

I. Introduction to the Church's Focus

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. It is always a great time to be with your family.

As you know, when we started our church, we began to focus on how to build a relationship with God. I know that sounds trivial to many of God's people, but you would be surprised today at the people who really do not understand what exactly that means.

The first thing we did is we talked about how to build a church from the Bible. We went back to the book of Nehemiah and we saw how the book of Nehemiah was a great picture of the gates that surrounded that city. We saw all the parallels there, and we talked about those nine gates that a church has to have to be fruitful.

Then we talked about the relationship of the Judgment Seat of Christ, the most important doctrine for the child of God. We went through all the aspects of that and we looked at some incredible things there. We talked about your body, your soul, and your spirit. We defined those so you would have a better understanding.

Last week, we talked about the church and the ordinances given to the church versus the tradition that you get in many, many Baptist churches today. We went back to the Bible and laid those things out so that you could understand it. My goal is to help you build a working relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Our study has been focused on that.

What we are going to do is we will go through some things and we will lay out a lot of information, and then we will hold up and we will look at some defining things to help take that material and put it back together for you. As always, as I told you when we started, if you want to learn the Bible, I will spend an hour a week with you one-on-one, helping you understand how to put the Word of God together in your own life. To me, the most important thing in the world and my single job as your pastor is to teach you the Word of God and help you come to the place where you know how to make the Word of God work for you as God intended it to.

So today we are going to talk about some other things, and we are going to look at applying some things that we have already learned, kind of going to the next step or the next level.

II. The Foundational Principle of Balance

Now, in Proverbs 11:1, it says this:

Proverbs 11:1

A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.

Father, we thank You and praise You for the Lord Jesus. Lord, we ask You today to help us to understand Your Word. We thank You, Father, for the principles that are found in this book, Lord, that will lead us and guide us into all truth. We do not have to look outside this book for absolute

truth and the final authority in all things for faith and practice in our lives. We ask You today, Father, to bless us, bless those that are sick today. Lord, help them to feel better and bless us, Lord, as we come to Your Word today. Help us to focus on the things that will help us grow to be more like You every day of our lives. We will thank You and praise You in Jesus' name. For Jesus' sake we ask it. Amen.

For me, when it came to the Bible, and I have told you this before, but this is the way I am: I have to break things down to their lowest common denominator. When I see something that is complicated, the only way I can understand it is to get the bottom line of what it is and then work from there. The Bible is the same way. If you were to ask me what was the one word, the one word that you have to understand if you are ever going to learn the Bible, it would be one word: it would be the word "balance."

Balance is the most important aspect that you are ever going to have in your Christian life when it comes to the Word of God. It is the most important thing in your own Christian life when you walk with the Lord. I hope that as we are done today, you will see and understand this great truth and all the information that we are amassing here, and all of the times we are spending time in the Word of God. I want you to understand the fact that balance is the key thing, whether it is in the Word of God or it is in your own Christian life.

When you think about balance, you want to remember three things. These are three things that I learned very early in my Christian life. I was fortunate that I had a man who believed the Word of God, who understood the Word of God to a great depth, that kind of took me under his wing. I learned a lot of valuable things in the first early days of my Christian life. That is why today, right now as we are starting this church, we have a lot of new people that have come in. Some of you have been around for a while, but we need to focus and give you at the early point of your life what you need to understand.

Now, three things to remember about balance are simply this:

1. Don't ever overemphasize anything more than God does.

We have a tendency in the Bible to get a pet truth. We have a tendency in the Bible to get a pet doctrine, and we want to read that doctrine into everything that we look at in the Word of God. Of course, I learned a long time ago that the Bible is the mind of God. It is the mind of Christ. It has in it everything emphasized the way God wants it to be emphasized. So when I read the Bible, and I have told you this before, I never read the Bible from a Christian standpoint, because from a Christian standpoint, you will find your pet doctrine or your church's or your denomination's or whatever. I never read the Bible from a Christian standpoint. I always try to read the Bible from God's standpoint. I do not want to step back and look at it from my perspective.

Christianity is a very small slice of an overall complex Bible that deals with the nation of Israel, the Tribulation period, the Second Coming of Christ, before the Law, during the Law, after the Law, that intermediate period. You cannot look at it that way. You have to step back and see it

from God's standpoint. So I learned very early in life, don't ever put more emphasis on something than God does.

I will give you an example of that. We have today in Christianity a thing called the Charismatic Movement. In that Charismatic Movement is the issue of tongues. The issue of tongues today is the most unbelievable, impacting thing in the Charismatic Movement. If you took tongues out of the Charismatic Movement, you would not have a Charismatic Movement. Do you realize that tongues are only talked about two times in the Bible? And the one time in the book of 1 Corinthians, he is not telling them how to do it; he is telling them they are doing it wrong.

Let me show you what I mean by that. I have talked to Charismatics all my life, and they will talk about the fact that, "Well, I speak in an unknown tongue. I speak in an unknown tongue. I speak in an unknown tongue." I will say, "Where do you get the concept of an unknown tongue?" He will take me over to 1 Corinthians 12 or 1 Corinthians 13 and say, "See there, it talks about an unknown tongue." I will always ask him, "Did you ever notice that the word 'unknown' is in italics?" He never thought about that. You know why? Because he does not think that way. He has something he wants to believe, and do not try to confuse him with a lot of facts. The word "unknown" is in italics because when you translate from one language to the other, it does not always match up. So the King James translators, being the honest men of integrity that they were, put the words in that they put in italics so you would know. That word "unknown" is in there because there is no such thing as an unknown tongue in the Bible sense. The church at Corinth was making up an unknown tongue. The King James Bible translators put it in there in italics so you and I would know the difference.

But you see, when you do not approach the Bible and you do not study the Bible, then you just think that that thing is the way it is supposed to be. So there must be some kind of unknown tongue. So you build a whole doctrine on something that God only talked about in reality the right way in the book of Acts one time. Every time he talked about it in the book of Acts, it was always another audible language that was on this earth. It was never an unknown deal. But you see, when you put the wrong emphasis and you put overemphasis on what God does when He does not do it that way, you are going to get out of balance.

