

I. The Christian's Responsibility to Reproduce

Last week, we looked at one of the greatest passages in all the Bible on our responsibility to the number one aspect of our Christian life after we get saved. That is simply reproducing ourselves in others, taking what God has built into you and given you, and then investing it into the lives of others.

You see this process in our own church here. You will get disciplined, maybe go through Disciple One and Disciple Two. You will want to disciple somebody, and we will take the two people who just disciplined you, or the person, whatever, and we will put you into that group with them to go disciple somebody else and let you be part of that process of teaching it. Once we get to that point, the next time, you are basically on your own, and you can take your own people and you can disciple somebody. That is the process. That is how everybody who is a discipler here or works with people here, that is basically how they started.

We talked about us being God's watchman. How do we warn people about God's coming judgment? We looked at that out of the book of Ezekiel 33. It said back there that we ought to see the hand of God or the judgment of God coming, and we are to warn the people. Of course, for you and for me, that is telling people that there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun, and they need to trust Christ as their own personal Savior.

The passage says there, if we do not do that, then the blood is on us. If we do that and they reject it, then it is on them. But we do not want to have the blood of other people on our hands because we did not tell them, using all of our abilities, to be the witness for God that we need to be.

In John 15:16, it says that He has ordained you that you bear fruit and your fruit should remain. We talk about a watchman. There are two aspects to the watchman concept. The first one is a watchman at the time of somebody's salvation, which is Ezekiel 33. After that person gets saved, Hebrews 13:17 says that we as Christians, we watch for the souls of the people who have gotten saved, watch care, taking care of them after they get saved to make sure what took place in their life was real, and what took place in their life was lasting. That is really the key, and that is what we want to try to focus on.

We talked about the great concept of keeping our witness alive while we go through the adversities that we are all going to face in life. Then we talked about the indifference of God's people today, how they really do not care about the things they have. Christianity has been desensitized to the reality of somebody dying and going to hell. We just live our lives oblivious to it. We do our own thing. Sure, we go to church, we have the Bible, we do all the kinds of things we are supposed to do. But that personal accountability, that personal responsibility that recognizes that God saved you for a purpose, and that purpose was to reproduce yourself into somebody else.

We talked about how special you are here because you totally give yourself to that. You allow God to use you, Him taking all of you, not just the part that you want to give Him, all of you, and using your gifts, and together, you and me, bonding our hearts together for a common cause of bringing men and women to Christ, whatever that takes, as long as we do it biblically.

I talked about Acts 13:1-2, how that in that early church at Antioch, the Bible says that they ministered unto the Lord first. That is one of the greatest concepts that is unknown today. A lot of people want to minister. They want to get out and minister to people. But the real biblical ministry does not start with just you going out and sitting down with somebody and opening up their Bible. It starts with you ministering to the Lord first. Then through that ministry to Him, God will take you, and you will minister to others. As I told you last week, there are four ways that you do that in the Bible, and it is an incredible study unto itself.

II. The Absolute Importance of the Word of God

Today, I want to look at another set of verses. Again, I want to see an incredible concept about you and the Bible. I need to tell you this: this is going to be a rough message today. This is not going to be an easy message for some people to listen to. I am sure that some of the things that I am going to say today are going to really make people upset and mad. I am okay with that.

My goal, many times we get accused by the ignorant people out there who have not got a clue what is going on in the world, that we are a cult and that I stand up here brainwashing you. They do not know how biblical they are in that statement. The Bible says by washing of regeneration, and I can say one thing about all of us this morning right now, we all need our minds washed a little bit. So a little brainwashing will not hurt you this morning.

When you wash your clothes, you put them in the washing machine, and you put the soap in and all that stuff. But it does not get clean with just staying in there. You have to push the buttons, and then a guy shows up in your washing machine called an agitator. He beats the dirt out of you. Sometimes you have some really tough stains, so you have to get that little body of shouting out.

I want to talk to you about the absolute importance of the Word of God in your life. The reason why this is going to be hard is because I can preach on most things and just, though I put passion in it because I love the Bible, there are some things that are just so personal to me. When I start talking about the Bible, the Word of God that God has given me, and you are going to see how the verses today exactly fit into this thing, it gets personal to me.

I cannot speak for you, but I know that I would be in hell without the Bible that God gave me. I know that my life and my family, if it was left to me, it would just be an absolute disaster and an absolute mess. I can honestly say the only good that you will ever find in Bible Alexander, the only good that you will ever find in anything in any of us, is the goodness that God puts in us because of a book that God gave us. I want you to know I take that real personal. I cannot speak for you, I would not presume to speak for you. If you are listening to this on YouTube this morning, I do not presume to speak for you. I do not think about the Bible, but I do. I love the Word of God. It means everything to me. I know I do not always do what is right with it, I get

that, but even when I do not do what is right with it, I know that I should, and I know it is still the book. So what I am going to talk about is something that is very personal today.

