it's just bitterly damp. Can you relate to that? England's like that too, apparently. So anyways, following the winter rains, it begins on the day of the wave she's offering and ends at the day of Pentecost today. The second harvest season occurs when? In the late season and early autumn and follow the late spring or later rains that happened in Palestine. It ended when at the Feast of Vengalor. You know another name for that? Feast of Tabernacles. Feast of Tabernacles. Pentecost pitchers, very small early harvest.

That's what it is. It's a small harvest. It's a spring harvest. They don't have it the same like spring fall, spring fall, right? That's what it is. The days of unleavened bread according to the limit it gives 23, 10 and 11 occur about the beginning of a small spring harvest. The grain planted at that time earlier, they were planted earlier, they have been nurturing, they've been nurtured and now they've reached maturity. What happens when they reach maturity? Think about yourself on this. The stocks are now bearing fruit. Ready to be what? Harvested.

We got to bear fruit. Think about that. Fruit.

You harvest the fruit. You eat the fruit.

Matthew 13, 24 to 30 this time. Because I would be remiss if I did not include this for you. It's reality. It is what it is. Not because I say so.

The scriptures tell us so. And there are two groups of people that are very different. Although they look very similar. You can't tell them apart. A lot of times. Sometimes you can. Most times you can't. And this is a harvest season right now. So let's use the analogy of Christ. And what does Christ do? He's sowing the seeds. Matthew 13 verses 24 to 30, Christ sows the seed of truth in his very own field. Let's see that outline. Verse 24, Matthew 13,

and I quote, "And he put another parable before them saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is compared to a man who was sowing good seed in his field.

But while men were sleeping, look what happened here. His enemy came in and sowed terrors among the wheat and then went away.

Now when the blades sprouted and produced fruit, then the terrors also showed up, but the terrors also appeared and the servants came to the master of the house and said to them, "Sir,

"Did you not sow good seed? In your field? Where did these tares come from?" And he said to them, "A man who is an enemy has done this." Then the servant said to him, "Do you want us to go out and gather them?" But he said,

"No." "Less while you are gathering the tares, You also uproot the wheat with them, verse 30. Allow both to grow together until the harvest, and at that time of the harvest, I will say to the reapers, gather the tares first, and bind them into bundles. Hey, you know, look at it says there, bundles, bundles, not one or two, bundles. Gather them into bundles and burn them, "and gathered the wheat into my grainery," we're told.

End of quote. While Jesus likens the coming Kingdom of God to a man whose soul is good seed in this field. And then what happens? The bad boy shows up.

The enemy shows up on the scene and the soul is different kinds of seed which referred to as a tear. That will grow up alongside the wheat and this is done by the enemy all scratch. Right?

The young blades of wheat and the young tears look the same and they can't be distinguished until they're ready and grown for the harvest. The tares, young believers,

and the wheat, the believers, must live by side, must live, sorry, side by side in this world, and God allows young believers to stay for a short period of time. Just as the farmer allows tares to remain in his field, so the surrounding wheat is not uprooted with them. We've ever driven up the highway in the winter or fall and you see all the different things going amongst the plants. If you see a field one time was planted in corn, now they've got soybeans and there's a bit of corn sticking up. That's kind of a tidalus in the sand. Look at all the tares. Remember that?

That's kind of what this is. We use an analogy.

So where was I here? The wheat, it says here, got a lot of young leavers for a short time too. And then the farmer allows the field to remain planted with the tares. The wheat, at the end, once the tares are taken out and removed, says there, the tares will be uprooted and burned.

I don't like the sound of that. You know what? I'm always checking myself. Am I a tear? I sure. I can use the bin actually right now. Sure don't want to be a tear.

I don't. But I could be. But I don't want to be. Why do we have to always check ourselves? So we can repent, repent, repent. Ongoing. We have to check ourselves, guys. I'm not making this up.