2. Don't ever underestimate something less than God does.

This is just the opposite. There are things in the Bible that God puts great emphasis on, and we are famous as Christians—it is just our depravity and our human nature—we are famous as God's people for getting things mixed up and emphasizing things that do not need to be emphasized and losing the emphasis on the things that we need to emphasize. We are famous for that. That is why it is so important. That is why we must as a church, and you must as a child of God, learn the Bible, learn how the Bible lays itself out. That is what we are talking about.

3. Who's God writing to?

I always ask myself this third thing when I look at something. All the Bible is written for you, but not all the Bible is written to you. We are going to talk about that a little bit later on.

I always looked at this thing of balance when I was a young man. I have always been interested in the sciences, no matter what it is. I felt like, if God was everything that He said He was in Romans 1:20, which says the invisible things of Him in the creation are clearly seen, then the things that God made, I felt like I needed to study everything. So at a very early age, I got interested in science. I got interested in geology. I got interested in astronomy. I do not know a lot about it, but I wanted to find God's footprints in those things.

I remember one time when I was watching a rocket at Cape Canaveral go off, and I thought, "What an amazing thing!" I was watching this big Saturn V rocket with all these boosters strapped on it. I was watching it take off, and I was watching the fire and the flames and the thunder and the noise. I began to talk about all the aspects of it, how many millions of pounds of thrust that rocket has to have to escape Earth's gravity. It was an amazing thing. Then they said something that I never forgot. They said that that rocket and that fuel that is burning in there is really nothing more than a gigantic explosion under control. They said you had liquid hydrogen, liquid oxygen, and something nitrate, whatever that is. Those three come together and fuse together at just the right points to make that thing lift off. Too much, bang. Too little, I guess it just falls over. I do not know, but it does not get off the ground. I am saying it has to be a balance.

I have often looked at the Christian life like that. Most of the people in my life that I know as God's people, I honestly know very few that are what I would call "Bible balanced." If you see somebody that is all screwed up in their life and they are a Christian, I can tell you without going into any detail, the basic fundamental problem, the lowest common denominator, will be balance. Anything of too much in your life is a bad thing. It has to be in a balance. Just like a rocket ship going up will either go up, explode, or go down, your life will be successful, unsuccessful, or be a disaster based on the balance of the things of God and the things in this world in your life.

We have talked a lot about the Laodicean church. We went through Revelation 3, I do not know how many times, on Thursday night Bible study and in our times in the Word of God together. You know now that we are living in a Laodicean church period. There is no doubt in your mind now that we are living in that time where we are the rights of the people, the justice of God's people over the rights of God. We know that in that church, it is a mess, just like the church at Corinth. I am telling you, the bottom fundamental problem in the Laodicean church is the same bottom fundamental problem in God's people's lives: no balance.

III. The Tripartite Nature of Truth and Life

To have a balance, you have to have three things. You have a weight on this end, you have a weight on this end, and you have to have something in the middle that you move it back and forth to get the balance, or the things on the end to get the balance. Everything in your life needs to have three parts. If I had to take a magic marker and had a blackboard up here, I could draw a line right down that line. Whether you know it or not, that line has three parts. It has a breadth, it has a width, and you cannot see it, but it has a depth. If you remove any one of those three parts, you do not have the line. I am telling you, the Bible and getting the balance is understanding the thing as it lays out in that pattern of threes.

Now, you talk about your relationship with the Lord. How is your relationship with God? How is your relationship with the Lord? Let me tell you this: if you are going to understand who He is, you better look at the name:

- The Lord Jesus Christ.

There are three, and each one means something different. Each one portrays Him in a different aspect and deals with His deity and His humanity in a specific way. You have some people who talk about Jesus. You have some people who talk about the Lord. You have some people who talk about Christ. But if you want to understand Him in His entirety and His simplicity in the Bible, you have to study Him as the Lord Jesus Christ.

You want to have a relationship with God? Okay. You want to have a relationship with a child of God? That is what we are talking about. It comes in a system of threes:

- Lordship
- Relationship
- Fellowship

You have to have those three in balance. You know what is really wrong with a child of God when they get out of whack? One of those three things gets messed up.

Lordship is your personal spiritual relationship with God. Relationship is your emotional side; that is where you build relationships with people. And then you have fellowship; that is your physical, that is who you attach yourself to and hang out with. I am telling you, if your lordship is out of balance, you are going to get messed up on the relationship and the fellowship. If you have no lordship, you are going to put the emphasis someplace else, and you are going to get out of balance.

Every child of God who married an unsaved man or married an unsaved woman—and I am not picking on them, we all make mistakes—but I am telling you this: when you find a man and a woman and one is saved and one is not, and her life is a mess or his life is a mess, and he says to me or he says to you or he says to mom or dad, "I never should have done this. I do not know how I got into this mess." Let me tell you how you got in: out of balance. The lordship was in balance with a relationship which was not balanced with a fellowship. When you get that thing wrong, you are out of balance. When you are out of balance, you are going to look at Mr. Beautiful back there or Mr. Hunk over here, and you are going to get the thing. Instead of looking at the inside character first, you are going to look at the outside. Everything needs to be balanced out in that three.

Now, let us talk about what we believe. Let us talk about what we believe. We talk about your walk with God. My walk with God is based on three things:

- Faith
- Fact
- Feeling

Three basic things.

You find people that are out of balance. I do not know how, I will go back to the Charismatics again, not to pick on them, but they are the easiest ones to pick on. You find somebody and they are all hung up on what they believe: "My experience, my experience, my experience, my experience. You cannot deny my experience." You know what that is? That is a feeling.

Now we as Baptists, because we are out of balance most of the time, we are afraid of the Charismatic feeling. Hey, I put my feeling up with a Charismatic feeling any day, and I will whip him or her in a shouting match. You know why? I got a feeling. Somebody says, "I am a Charismatic. You cannot deny my experience." I am a Bible-believing Baptist, brother. You are not going to deny mine, but they are based on different things. You are out of balance. You got feeling, but you do not have anything else.

You know what I have as a Bible-believing Christian? I have faith. What is my faith based on? The facts. The faith based on the facts produces the right feeling. You see that thing? That is the way it works. You get that thing messed up, and you are going to be a Baptist Charimaniac. You are going to get screwed up in your thinking. You are going to get screwed up in your feelings, and you are going to get messed up. My faith is based on the facts. When I got the facts, it will always produce the right feeling.