I again cannot impress upon you enough the absolute importance of the Bible in your life. This church takes the stand that you as a child of God have the absolute very words of God. We believe that you have the Word of God without any error in it. We believe that the Bible that you hold in your hand, and I am talking about a King James 1611 Authorized Version, there is no mistake about it. I am not beating around the bush and pretending I am talking about all the Bibles out there. We believe that you have a Bible that has no mistranslations in it. We believe that you have a Bible that just came down from God, that God gave you exactly what He wanted you and me to have to change your life.

We also believe that there will be no change in your life without that book. You can go to church all your life. You can hang out with good people all your life. If the Word of God does not get inside you and begin to perfect you, you are wasting your time. There are churches in this city today that after the services, they are going to have a wine tasting contest. You ought to go to that one. That is where you ought to be. You will have fun there.

We put absolutely no confidence in the Greek or the Hebrew. I want you to know that. Absolutely no confidence at all. We put absolutely no confidence in Bible scholars when they go against the Word of God. We put absolutely no confidence in Bible colleges because we believe that the only institution ordained and authorized by God that teaches you the Bible from the Bible is the local New Testament church. We are Bible believers. That is what Bible believers are supposed to be. I do not know what you are, but we are Bible believers.

You like to call us a cult and call me a cult leader? I am going to call you some things today because we are going to talk about something that is real personal. I want to be clear about something. We are not some left-wing Missouri hillbilly group. We are not some left-wing radical group that is a cult with some off-the-wall teaching. To the contrary, we know our history. We know our roots. Maybe you do not know yours. That is your problem. What we believe was the standard teaching in Christianity from Acts 12-13 up to about 1900. We understand our heritage, and we make no apology for it. We know what we believe.

We know what we believe officially: that from 400 AD to 1900, there were only two Bibles on this planet. One of them was God's, and the other one was the devil's. We know that from Genesis 3:15. I am not sure you must never read past Genesis 3 in your Bible. I do not know how you missed that. In Genesis 3:15, it clearly tells you that God has a seed and the devil has a seed, and the Bible says that the seed is the Word of God. Now you take it from there.

This message is going to be purely about the Bible. It is all going to be in the Bible. I am not going to have it got on the Internet to get somebody's ideas on it. I do not need their ideas on it. Their ideas are no better than my ideas. What we need in life, ladies and gentlemen, is no more ideas from somebody else. What you and I need is an absolute book with absolute truth, with an absolute standard that you can bet your soul on absolutely. That is the book that I have.

I told you it is going to get personal. Because when you attack the book, you are attacking my family. When you come after and attack the book that God gave me to save my soul, that gave me my family, saved them, gave me this church and you, and saved you, and you want to tell me that that book that God did what He did in my life, and you want to tear it apart and criticize it, come on, baby, we will do it. As they say in the world, let us dance.

We know the difference between the Laodicean Church period and the Philadelphian Church period. We know that we have understanding that through history there were only two churches. There was God's church and there was the devil's church. We know this from Revelation 12-13. We know this from Revelation 17-18. We know that there are two lines of Bibles down through history, and there are two lines of churches. We know that the devil's church and the devil's Bible is connected with the Roman Catholic Church, and we know that God's church and God's Bible is connected with the church at Antioch in Acts 11-12.

We believe the same thing. We believe the exact same thing that the Waldensians believed in 1400. I believe the exact same thing that John Huss and the Hussites believed in Churchless of Acne in 1600. I believe what the Albigensians and the Huguenots and the Paulicians all down through history. We are on the same page. I am not sure where you are at this morning.

We know the devil's plan. We know his plan is to get everybody into his church that he can. So he created a church that when you got in it, you could not marry somebody outside that church without being kicked out. You had to sign a paper that your kids would be raised in that church, or you would be kicked out. They held you into that church because of the fact that your loved ones went to purgatory. They controlled the exit and the access to purgatory. When you gave money, they got out. When you did not, they stayed in. If you left their church, you got to bear the burden for the rest of your life that your mom and your dad or your aunt or your uncle is stuck in purgatory because you left the church.

This church is propped up by the news media as the greatest institution the world has ever seen. This church is held up in the movies. Whenever there is a disaster, it is the Roman Catholic Father shenanigans that shows up. In *The Exorcist*, when you had to have a little girl whose head spun around and put up your green vomit, it was that church that saved the day. In all the war movies, when it is out there, it is the father who shows up, the chaplain who does all these great things. It is held up. It does not matter that that church is the biggest bedrock of pedophiles the world has ever seen. It does not matter that in Philadelphia just a couple of weeks ago, for 70 years, over a thousand people, young kids, were molested by this church. If that was a Baptist church, if that was a Bible-believing church, you would never hear the end of it. Peter Ruckman, who never molested anybody, all he did all his life is tell you about one book. You go to the website, there were over a hundred pages against him. Nothing for these guys. You are okay with that.

The devil knew that he wanted everybody in his church, so he protected it. But the devil knew that there would be some of you who would never go to his church. You would never do that. So what he wanted to do in that case, he wanted to let you stay in your own church if you were just willing to use his Bible. So we have most Baptist churches today, certainly all the neo-

evangelical churches. They just dump God's Word. I am speaking to you. Yes, you. You have dumped God's Word.