The wheat, after the tears are outbred and burned, what's going to happen to the wheat? But they gathered and brought into the barn and used from that point forward. It's called eternal life. I love it. I want to be in that. You guys all, I can see all the heads going up and down. You want to be in that too. It's easy for God to tell the difference, so isn't it? Between the wheat and the tears, although some people lie to hide their wicked works. What did Don, a couple days ago, he said there was 17 bad things about people, and nine good, we're talking Galatians 5, 22, and 3, and then prior to that there was all the bad things. We got to throw off them 17 things, right? We got to put on the nine things. Off on, off on, off on. That's what we have to do constantly. None of this comes natural.

So it's easy for God to tell the difference between reading the terrors. Although some people try to hide their wicked works, the fruit of their disobedience is easily seen by God. God can see those who produce righteousness, obedience and all these other fruits that we talked about the other day. God sees it all. He can't hide from Him. And at the end of the age,

as it nears, it will be interesting. When it comes close, I'm wondering if we will see all this worked out in the Church of God. We might not be around to see it, but I'm just curious, just a question. Now the term, I just used the term end of

the age, it signifies the last days of man's wonderful rule,
no, misrule. The last day signified man's misrule over the earth.
Just like it's happening here today. It's all happening. Now,
in this particular time, prior to the return of Jesus Christ and the harvest of the
fruits and fruits, and that's all us, we have gone through 50 days now on this
count between the way she's offering and this day right here at Pentecost Well,
this period symbolizes what has been happening on the earth Since Jesus Christ kept
his proms to send us the power of his holy spirit It's happened down through all
the generations of which we're just another one, right? We're trying to plug in
We're really trying to do that plug in plug into the current the right current the
holy current the righteous current

Now during this time God has been calling out all Of his elect his chosen people
Calling you as a first fruit At the end of the age the reapers who are going to
do the angels will gather those elect in the good dream and bring them right into
the kingdom of God and we're going to hear those famous words. I've quoted that so
many times if you don't need me to say it, I've already done it once. Christ is
the first of the first fruits and this is clearly evident because he was the first
person as a human to be resurrected from the dead, not to a physical life,
To what? An eternal life. He was the first one. All those that's us who come up
and are raised to spirit beings when Christ returns

We're gonna be termed and labeled first fruits of the harvest.

The harvest of the first fruits It's exciting super exciting Pentecost or the first
of fees of first fruits Portrayed to us the first part of the spiritual harvest.

The first part. It gets better after that. No, it doesn't get better. It gets
bigger. The better part is the first part. We want to be there. But the bigger
part comes later. That's for another day.

The calling out of God's church, right now we know it's a small,
small, small, miniscule. Miniscule is not the right word, but it's a small group of
people. We're not miniscule. We're super special in God's eyes. We know that. It's a
small first harvest. Matthew 22, 14. Matthew 20, 16 says the same thing.

Don't turn there. I'm just going to quote it for you. It says clearly, "Many
Every one of us here, of the few, that's really special. Brethren, it's truly a
blessing that God has chosen each and every one of us to be first groups.

When we are to reign and rule with Christ, then we have to be like Him. We have
to be like Him. He's strolling the way. He sets the standards. We have to have
love, forgiveness, Mercy, compassion, humility,
and willingness to serve, and evenly lay our lives down, possibly for each other,
especially for Christ, all attributes, all these attributes, Christ's display,
where to be like Him, He's leading the way. So how, brethren,
how do we We must remain steadfast. This is my last page.

We must remain steadfast

Faithful Constantly to these high callings we've been given As Jesus stated now quote
it for you Revelation 3 this is a message to the churches says there a revelation
3 verse 11 Behold Christ said red letters. I am coming quickly,

whole fast, that which you have, that no one may take your crown.

Every day, brothers and sisters in Christ, we get closer and closer and closer to Christ's return. So let's not waste any precious moment.

The tide is running out. Back to your ranch.