All right, let us talk about your concept with God:

- God the Father
- God the Son
- God the Holy Spirit

All three are different, yet they are all one, but there are three different aspects. God the Father is not the same as God the Son, though He is. God the Son is not the same as God the Holy Spirit, though He is. But when God manifested Himself, He chose to do it by a pattern of threes because God is complete. So when He did it, He, God the Father, projected Himself as God the Son so mortal man could have contact with Him, but He gave an influence of the Holy Spirit of God in the third part, yet all three are one. You have to study them in those three lights. Each one has a different office. Each one performs a different work.

When Paul told young Timothy, in 1st and 2nd Timothy, two of the greatest books in the Bible in preparing young men and young ladies for the work of God, you know what he said? He said, "Timothy, here is what you got to do. When it comes to the Bible, three:"

- Read the Word
- Preach the Word
- Know the Word

Now, when it comes to your Bible, you say, "I am going to read the Bible." All right, I told you before, all the Bible is written for you, but not all the Bible is written to you. When you come to that Bible, I said the third thing I do is always ask who it is written to, because there are three groups of people that are addressed in the Word of God:

- The Jew

- The Gentile
- The Church

Now, there are people out there that believe you can lose your salvation. You know why they get that? Because they do not see who the Bible is written to when they are reading it. So they get something written over here to the nation of Israel and they try to apply it to the church, or they get something written over here to the Gentiles and they try to apply it to the Jews. They get the whole thing out of whack because they have no balance.

We looked a while back at the Judgment Seat of Christ, and I talked about the fact that there are three things that you want to put on that foundation:

- Gold (deity of Christ)
- Silver (the redemption story)
- Precious stones (people)

Three, there is your balance. If you do not do what is right, you get wood, hay, stubble. But it will always be a system of threes. We could take the rest of the day, I could take the rest of the month, and we could go through all the threes that make up the balance. I am just trying to show you where this thing is at because now we are going to settle on the point that I want to talk about and want to give you some examples of. This is without a doubt, if you do not get this down in the Bible, forget it. You have to get the balance in the Word of God. In time, as we build upon this and we add to this and we get more information, I will walk you through every process to show you how to balance this thing out.

IV. The Three Applications of Scripture

Now, when it comes to your Bible, your Bible has three applications:

- Historically
- Doctrinally
- Inspirationally

You are going to find that one of the things you have to learn to do is be able to separate those three applications out. Let me explain them.

Historically, it means that it actually took place, it actually happened. When you read an event in the Bible, it actually took place. It actually happened. You can count on it.

Doctrinally, it will always go back doctrinally to the theme of the Bible. We have studied this already. We know the theme of the Bible is the kingdom. We know the theme of the Bible is not Calvary. It is not Christ. It is a throne and a crown. Somebody is going to get that crown one day in Revelation 19. It is going to be the rightful heir, the Lord Jesus Christ. That is how those three titles figure into that. But that is not our message this morning. We will get to that someplace else down the line. That is a good Thursday night Bible study question. But anyway, we have a doctrinal application. The doctrinal application will always revert back to the theme of the Bible and show you a prophetic truth.

Then we have the inspirational application. The inspirational application will always be something that you can take home with you today. You can get something out for tomorrow that you can find some strength, courage, something in there for you personally that helps you grow in your own personal edification. I am telling you, those three are the balance of a Bible. When you have those three, you have the Bible down.

My goal today and next week is to take the time to show you how to do that. To show you how, as you look at your Bible—31,171 verses, 66 books, 1,109 chapters—how in the world are we going to take this book and put it into your mind, into your heart, into your brain, that you can really use every aspect of it functionally in your life? Well, it is a lot easier than it sounds, but you have to do it the right way. Remember, I told you before, there are two ways to go to St. Louis. One way is right down I-70, the other way is through Beijing, China, and over through Korea and back the other way. For you, I am taking the short route. Not that there is anything in St. Louis, but that is where we are going anyhow.

A couple of weeks ago, I gave you a great truth. I do not know if you paid attention or not. I have re-emphasized it. A lot of times you may think to yourself, "Well, he says the same thing sometimes over and over again." Yes, because the price of learning is repetition. You need to learn some things and get them in your brain. One of the things you need to learn is that thing I gave you a couple of weeks ago, also in threes, that in this world there is:

- Knowledge
- Wisdom
- Understanding

The book of Proverbs tells you to get understanding. "With all your getting, get understanding."

Knowledge, that is the facts. Wisdom, that is how the thing works. But understanding is how God fits into the scheme of everything. I told you before, you got World War I, you got World War II. Somebody is a historian and said, "Well, yeah, World War I started because Archduke Ferdinand was assassinated by his other popping off, you know, when it started World War I, the Russians got in and the Hungarians got in and took the Hungary and all that. Then the British got in because they had alliance with so and so, and America got in because we had alliance with so and so." World War II, "Yeah, here again, the sneak attack Japanese, the Germany, Hitler coming out, fascist, Mussolini and all that stuff. We had to get into the war because they bombed this and did that and all this." You got all the facts. Somebody says, "Oh, yeah, let me talk about General Alexander. I am going to talk about General Patton. I am going to talk about General MacArthur. I am going to talk about General this, General that, General that." Now you got wisdom.

You want understanding? World War I got the land ready for the Jew. World War II got the Jew ready for the land in 1948 that became a nation. See that? There is the difference. One is facts, one is wisdom. But you do not have understanding until you see God doing what He does. You think World War I and World War II was just God up there saying, "Whoops, they are at it again"? You think God just comes up there and walks around heaven, listening to the angels playing on harps and greeting your grandma and grandpa? Every 100 years or so, He walks over

to the band and says, "Well, what was that little answer doing out there today?" You laugh at that, but you know how many of God's people think that is the way God is?

I tell you something, God is interested in history. God is interested for one reason: His people, the Jew, and the coming kingdom, and where the church fits in. It has got a job to do, and everything else God does not care about. He does not care who wins the Chiefs game today. He does not care who did this. He has one thing in His mind: the day His Son sits down on the throne in Jerusalem and is crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Where do you fit into that? That is it. That is where it is at.