Now you are saying I am talking, and I will tell you, I know people are going to put on the little comments things under there. I read them and weep. They are going to say, "Boy, isn't he arrogant?" I am going to be a little arrogant today. "Isn't he angry?" Yeah, I am angry. I am angry with any pedophile who will take a little innocent child and exploit them for their own sexual desires. I am angry at that. If you do not get angry at that, then you have a problem.

I want to tell you something else, and you are going to love this. I put the Bible molesters in the same category. Because the purest thing on this planet is a little guy or a little gal that some guy will take and take away that innocence and destroy that purity. You are okay with that. People will create places for them to exist and believe all the lies. Let me tell you something. If you are a pedophile, there is no cure for it. You are at the bottom of the rung of the most satanic thing. The only thing lower than that is sex with dead people, necromancing. In all of my years in the ministry, I have never seen anybody turn around. I am telling you, as far as I am concerned, you messing with some innocent little child and destroying their innocence and their perfect relationship that God wanted to build on, I do not see any difference than you taking the most perfect book on this planet and putting your filthy little hands through it to destroy it.

You say, "Well, I think you are wrong in saying that." It is okay. You can come up and apologize to me after the service. Read the works of Avro Manhattan sometime. His plan was quite incredible. Job 41:13, and down around verse 15, talking about the devil, God says, "Who can discover the face of his garment?" Talking about the devil. He says, "I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion." You know what? The devil hates the book you have in your hand today because it is the only book on the planet that reveals who he is and his plan. The reason why you are caught up in all of this today is because you have a different Bible that took the devil out of it, and you and the devil are buddies today. You are standing in your pulpit this morning. God help you. You are standing in your pulpit this morning at your godless, perverted, cult, neo-evangelical church or your Baptist church that took Baptist off the name. You are standing there with a bunch of God's people teaching them from the devil's Bible. Hallelujah.

Our verse today will show you what the Word of God will do for you. I am telling you right now, the most important aspect in your life after you get saved is to make sure you have an absolute perfect Bible that will carry you through. Those of us having God's Word and believing it, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, and having it work in you because you feast on it. As the old song says, "Come and dine, the Master calls, come and dine." You can feast at Jesus' table anytime. That feasting is with the Word of God. When you do, it will bring three areas into your life that are absolutely invaluable to you in life and in the ministry. The Bible will give you knowledge. The Bible will give you wisdom. And then the Bible will give you understanding.

Understanding is seeing it, whatever it may be, from God's standpoint as it really is, not as it appears. Understanding is the key to every child of God's life that you get it. Seeing what is really important in life, seeing every circumstance as it really is, not as it appears. Understanding is seeing something and understanding why things are the way they are today. Understanding is

looking at somebody's life and understanding why people do the things that they do today. Understanding is getting the inside track of life and knowing when God is in something and when God is not. That was my introduction. It is not getting any better from this point on. Today, we are going to see how you get that understanding.

So let us read our verses today and then let us go to work.

Proverbs 24:13-14

My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste.

So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

Father, we thank you and praise you today for the Lord Jesus. Lord, I thank you for the Word of God that you have given us. Lord, I will stand till the day I die proclaiming that you have given every man and every woman on this planet a perfect, absolute Bible that we can trust and bet our souls on. Lord, I believe that with all of my heart. Lord, I have a hard time with the spiritual pedophiles of Christianity taking this pure, unadulterated book that you have given to man and with their messy, fornicating, spiritual hands destroying the innocence and the purity of the greatest book the world has ever seen. Lord, I am mad today. I am angry. This verse has set me off, and I am not making any apologies for it. I am going to tell them today what the truth is, Lord, because that is what you would have me to do. I want you to know that we love you. We love the book that you have given us. We have grace, and we have kindness, and we have all the things that we need. But when it comes to some idiot trampling on the very precious pages of the book that you saved my soul with, we are going to go to war. We thank you and praise you in Jesus' name, for His sake we ask it. Amen.

III. The Bible as Honey and Light

In your Bible, and I am sure you probably already know this, honey will be a picture of the Word of God. The honeycomb will be a picture of the Word of God. The Bible says it is sweet and pleasant to your taste. Psalms 81:16 talks about honey coming out of a rock. 1 Corinthians 3, Deuteronomy 32, that rock is Christ. Verse 13 says, "It is good to eat it because it is good for you." If you want the best thing that you can ever do in your life to help you grow spiritually, you start feasting on the Word of God, the honeycomb. Proverbs 16:24 says that pleasant words are as a honeycomb.

Proverbs 27:7

The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

Now I want to tell you something, that is a great principle. There are two ways you tell a real Christian, two ways. I mean they may say, "Well, I am saved," that means nothing to me. There are two ways you know a real Christian. We have preached about one of them already. The first way you know is how you stand in the day of adversity. You know what the second one is? Your attitude of heart when a message comes down and just kicks your rear end all over the place.

That Bible says the full soul, full, full of the world, full of education, full of everything the world has, and it loathes the honeycomb. But to the hungry soul, are you hungry this morning? Then even the bitter things should be sweet to you.

I watch when I preach. I like to study faces. It proves that God has a sense of humor. But I like to watch faces when I preach. When I really get tearing it up, I watch somebody out there with a big old smile on your face. You are taking it in. Because you love the honeycomb, even the bitter things I have to say are sweet. I see other people when you preach, boy, they just look like they have been baptized in dill pickle juice. I mean, they just, oh, they are just, they just shut the wall up, and it is rock solid, and you think, "You are saying, you are not going to get through to me." Well, you are right. I will not get through to you, but the Holy Spirit of God is another matter.

Honey, a picture of the Word of God. When you love it, when it is everything to you, you do not mind the rough things that come your way. You know why? Because deep down inside, because you love the book and you know what is good for you, you know the preaching is exactly what you need. The Bible says you are told to eat it. Verse 14 says that when you do, "So shall knowledge and wisdom be unto thy soul when thou hast found it." 2 Timothy 2:13 says that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and it is profitable. When you put it inside you, it will perfect you for the work of the ministry because it will work inside you.

Along with that, the Bible is also likened to light. Basically, when you eat the book, when you get the honey, apply it, it turns the lights on in your life. The things that the darkness of this world was now hiding from you now become illuminated. This is why so many of God's people today cannot figure it out. They are in churches, maybe they are even saved. But they are in a church that from the Bible they use, all that ever comes is darkness. They never actually see the real light of truth about anything in life. They are given all these parameters of what the modern-day Laodicean church perceives Christianity to be. Because they have no light to see the difference, they come away thinking that is what it is. I am going to show you today what happens when you just get a little bit of light.

When you use the honeycomb, the Word of God, it will open your eyes and illuminate every situation that you are faced with.

IV. Saul as a Type of Modern Pastor

In your Bible, there is a great story that illustrates this. It is just like the one last week on soul winning when I went back to Judges 3 and I showed you Ehud and Eglon. I showed you that story in the Old Testament that was a perfect picture of what New Testament soul winning is. This story will illustrate the two verses that I am talking about that I just read for you today. It is a story found in 1 Samuel 13 and 1 Samuel 14. This is where our story is found, and it is built around the life of a man whose name is Saul.

Saul himself is an incredible study. Reluctantly, Saul is one of the 18 types of the Antichrist. Inspirationally taking the parallels of the nation of Israel as the congregation of God and looking at an inspirational application into the church age of the congregation of God today, he is a picture of a modern-day pastor. He is a picture of what we have today, pastoring churches,

bigger-in-life wannabes. Pastors who are part of this megachurch mindset. I know when I start to say that there are people out there that will say, "Well, he is just taking a cheap shot at the big churches because he does not have a big church." I will tell you something else, pal, I will never have one.

Let me broaden your horizons today because you are pretty stupid. That is another thing I need to apologize for. You need to help me with this. I do not like the word stupid. I have never called my kids stupid. I have never called my wife stupid. I have never called my friends stupid. I have never even called my dog stupid. I do not like the word stupid. But there is a time in dealing in situations where stupid is very appropriate. I want you to help me this morning because when this is all done, I need to go confess this to the Lord and get it all taken care of. So I want you to count for me how many times I use the word stupid so I know where I am at with this thing. So when I use the word stupid, you just, everybody yell out like I just said, "Stupid." (1)

I have been around for a while. This is round two of a megachurch syndrome. You do not even know that. You do not even have a perspective of the megachurch concept, where it started, why it started, and actually you are a latecomer to it. Those of us who understand history because we have a little understanding, I know where the first round of megachurches came in. It was in the 1970s, in the 80s, in the 90s with the Baptist churches. I grew up in that era. You probably were not even born yet. Some of these pastors out there that are thinking it is a megachurch, they have no clue that they are just on a second verse, same as the first.

In the 1970s and the 60s, really, and the 70s and the 80s in the Baptist churches, it was the megachurch syndrome. Jack Hyles, Hammond, Indiana, had a church of 10,000 people. Akron Baptist Temple had a church of 8,000 people. Canton Baptist Temple, my home church, Dr. Harold Henniger, 5,000 people. The Baptist mindset was the bigger you build the church, the more God is going to approve of it even more. So the real megachurch concept started back then.

There was a guy from Springfield, Missouri. He was associated with Baptist Bible College. His name was Elmer Towns. Elmer Towns was a guy who came up with the idea of writing a book. The book that he wrote was *The 10 Largest Sunday Schools in America*. For him, it was just a money-making gimmick. This guy could not put, he thought an apostle and a pistol was a husband and wife. He did not know anything about the Bible. He thought Noah's wife was Joan of Arc. That is how dumb he was. That is how stupid he was. (2)

Here is what he did. I was a church that I was associated at one time that actually won the award. He would travel around the country, come to the Sunday schools. Everybody said, "Elmer Towns is coming. We all have to, bring all your people. We want to be in his book. Bring all your folks. Bring your family. Bring your friends. Bring your enemies. Bring everybody." They would stand there, and Elmer would come up, and the pastor would say, "We have 8,000 people here today." Well, Elmer would go around those things, and whoever had the biggest churches, they got crowned as the fastest growing church in Missouri. He put that picture in that book, and they would get a big fish eye where somebody would be up in the baptismal, the people were all behind him, and there is the pastor and Elmer. Everybody is saying, "Wow, look at that church." That is where the megachurch started. He did that two or three years.