I am telling you, getting the balance in your Bible and in your life will put everything in order for you. Life is past, present, and future.

- Past: Historical
- Present: Inspirational
- Future: Doctrinal

You cannot get away from it. There is no confusion in your life with the child of God. You do not have to wonder why this is happening or what is taking place over here. I have said this for years and years and years, and I believe it. I have said it a thousand times, and I will continue to tell you this: if you do not know where you came from, you do not know where you are going. If you do not know where you came from and you do not know where you are going, please do not insult my intelligence by telling me you know where you are at. So many of God's people are just going through the motions like the little rat in the little maze trying to get to the cheese at the end called heaven, and just going through the bumps and turns without ever understanding what on Earth God saved us for.

Balance. If there is anything you have to get, if you are ever going to do anything, be anything, accomplish anything, you are going to have to see it from God's standpoint: doctrinally, historically, and inspirationally.

V. Case Study: The Passover in Exodus 12

I have got a couple of examples today, and we are going to, I want to show you that. I want to give you, and these are easy ones. A lot of them are easy in the Bible. We make things a lot more complicated. I am not telling you there are not some hard ones, but I am going to give you some easy ones. From this point on, now that I have given you this, any question on Thursday night Bible study starting this week at our New Year's Eve thing, when somebody asks a question in some place, we are going to talk about all three applications. We are going to see this thing. So from this point on, and next week I will give you the key how this thing all goes together and how you amass all this information. But right now I have to show you some things.

All right, first of all, come back to Exodus 12. In Exodus 12, I am going to read the first 13 verses here, and then we are going to talk about it. You all know this. This is the Exodus. This is the famous chapter of the Jews coming out in the Passover. All right, let us look at it. I just picked this quote. That is an easy one.

Exodus 12:1-13

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Now that is an easy story. We all know that story. I do not know if anybody does not know that story or know about that story, but I am telling you something. What I am about to give you is the difference between a preacher or a Christian who knows a lot of things about the Bible or who knows the Bible. If you want to know the Word of God, you have to get the three applications. If you just want to know a bunch of things about the Bible, just read the Bible and a bunch of other books and get your sermons off the internet or somebody else, and you will do

just fine. But if you want to know the Bible, then you have got to approach it from the standpoint that God says you have to approach it.

All right, now here we are.

- Historically

This actually happened. It is a true story. What you are reading in Exodus 12:1-13. First of all, it starts the change of Israel's beginning of the year. Up to this point, it was September or October, which is the time of the creation of the birth of Christ. It was the time that they started their year. Now it is going to change. Now it is going to be the Passover, which is going to be in April or May sometime in there, and it is going to go from there. This is going to start the time of the rekindle, the starting of their year on a new time. So it is historically accurate.

At the same time, it is a fulfillment of Genesis 15:16. In that passage, Abraham is told in the fourth generation, 430 years, that you go down in Egypt, God is going to bring you out. So it is a fulfillment of that. It is also a fulfillment of Hosea 11:1, which we find in Matthew 2:15, where the Bible says that God says, "My son have I called out of Egypt." Historically, it is Israel. On the other end, in Matthew, it is Christ. Christ goes down in Egypt, He comes out. Israel is down in Egypt, they come out. So historically, it is a fulfillment of the prophecy based on the historical accuracy of the nation of Israel being down in Egypt 430 years, God sends them a deliverer and brings them out. No question about that.

- Doctrinally

Doctrinally, it is a picture of Israel's deliverance from the Antichrist. You are going to find that Pharaoh is a type of the Antichrist. He is one of the 18 types of Antichrist in the Old Testament. There are 18 men in the Old Testament that foreshadow the coming Antichrist. 18 because his number is 666, and 6+6+6 is 18. There are 18 men who foreshadow in what they do to Israel, how they do it, where they do it, that all foreshadow the theme of the Bible, and that is the Tribulation period pointing to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All right, we find that these Jews come out of Egypt, they go into the wilderness. Exodus 16. You will find that in Matthew 24, Revelation 12, the Jew in the Tribulation period runs into the wilderness. Antichrist comes after him there, just like Pharaoh comes after him here. God does great miracles. God does miracles with the water. Back in Revelation 12, He splits the Red Sea in the book of Exodus. You will find in Exodus 16, they are out in the wilderness. They have nothing to eat. God brings manna down. You will find that in the Tribulation period, God feeds them and cares for them in the wilderness by giving them that same manna.

You will find that Israel could have been restored in Acts 2:38. You will find that the preaching comes back, and God wants to restore them and bring them back. The thing that they have to do for Israel to get that national salvation in Acts 2 is to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for their remission of sins. That is not individual sins; that is a national sin of the nation of Israel. You know what? You find people all day today in every church in the city that tell you Acts 2:38 is the way you go to heaven. You know why? Out of balance. They would not understand the book of Acts if they had a laser beam and a flashlight. They have no

understanding about the Bible. They are out of balance. They do not see how the Bible, who it is written to. In Acts 2, he is not writing anything to the church. Why, the Apostle to the church is not even saved yet. He does not get saved until Acts 9. Over and over and over again. How could you miss it? "Ye men of Judah, ye men of Israel, ye house of Israel" over and over and over again. You see that in Exodus 12, that is a picture doctrinally of them coming out of the world, going down into the Tribulation period, in the wilderness, the Antichrist Pharaoh coming after them, and God sustaining them and God giving them a deliverer. Oh, we could go into it all night. We do not have time today. I am just trying to show you how these things work.

- Inspirationally

Wow. Inspirationally. You know what you got here, inspirationally? You got the gospel according to Exodus. Somebody said, "Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, there are only four gospels." Yeah, you are out of balance. I will tell you what, there is a gospel according to Joshua. There is a gospel according to Exodus. There is a gospel according to Numbers. What are you talking about? There are places in the, you know what the gospel is? The gospel is Christ dying, buried, resurrecting. There are places all through the Old Testament to show you in type form, somebody dying, resurrecting. All through there and here. Oh, how could you miss it? How could you miss it? Why, it is so powerful.