Then about five or six years after that, he would come out with a third book, and this book was called, *The 10 Most Beautiful Sanctuaries in America*. He could not write another book on the 10 most populated churches because all those churches were dying. Jack Hyles' church of 10,000, probably down to 1,500. You go to the Canton Baptist Temple that in the high day of Harold Henniger was running five, 6,000 people. You could call roll call in a phone booth this morning, probably four. There is an auditorium that holds easily six, 7,000 people, 900 people in it. I mean, you could fire a shotgun in this thing and never hit anybody. They are all gone. They are all gone. You know why they are all gone? Because they are all built for the wrong purpose and the wrong reason.

Now the Baptists are gone. There was a day when the Baptists hauled the mail, and now it is no longer. FedEx and UPS are doing the work. What happened was as the Baptists died off and their churches are dead, now the evangelicals come on. The neo-evangelical, the non-denominational, the faith churches, the church of the home being or the church of this, the church of now. There is no denominational connection with it. They are just the church, faith church, grace church, happy church, hopeful church, no hope church, whatever. Because that is where it has gone now. Now all the great preachers out there are back in round two of a megachurch mentality, do not even know there was a round one. They actually think that God is impressed with great numbers.

There was a pastor, an evangelist at that point, and he had one of the largest churches over there at about a hundred and something, and I cannot wait over there. He had a family church or whatever the case may be. He had a megachurch. They were coming from everywhere. I knew that clown when he was an evangelist. He was so important. He was so powerful and dynamic that he would not go to any church to preach if you could not guarantee him a crowd of 5,000 people. You know why? Because he was more valuable than that. Now that is arrogance.

Let me ask you a question. How does a guy get to that point? Then read Acts 8 when God shut down a whole revival in Samaria to send one evangelist, the key evangelist, to one guy in the desert. How does he get to that point? Let me tell you. He gets to that point. You tell me. (3) I do not know how they do it. I do not know how you read the Bible and see what God is doing and then you just walk away from it. Well, I am going to show you.

Saul does with Israel exactly what modern-day neo-evangelicals and a few sprinkles of Baptist that still have the Baptist on their name have done. He brings the world into what God clearly stated was not supposed to be part of the world. In 1 Samuel 13, Saul makes an alliance with the Philistines. I do not know how he did that because God had just told him, "Stay away from the other nations, have nothing to do with them." Who does not know that the Philistines were not Israel's enemies? How in the world does a man who is supposed to be the pastor of God's kingdom in the Old Testament justify making an alliance with the Philistines? Yes, it destroys the people of God.

Today in Christianity, all your churches today, all the megachurches, they made an alliance with the world system. Churches by design from God are to be the foundation of truth to stand against the world, to be separated from it. We now have taken our churches and turned them into civic centers, health clubs, wine tasting contests. There is one church in Kansas City that based on the

celebrity poker night, they set up 40, 50, maybe 200 poker tables in their gymnasium, and they have Baptist poker night. You tell me. Social drinking is now the order of the day. You tell me. There are pastors that stand in a pulpit and they will tell their congregation that it is okay to social drink. Do you know how hard that would be if you are a recovering alcoholic in that church listening to that? There is only one way that you get out of the world, ladies and gentlemen, and that does not mean that you become one with it, you abstain from it. You separate from it. In the Bible, it is very clear that God says that you and I, once you get saved, we are sanctified, we are separated, we have nothing to do with the world anymore.

There is a church in Kansas City that has discipleship. After you go through two or three lessons of discipleship, they give you a psychological evaluation. We have discipleship here, but I do not need to give you a psychological evaluation to find out your condition. You are all in a mess, so we save the time. This is where the church is at today. This is what Colossians 2:8 said when it said, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Our music in our churches is worldly. You close your eyes, you cannot tell if you are in a half-time Super Bowl program or you are in a nightclub someplace. Just like Saul, pastors have aligned themselves with the Philistines today, the world system. I get it. Their justification for it is, "Well, we want to reach people." Well, I want to reach people too. But I will tell you something else. There is somebody that wanted to reach people much more than you and me, and His name was Jesus. You will never find one time, I know this is in the Bible, and I keep bringing the Bible back up because I know you have a problem with it, but this man named Jesus wanted people saved more than you and I did, and never one time did He ever deviate from the principles of the truth that He taught. He never said the scribes and Pharisees, these were kind of okay. He never went along with the world system. He took an exact stand in opposite to the system in the day and let the chips fall where they may.

I want you to get saved, but I do not want you to get saved to the point where I am going to violate the principles of this pure book just so you will do it. You want to get saved, you do it because it is the right thing. You do not want to enjoy your stay in a great resort called the Lake of Fire. Just like Saul, pastors today have aligned themselves with the world system. You can drive down the street. It will sign the signs, "Come to Rainbow Avenue Church of the Resurrection of the Holy Spirit and everybody else." Ten o'clock, traditional service. That is to pacify the old folks in that church that do not like the new stuff. Then you will have at ten o'clock a contemporary service. That is for all you people that hate the Bible and hate preaching and just want to go and party till you puke. Then at eleven o'clock they will have, and I love this, blended service. "We are going to blend the two together." I want to tell you, there is no greater experiencing with two Christians than blending. You know how it works. You can take avocados, peaches, apples, grapes, bananas, put them in that blender, turn the button on, and they all become one. Pastors today have become the great blenders.

V. Saul's Ministry Flaws

Do not take my word for it. Let me show you ten areas of Saul's ministry in the Bible.

1. In 1 Samuel 13:19, the Bible says that he put all the blacksmiths out of business in Israel that they could not make any swords anymore. In the Bible, a sword is the type of the Word of God, Hebrews 4. He took the blacksmiths out of Israel who made their weapons, their swords, and then he allowed the Philistines to make their swords, the enemies of God. He gave them the contract. So the Philistines made the swords and then attacked the nation of Israel who had no swords, and Israel had a problem. You know what the churches have done today? They have taken their church, their ministry, and the Bible, given it to the Philistine. You do not have it anymore. That is what he did.
2. In 1 Samuel 13:8, he is not a priest now, keep in mind. He is not a priest, and yet when the evening sacrifice comes and Samuel is late getting there, he forces himself to make the offering for this God kills him. Saul was just like so many pastors today that he is pretending to be something that he is not.
3. In 1 Samuel 13:3, he likes to take credit for things that other people do. Jonathan won a great battle. Saul was not even at the battle. When Saul went before the people, he told them what a great job he had done in winning a battle.
4. In 1 Samuel 14:45, he leaves his own son on the battlefield to be killed. The people have to go and rescue Jonathan because Saul is so busy ministering to the world that he allows his own son to be a casualty. Boy, do we not see that in Christianity today. Pastors that get up and want to tell you all the things about the Bible, but their own children are out in the world or their own children are dead.
5. In 1 Samuel 14:52, he has mighty men of valor, but he has to force them to be his mighty men of valor. In 2 Samuel 23, as we talked about a couple of weeks ago, David's guys were standing in line because they realized that he was a leader and a warrior.
6. In 1 Samuel 15:3, as a leader of God's people, he displays a total disregard for the final authority of the Word of God. God told him in 1 Samuel 15, "You get Amalek and you kill King Agag and you destroy everything in his kingdom. Him, the animals, the people, you kill everybody. You got that, Saul?" So Samuel comes down, and he says, "Why did you not do what God told you to do?" Saul said, "I did." He says, "Then what is this bleating of the sheep that I hear?" He kept the sheep alive. You know what Pastor Saul does? He does the same thing all those pastors do. He gets the book what God says and then he just interprets the way he wants to to change it to fit his program. That is Saul. That is Pastor Saul. That is Doctor Saul.
7. His philosophy, his ministry is that the end justifies the means. Whatever works as long as we can build a megachurch.
8. Everything will be about him. In 1 Samuel 14:24, he says, "I brought this great, you are going to avenge my enemies. I brought this great victory." He did not do anything.
9. He is the unapproachable pastor. He is part of the Trinity. He floats in and preaches and floats out. You sit down there and all. There he comes. Did you know that the pastor cannot baptize anymore? No, why, Myrtle? He walks on water.
10. He is like 99% of the pastors out there today. He is spiritual and he is Christian. He is just not scriptural and biblical. He believes the fundamentals of the faith, but he discards the book that they are found in. He knows some things about the Bible, the milk toast of the Bible, but he has no clue when it comes to knowing the Bible, no doctrine.

VI. The Story of Jonathan and the Honey

Allow me to read a story, this story for you in the Bible that will absolutely illustrate what I am saying today on what these verses in Proverbs 24 are saying. If you as a Christian or as a church like this and you have a pastor like this, my advice to you is to get out of that thing as fast as you can. I want to say to you one more time, and I want to say again that I cannot impress upon you the absolute importance of you having the Word of God in your life, the absolute perfect Word of God.

Now let me read for you 1 Samuel 14 starting in verse 19 and then we will see how it all goes together.

1 Samuel 14:19-30

And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.

And Saul and all the people that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture.

Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan.

Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.

So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Bethaven.

And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted any food.

But all the people of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.

And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were faint.

Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.

Now, what we have here is exactly what is going on in New Testament Christianity today. Pastor Saul and the church leaders who have been called to equip the people for the battle, the spiritual battle, today the very things that God has given them to give them strong strength to fight the battle, those are the very same things that they have taken from them.

Verse 24 says the men of Israel were distressed and the land troubled. If there ever was a time when God's people were distressed and in trouble, it is the time that we live in. The reason being, Pastor Saul, their leader, has put them under an oath not to eat anything, and yet they are not to eat anything to give them strength, but they are supposed to go out and fight a horrendous battle with the Philistines.