You know what it says? Paul said in 1 Corinthians 5:7:

1 Corinthians 5:7

For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

There is a picture of something here. I will tell you this, look at Exodus 12:6. He said, that lamb was to be kept from the 10th day to the 14th day. If you read Mark 11 or a number of places in the New Testament, you will find that Christ is killed on the 14th day. He said in Exodus 12:5, it is a male lamb without blemish. Really? 1 Peter 1:18-19 says:

1 Peter 1:18-19

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Israel kills it. Matthew 27:25, the nation of Israel says:

Matthew 27:25

Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

Did you ever notice this? You get down there in Exodus 12:7, and he says, "You take that hyssop and you take that lamb, a male lamb out of the first thing to the flock, and you kill it, and you take the blood, and you take that blood and you put blood on this side of the door, blood on this side of the door, and blood at the top." Well, that is kind of a weird deal. Why did you not just paint the whole thing? Why did you put one big splotch? Why did you put 1400 years before

Christ was ever born, one thief, second thief, He is numbered with them, but He is higher than they are? He is deity. One, two, three, 1400 years before the birth of Christ. Now what are you going to do with that? I mean, I am telling you, what are you going to do with that?

I will tell you something else. Look at Exodus 12:8-9. Fire, God's judgment. Exodus 12:9, no water. John 19:28, He says, "I thirst." Exodus 12:10, nothing to remain. The head, the legs, the purtenance thereof, nothing to remain every morning. You know why? Because the Lamb made a sacrifice on Calvary's cross that was the one eternal, effectual sacrifice for sin forever.

Oh, check this out. Look at Exodus 12:3-4. Look at Exodus 12:3: "Speaking to all the congregation of Israel, saying, in the tenth day of this month, they shall take every man a lamb according to the house of the father, a lamb for a house." See that thing? A lamb. See it? Look at Exodus 12:4: "And if the household be too little for the lamb." Look at Exodus 12:5: "Your lamb." What kind of mind do you think is behind that Bible that starts out "a lamb," then "the lamb"? You see, the first thing you need is a lamb, but not just any lamb will do. You need the Lamb. But you can know all about the Lamb. You need to make it your lamb. A lamb, the Lamb, your lamb.

I will tell you something else. Why does it just say "lamb"? Well, there were a hundred thousand lambs killed that night, at least. Why does it say "the Lamb"? Singular. I will tell you why, because there is one Lamb that has got enough redemptive power in it for the souls of a hundred million people. Gospel according to Exodus. I am telling you. A lamb, the Lamb, your lamb.

Now, that is the Bible in balance. That is the Bible in balance. It shows you historically. It shows you doctrinally. And then for you in your own life, it shows you. Somebody says, "Well, I believe you got to be baptized to go to heaven." Oh, really? My Bible says, "When I pass through the land, when I see the blood, when I see the blood, when I see the blood."

Now, I go up to KCI International Airport this afternoon. I do not get on a plane, go someplace. I walk up to the ticket counter and I say, "I want to get on this here plane, go to Chicago." They said, "Fine, let me see your ticket." "I do not have a ticket." "Well, you got to have a ticket." "I do not have a ticket." "Well, I am sure you have to get a ticket." "Wait a minute. You let so-and-so on that plane, and if you get him on, I want to get on." "Well, he got a ticket." "Yeah, but if you knew what I knew about that guy, you would not let him on that plane." The guy said, "Look, pal, I do not care what he did, who he is. He has got a ticket. You got a ticket, you get on the plane. No ticket, no plane." No blood, no plane ride. No blood, no plane ride.

It did not say, "When I see the baptizing," "When I see the baptism of the Holy Spirit," "When I see the baptizing," no power in the blood, the power in the tub, "When I see all that thing," "When I see," it said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." You know why some people believe that they have to be baptized to go to heaven? You know why they believe water is important for your salvation? Because they are out of balance, and they do not see the gospel of connection and many other places that when God typified the Passover Lamb, Christ, He said it was blood. What are you going to do with that? I am going to stick with the book, that is what I am going to do with it. Somebody said, "Well, it is the water." Fine, I will take the book. Water fellowship, water joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms, I will take the book. It is the book.

The Word of God will always give you the clean, clearest understanding that you do not have to worry about what anybody else tells you. That is why I am telling you, you have to learn the book. You have to know the book. You have to spend the rest of your, that is why I am willing to spend whatever time it takes. I do not care. It will take time, go through the Word of God, I will help you break it down. I can accelerate where you are at. I can get you where you need to be. I can show you some shortcuts like I am trying to do today. I can give you the time to understand that you come away understanding. There is a balance in the Word of God, historically, doctrinally, and inspirationally.

VI. Case Study: David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17

Okay, one more. I have got time for one more, one quick one. Now I will show you this one. 1 Samuel 17. I could go all day. I mean, we could just go all day long, all night tonight. 1 Samuel 17. Now here is an easy little story. This is David and Goliath. Simple story. Every kid in the world knows the story of David and Goliath. Every adult does. But I promise you, they never heard it like we are going to hear today. Balance is the key. Balance is the key.

All right, pick it up in 1 Samuel 17:4.

1 Samuel 17:4-11

And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.

And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.

And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

If he be able to fight with me and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.

And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

Simple story.

- Historically

It actually happened. I know you got all kinds of guys running around trying to prove that Goliath was not a real giant. He was a real giant. Depending on the length of a man's cubit, whatever the case may be, he was anywhere from nine feet tall to 13, 14, 15 feet tall. I do not know exactly how big he was, but he was bigger than your average dude. I am telling you what, he is down there and he is walking up and down in that valley, and he is telling them out there and he is making fun of God and Israel and the nation of Israel. He is saying, "You know what, I am going to whip you." It is real simple. "You do not have to get all armies out. You send me a guy down here that will fight with me. If he whips me, we will serve you. If I whip him, you serve us." Now you see, that sounds simple, but you send a normal guy down to a 13-foot guy that weighs about 750 pounds. Let me tell you something. They had it. They knew they were going to win. It actually took place. David went down and killed him. David walked down there, picked up a rock, let him have it in between the eyes, and it was all over. It is a historically accurate, true thing. It really happened. Absolutely happened.