Number one, let me say this, there was no biblical context anywhere in the scriptures for this oath. This is Saul ignoring all the rules of battle. This is Saul not looking back into the archives of the great wars that had been fought before him that God gave them deliverance and seeing how to fight it. David never did that. David always operated with a battle plan that came out of the Word of God. He would have never put his people who had to go in a hard day-long battle and tell them for some spiritual reason, "Do not eat before you go, that I may be avenged." There is absolutely nothing in his leadership. There is absolutely nothing in his kingship. There is absolutely nothing in your pastoring that has anything about concerning God. It is all about you. "Look at what we have. Look at this great building. Look at all of this. Look at who I am."

Look at verse 26. "And when the people were coming to the woods, that is a woods, the honey dropped, but no man put his hand to his mouth for the people feared the oath." As I said, honey is the type of the Word of God. I want you to see that God supernaturally dropped the honey down to them in the woods because He knew what they needed. Just like God knew what you needed, and He brought the honeycomb right to where you are at. Are you not glad you did not have to wait for somebody to find us? Stupid. (4) Dead Sea Scrolls to have your Bible. Somebody says, "What do you think about the Dead Sea Scrolls?" I think they were found in the Dead Sea. I think they were found in 1947. What light did they shed on the Bible? If God had to wait till 1947 to give you light on the Bible, we are in trouble. No, no, no. God is in trouble. You know in the Bible the Dead Sea is a picture of hell? So God hid His Word in a place in the Bible that is likened to hell. Is that what you are telling me?

He brought the honeycomb right to where they were. Do you know why you have the Bible you have today? Now I know you had to make a choice about it, but you know why you have it? You did not get it from Bible college. You did not get it. You got it because God brought it down and put it in the woods that you lived in, and you reached down your hand and you tasted it and you said, "Wow, that is great." But they will not open the honeycomb of the Word of God. They will not believe it. They will not eat it. Why? Because Pastor Saul told them it was no good. They were defeated. They were distressed. They have no strength because they have no honey.

VII. The Importance of the KJV and its Critics

Now I have to stop here for a moment and I have to make a few comments. I have been around for a while. It never ceases to amaze me how gullible and stupid (5) God's people can be when it comes to somebody taking your Bible from you. Do you not ever think for yourself? Somebody says, "Well, you go to Bob's church. He is a cult, and he just, he brainwashes you and tells you what to think." I will never tell you what to think. I would just be happy if you would start to think. That will be enough for me.

Do you not know Revelation 3:11? It warned you as a Christian, "Do not let somebody take your crown." Do you not know in Revelation 16:15 it warns you not to let somebody take your garment at the judgment seat of your life, that you keep your garment. I mean when somebody tells you not to believe that you have the perfect, absolute, perfect Word of God in your hand. I mean you will hear that all the time by the Pastor Sauls of today. That the idea to believe that God could preserve His perfect Word in the King James 1611 is heresy, and you should not believe that.

Now let me ask you a question, pastor. Did God show you that? When you were in your devotions, going through it, that the Holy Spirit of God put His arm around you and say, "Do not trust that book." Did you ever read the dedicatory in the beginning of the King James Bible? Most of them do not even have it in. It has always been amazing to me that in the dedicatory that the translators wrote before they put the Bible out, they warned about two people. The first one was the Roman Catholic Church, and they called the Pope the Antichrist. In your Bible, no wonder who this is. It was him, Pope-ish person. Then the second crowd they clobbered was the Calvinist, the predestination crowd. You know what is amazing thing to me, the neo-evangelicals and what is left of the Baptist, the two things they all like to get into is the Bible out of Rome and predestination. No wonder they hate that book. How would you like to have a Bible that every time you opened it before you ever got to the Scriptures itself, it told you you were stupid? (6)

Stay with it. Give me just one verse that tells you that the original manuscripts are what God wanted you to follow. I just need one. Just give me one. There are 31,171 verses in a King James 1611 Bible. There is not one verse anywhere, not one passage. There are 1,189 chapters, 66 books. There is one place in all of that Bible that ever even suggests that the original manuscripts were given to anybody to keep, read, or have. Who told you that? God did? Give me one verse that teaches that the Scriptures were not inspired. And the original manuscripts were not Scripture. And yet 2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." Who told you it was not?

You have men who will tell you that the King James Bible has mistakes in it. Really? Did God show it to you? And you were studying your Bible. Did God through the Holy Spirit come down and say, "I screwed up that one. I put that, that should have been someplace else." Did God do that for you? No, sir. No, sir. Did He say, "Well, that, you know, okay, I did not translate it right. You give him a better reading for me." Is that what He did? No. How stupid (7) are you? I mean, come on. God came down and showed you His book and showed you mistakes in it so you could

go around as a Pastor Saul correcting God. Now Pastor Saul corrected God all the time. God said, "Kill all the Amalekites, kill Agag, kill them all." And he just said, "No, I am going to reinterpret that because God does not really know what He means." So you are studying your Bible, Dr. Freud, you are studying your Bible, Dr. Shenanigans, you are studying your Bible, and you are a great Bible Greek Hebrew guy, and you get down there, and because of the mystical magical Greek, God shows you where He screwed up and then wants you to fix it. Right? Right? I am telling you God's people never cease to amaze me. I thought they were smarter than this.