- Doctrinally

Doctrinally, David is a type of Christ. Goliath again is one of the 18 types of Antichrist. It always goes back to the kingdom concept. You say, "Now how do you know that, Bob?" Well, look down there in 1 Samuel 17:34-36. Now here is how you let your Bible tell you. It is not diluted, Bob, with his paranoia. It is going to the Bible and seeing what the Bible says. My only crime against humanity is, I believe what the Word of God says, totally and completely.

In 1 Samuel 17:34-36, David said, "Hey, don't be afraid. I will go out and fight him." They said, "Oh, you cannot go down and fight him." David said, "Hey, don't worry about it. You know, when I was watching a sheep one time, and a lion and a bear came down to try to steal some sheep, and I killed both a lion and the bear. This Philistine shall be as one of them." Revelation 13:2 says the Antichrist is like a lion and a bear. Look at 1 Samuel 17:46. "This day," any place you find it, anywhere, any place in the Old Testament you find it, it will be context, Second Coming of Christ. Anywhere. "That day," there is only one "that day" in the Bible, and that is the Day of the Lord. They are in a valley, 1 Samuel 17:3, south of Jerusalem, about 15, 20 miles right down around where, down there like Armageddon. This Philistine is an unsaved man. He persecutes the Jew, the nation of Israel, just like the Antichrist is going to do in the Tribulation. All the leaders, Saul being the biggest man in the camp. The Bible says he stood taller than any man in Israel. He is scared to death, scared to death.

So what do we got? We got God sending them a deliverer against an unsaved Philistine who is trying to wipe out the nation of Israel. What kind of guy was he? A shepherd, a warrior, and a king. Who, type of Christ. He hits him right in the head. Antichrist killed with a head wound. Revelation 13:3, Psalm 74, Zechariah 11. With a rock, with a stone. Daniel 2 says it is a stone made without hands. Oh yeah.

I always liked this part. The Bible tells you in 1 Samuel 17:50, in particular, there is no sword in David's hand. Did you ever notice how God takes particular interest in telling you little things like that? You have to watch everything you read in the Bible. You know why? Because he did not have to have a sword in his hand. He said, "I am coming to you in the name of the Lord

God." Revelation 19:15 says the Word of God is a sharp sword. The sword comes out of His mouth. He did not need one in His hand. He spoke what He was going to do. "I come to you in the name of the Lord." You cannot miss it. You cannot miss it.

- Inspirationally

Inspirationally, I am just going to tell you this. David is a type of you and me. That giant Goliath, sure he is a picture of the devil, but he is a picture of things in your life. There are always going to be giants in your life who are trying to intimidate you into doing what is right with God. Always going to be. I do not care who it is. It may be some unsaved friend. It may be some other religion. It may be a mom or a dad. It may be an uncle. It may be a brother or sister, but it will be something. It may be somebody at work. It may be some circumstance, but there will always be something in your life that will walk up and down in front of you trying to make you afraid that God is not the God that He says He is. The giants in your life will be, and you whip them there and here just like David did. That is the same thing.

Goliath was a champion. I dare say, well, we know he never lost. If that was the deal, "You whip me, I serve you; I whip you, you serve us." He is still alive. He had never been defeated. He had never been defeated. He is the champion. He never lost. Just like the devil, he wants to make you fear. He wants to make you lose faith and fail in whatever it is in your life. David, 1 Samuel 17:11, he is a picture of you and me, the child of God. He just trusted in God's Word. Oh, David is one of the most beautiful pictures anywhere in the Word of God, not only of Christ, but boy, of what your life and my life should be. The Bible says he did what was right all the days of his life, except in that one matter of Uriah the Hittite. He was a man after God's own heart. What a study. What a study.

So they go down there in 1 Samuel 17:38. What did Saul do? He does what most preachers do to prepare you for the battle. Saul tries to give David his armor. Now, I have got to tell you, David is probably at this time, maybe 15, 16 years old, maybe 17, but he is a skinny little runt because Goliath is laughing at him when he sees him. He says, "What? You are going to come out and fight me?" He mocks him. I mean, here is little David, a little linen dress, a little shepherd thing with little legs, and he is just kind of like, he is the innocent snow of the world, and he is just out there and he is saying, "I will go fight him." Saul should have fought him. Saul says, "Well, you cannot fight him." David said, "I can fight him." He said, "Okay, give me my armor." Saul took his armor, put it on David, put all this stuff on. Do you not know that was a sight? The Bible tells you Saul was hidden and shown by every man. David is probably about that size and just a little runt, and they are putting all this armor on. You look at that, you know what that tells me? I will tell you this right now. You cannot fight in Bob Alexander's spirituality. You have to get your own armor. I can only take you so far. I will not ever tell you, "Oh yeah, just come to church and do all the rules and regulations and you will be fine." No, you will not. You build your life based on that book. You put on the armor of God over in the book of Ephesians, and you learn how to fight. I mean, I will always be in your life. We will not always have somebody to run to. You may have to sometimes just stand on your own and say, "You know what? I am not moving here." I am telling you right now, I have said it before, there is never the size of the dog in the fight. It is the size of the fight in the dog.

David tries to put on Saul's armor, and he says, "I have not proved this. I cannot wear this armor." So he goes down to a brook. He gets him five smooth stones. From the battle that takes place from this point on, oh, there are some things we have got to see. Let me tell you something. Do not ever doubt this for a moment. If you do not study David's life, you do not know this. David was the greatest warrior Israel ever had. I never find a time that he did not plan a battle. He did not go back to the Old Testament someplace before him and find out how they fought a similar battle. My Bible tells me that God will make your arms strong enough to break bands of iron. He will teach your hands to war. That book is the battle plan for your every day. You can find how to fight. I am not talking about, "Well, you know, when I just do not feel good, go in here and read me the verse for my headache." I am not talking about that. I am talking about understanding. I am talking about realizing that this book tells you how to deal with every giant that will come in your life.

Watch, watch, watch.

4. Go the distance. Be prepared to give more than you have to.

I do not know if you ever saw this or not. Do not give any quarter. He goes down and picks up five smooth stones. I have told you before, I have heard preachers say he picked up five stones because he was really God's man, but he just really did not trust God. No, no, no, no, no. You do not know your Bible. 2 Samuel 21:18 says Goliath had four brothers. That boy is prepared to go the distance. You take out one, want to make it a family affair, we will go five for five. Go the distance. Be prepared for anything. Never assume that once you deal with this one, all the giants are gone. Smart. No. Read that. Know that David picked up five because he knew he had five, and whatever giant you got walking into your valley today, when you defeat him, his brothers will be right down the road. There is never a time in your life and my life until we die and go home to glory that this warfare is over. There is no discharge from this war.

5. Pay attention.

Pay attention. When you get into the battle, when the giant is before you, pay attention. This is where you have to overcome your fear. Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world. This is where you have to get your confidence level with God. You have got to get confidence level with God that you can, you, God will take you through anything. Pay attention. God will always give you the victory by showing you, listen to me, by showing you the enemy's weakness.

If you do not hear one other thing I said today, hear this: God will always give you the victory by showing you the enemy's weakness. Look at 1 Samuel 17:5-6. It says, when he comes to him, he has a helmet, coat of mail, greaves on his legs, spear, and a shield. Now, if you look at 1 Samuel 17:41, you see the giant drawing near. Then they have this little conversation back and forth. In 1 Samuel 17:48, it says the giant arose. You know what he did? That giant was walking up and down there making fun. He sent out their champion, and he sees this guy coming, and he is walking toward him. When he sees who he is, he just about has a heart attack, and he sits down and he is laughing so hard and thinking this guy is nothing. "I can whip him, nothing," that he sits down. One place he is going for him, another place he is arising. Oh, but when he arises,

when he arises, 1 Samuel 17:45, he has a sword, he has a spear, and he has a shield. He has taken off his helmet and he has taken off the greaves on his legs. The two number one things you do not want to do if you are fighting a guy who knows how to use a slingshot. I do not care if you are 175 feet tall, 3,450,000 pounds, that boy cracks your kneecap, you are going down. I do not care how tough you are or how tough you think you are. Brother, if Arnold Palmer stood, you stood you across that thing and Arnold Palmer could stand here and tee off and hit you between the eyes with a golf club, you would be out from the body and present with the Lord.

Now I am telling you, pay attention. When you have a giant, a false religion, a brother or a sister, somebody, whatever the case may be, when a giant is in your eye, God will always show you how to get the victory because He will always show you where they have left their armor unchecked. If I am dealing with somebody, I will deal with them in one or two ways. I will deal with them when their legs, where they bend and where they are going, or in their head, where the philosophy of what they have got. You know, there are some people you will want to deal that way with. The Bible says, "Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit" (Proverbs 26:5). Then it says, "Answer not a fool according to his folly" (Proverbs 26:4). There is a time to, a time not. Sometimes you go after their legs, sometimes you go after their head.

When I am coming with a Charismatic, Mormon, Church of Christ, you name it, any of the American cults, you think I am going to sit down with a Jehovah Witness when he comes to my house and he says, "Well, what do you believe?" "Oh, you are a Baptist." "Yeah, I am a Baptist." "What do you believe about hell?" "Well, I will show you what I believe about hell. I got all my verses here because we had a class in our church and my pastor showed me all the verses. I believe this." You know what? He is going to give you his, you are going to give you his, you are going to spend an hour and a half going back and forth, and you are not going to accomplish anything except you are probably going to be more confused than you were before. Do not ever go after him that way. Charismatic, I am not going to sit down and talk to you about tongues. Church of Christ, if you think I am going to waste 15 minutes talking about why you believe the book of Revelation is or is not when I do it is, I am not going to tell you, I am not going to do that. If you think I am going to sit down to a Mormon and ask him, "Well, why did you build your temple over there?" "Well, the Lord is coming back." "Well, let me show you the verses back." I am not going to do that. It is a waste of time. You know what? I am going after his legs.

Mormon, Church of Christ, Charismatic, Jehovah Witness, I have got one question for you: Where were you in 1600? Where were you in 1700? Well, you do not find anybody on the face of this planet believing what you believe before the middle 1800s. Do you know where the first Baptist Church was in America? It was in Providence, Rhode Island in 1610 by John Clarke. Where are you at in 1610? What kind of Bible you got? "Well, I got a King James Bible." There was not one man on that translating committee who believed what you believe. Let me see your hymnbook. You guys sing "Amazing Grace" at your church? "Well, yeah, we sing." She did not believe what you believe. You know what? Where were you, Charismatic? Where were you before 1900? Amy McPherson, Simpson, over there in Topeka, Kansas, and Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles. Where were you? How come the great missionaries in the Philadelphia

Church Age, when they went to Africa and India, they were all medical doctors? What is the matter? Did they lose the power of healing because they did not believe? Why do they all translate the King James Bible into the dialects of the language of the people? Why do they just speak in tongues? Not enough faith? Out of balance. No idea. Do not know where they have been. Do not know where they are going. You sure do not know where you are at.

I will use it. When I have to fight those Goliath men, it is not going to be a headshot. I am taking his legs right out from under him because he has got nothing to stand on except "Lord, build the house." They labor in vain to build it. You have got no history. You have got no foundation. "Well, I can trace mine back to the Waldensians, the Albigensians, the Huguenots, right back to the Book of Acts." Where do you go from Joseph Smith? Where do you go? Where do you go from Mary Baker Eddy? Where do you go from Alexander Campbell, Barton Stone? Where do you go? You go to Sears, Penney's, and Kmart, but you do not go anywhere in the Bible. No, no.

Pay attention. God will always show you the weakness of the giant in front of you. In one case, go after his legs. He has nothing to stand on. Other one, go for the... David had two options. David saw that thing coming down there and he says, "I got..." I mean, I know how he thought. I looked at that thing and he said, "You know what? He took off the worst two-piece armor he could have took off. What an idiot." I look at that thing. I look at somebody and he says, "Well, I am a Jehovah Witness." And I think, "What an idiot." I mean, if you are going to go to hell, and I do not want anybody to go to hell, I will do whatever I can do. But let us just put it in practical sense here. Now, if you are going to go to hell, go as a Catholic, go as a Buddhist. I mean, going to hell as a Catholic, going to hell in a Cadillac, going to hell with a Jehovah Witness, we are going to hell in a Volkswagen. I mean, it is nothing. It has got no history. It has got no roots. It has got no depth doctrine. They do not even know where they are at. I will not talk to anybody about anything. I just keep asking the same question. Where were you in 1500 when the great Reformation was going on in the world of being rocked? Where were you guys? Show me one guy. Give me one guy. I do not want two. I do not want three. I do not want 100. I want one man in 1700 that believes what you believe. I will give you 100 for every one you give me. Do not just come up with Ralph Schwartz. Show me your own Bible. You guys cannot even produce your own Bible. You have got to steal your Bible from Baptists. You have got to get your hymnbook from Baptists. Then you want to tell me that I am wrong and you are right. Pick his legs out.

Now, I am going up against the Roman Catholic. Muhammad, a Muslim, tough to go up against Muhammad. He is dead. Confucius, one of those guys, you cannot go after their legs. They have been around a long time. You have got to go after their head. You have got to deal with them based on the Word of God where they are at. You have got to get them that way. You see, they are not based on the Bible. The other ones are. They are not. So you can use the Bible in a philosophy mode and a head mode to get to them. Well, you cannot with the Jehovah Witness because he is based in the Word of God, even though he is wrong. A Muhammad, somewhat is, but a Confucius and a Brahma, no way. You can deal with them on the Word of God from a philosophical standpoint, and you can get inside them and rattle their cage. If you try to deal with

them by cutting their legs off from under them, you have got nowhere to go. They have been around forever. You have got to get them with a headshot.

An old saw an old guy come out there. David looked and he says, "Got two options here. I could take him in the head. I can take him in the leg. I got the five stones in case his brothers want to make it a family affair. Maybe I would get one for his mother." But I am taking his brothers if they want to go. Now I have got to decide this. He is walking down there. He is laughing. Where am I going to nail him? But that time he said, "Whoop, cannot get him in the leg. He is typing the Antichrist. Antichrist gets it in the head." Got it. But I will write this down so the Bible is entered and figured out down the lines someplace. So when he has got to fight his giants, he will know there are two ways to get them. And down he went.

If you think I am kidding when I just told you that, you think I am just making that? I believe that. So I put all your names in there. Not just mine, put all your names in there. Go after that giant on two areas, his head or his legs.

Finally, the last thing I want to say is this, and this is the best part of the whole thing. I love the way the Bible is put together. Look at 1 Samuel 17:49. Goliath on his face. See that thing? Did it say on his face? Help me. Is it on his face? On his face. I love that. If you read 1 Samuel 5:4, you know what you find? You find the god of Goliath. You know what his name was? Dagon. You know the story. The Philistines have been whipping the nation of Israel. They take the ark of God, bring it down in Dagon's temple. You know, I would always like to have been hiding in places in the Bible just for the sake of seeing things. I would like to have been there, watch the Lord come out of that too. That would have been a great thing. I like to have been there to see Peter walking in the water. I might even try it myself. I like to be in the city. But you want to please? I would just like to be. When those Philistines, oh those Philistines, when they are carrying that ark and they are just dancing around, "You know, we beat God, we beat Israel, we got the ark. This thing is nothing special. There everybody, he kills their people when they touch it. But look at us. We got it. We are taking it."

There is Dagon, standing up there, big old half man, half fish. He is standing up there, big old 20 feet tall, and they are saying, "Dagon is our God. He is the man. You are the man, Dagon, you are the dude. Yeah, put it down there. Put the ark of the Lord down there." Boy, they went outside that temple, big old doors creaking closed and eerie light with stained glass windows, and pipe organs over here and all these things. They are down there and they close those doors, and they are all going down the street for their luncheon, all those things. It gets quiet as a tomb in there, boy. All of a sudden you look up there, and I am over in the corner, and here is the ark of the Lord, type of the Lord Jesus Christ. I mean, you do know the ark of the Lord coming down through the wilderness, the same route He is going to take at the Second Coming of Christ, type of Christ. They took that ark over Gilgal, over Jordan, the same place He is going to cross. Took it right over the Mount of Olives, right within the Eastern Gate. Same thing, same thing. Oh, balance, balance, balance.

Oh, they shut those doors, man, those candles are simmering in there, and you can look up there and see that thing. Boy, there is that big old stone god of Dagon, and, oh, what is that? A trickle

of sweat coming down his forehead. About that time, a bright, shining young man, about 33 years of age, comes into view there and looks up at Dagon, looked down at the ark. Now there is sweat pouring off Dagon. He says, "Down!" Boom. They come in the next morning, "Hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, go, chief, say, da, da, da, da, da, da, da, da, Dagon is falling down." He is getting back up again. Dagon is saying, "Oh, no, just leave me down." Back up he goes. They go back out again, door shut. I said, and the Bible clearly tells you, Dagon fell on his face.

Let me tell you something, the giants in this world all wind up just like the gods they serve. The Bible says there is coming a day when every knee will bend and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord, to the glory of God the Father. They all end the same way. The giants and their gods all wind up at the Great White Throne Judgment on their face. You do not have to be afraid. You pay attention. You learn. Get the balance in everything in your life in the Bible. Let me help you any way we can and focus this thing to the point where you see and understand that the battles in this life are laid out for you in the Bible, and they show you how to fight them. You either fight them in your own way or you will go God's way, and God's way you will always get the victory. David saw that boy coming down there. He says, "Got two options, headshot, leg shot." You see somebody coming up there going to get you, you got two options, headshot, leg shot. Then he used the Word of God to execute the procedure. Simple as that. Balance. You have to have balance in the Word of God.

VII. Conclusion and Final Prayer

Let us pray. Father, we thank You and praise You for all You do for us. We love You. Lord, we just ask You to give us a good day today. Help us, Father, to just cling to Your Word, Lord, and love this book. Love it more every day. See it for what it is, Lord. Help us to grow and to learn from it and help us to be everything that we need to be. Lord, help us to learn every week as we study Your Word. Give us a good week this week as we look forward to New Year's Eve. May we really endeavor to show people the Lord Jesus Christ in our church. We will thank You and praise You in Jesus' name. For Jesus' sake we ask it. Amen.