You are told that how many times have I heard this? "Well, he believes that the King James Bible is the Word of God in English, and the English language is the universal language of the world." You are telling me that is a King James Bible, God only put His Bible in English? What about all the people that do not speak English? "Well, you are telling us in Greek and Hebrew." I guarantee there are a lot more people in this world that speak English than they do Greek and Hebrew. But in a world of 7 billion people, I guarantee you there is not 100,000 men and women who can fluently speak Greek and Hebrew to understand the Bible. So what you are saying is God gave you a Bible. Now hang on here. What you are saying is God gave us a Bible. You have to understand Greek and Hebrew to really get it. You are never going to master those two languages in your life. So God is going to hold you accountable someday for a book He gave you that the two languages that are not even alive today you had to learn. Are you kidding me?

Where in the Word of God did you ever read that God could bring His Son into the world through a sinner, Mary, through an absolute apostate tribe, Judah? He brought Him through a sinner and brought Him through an apostate tribe, Judah, and yet kept Him sinless and perfect. But He could not bring His Bible through the hands of history through men who were sinners and keep it perfect too? How stupid (8) are you? You can quit counting if you want. I do not want you to, but I am not repenting. You spent too much time with the Sauls of life. Your pastor is Pastor Saul. This man you have been spending time with men who have been educated outside the simplicity of the Word of God. See 2 Corinthians 11:3 and read the devil's work in it.

Please one more time allow me to insult your lack of intelligence just a touch more. If you are saved here this morning, say Amen. Is that salvation a perfect salvation? Are you sure? Because it did not sound like it when I asked that first time. If you are saved, is your salvation perfect? You got that salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, amen? Was He a perfect Savior? So you have a perfect salvation? He saved your soul, and He separated you from the flesh, and He sealed you in a day of redemption. So now is your soul perfect? Is your soul perfect? My drill sergeant used to say, "You people, I cannot hear you." Is your soul perfect? And you got it from a perfect Savior? And He gave you a perfect salvation? Does He have a plan for your life? In His mind, is it not a perfect plan? Did He plan for you to get into sin? Did He plan for you to get off the beaten path? His plan was perfect. His plan was perfect. Does He not want to walk with you through life? Does He want to, I mean how could two walk together except they be agreed? Is it going to be a perfect walk as far as He is concerned? Will He walk with you into bars? Will He walk with you into places you should not be?

So, what you are telling me is this. You got a perfect Savior that gave you a perfect salvation that saved your perfect soul, that has a perfect plan, that has a perfect walk, and we forgot. Is eternity

not going to be perfect? So we got a perfect Savior, perfect salvation, perfect soul, perfect plan, perfect walk, perfect eternity, but an imperfect Bible. I mean, come on, how stupid (9) are you? I mean, let me ask you a question, sir. At birth, how long were you without oxygen? To think God could inspire something. Oh, praise the God! But then God failed to preserve it.

I was watching Joel Osteen this morning when I was getting ready. He starts out with a joke, which is a lot better than his sermons. Then he says, "Okay, hold up your Bible." And they all quote a little, you know what they are all waving their Bible. I want to tell you something. Him, his dead daddy, his wife, his kids, his brothers, and everybody in that church does not believe for 10 seconds that what they are waving is the true Word of God. They are as dumb as the rest of them are.

Now look at verse 27 here.

1 Samuel 14:27

But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

That is what the Bible will do for you. When you eat it, when you digest it, it will open your eyes to everything that is fake and phony. He in the Old Testament saw today your pastor and your church. Now the only question remaining here is about you. Are you fake or are you phony? Or will you let the Word of God do the work it wants to do in you by believing it?

Now look at verse 28.

1 Samuel 14:28

Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were faint.

Oh, I can just see it, he was probably a deacon. I bet he was a Sunday school teacher. I bet he was an administrator. I am going to say it just like these little wimpy guys were talking. "Then answered one of the people and said, 'Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day and the people were faint.'" Let me translate that for you. "What are you doing with that old, archaic Bible, with all the 'thees' and the 'thous'? Nobody talks like that anymore. I mean why, you heard what Pastor Saul said. You have to get an NIV. The Nutty and Insane version. You have to get the ASV. Get a new King James Bible version. All the new Bibles are the closest to the originals. Did you not hear Pastor Saul say, 'Do not eat the honey? Do not eat any food?' Did you not hear what he said last week in the sermon when he talked about the best Bible to have is an NIV or a New Living Translation or a new one called The Message or a King James Bible? Do you not know that he is over and over again, he has told us that you do not want to read that old King James Bible. There are so many mistakes in it. Let us believe that."

You know why you fall for stuff like that? You know why you fall for stuff like that? Because you are in the biggest cult that waters everything, and you are stupid. (10) And you got Saul for your big time pastor.

VIII. The Knowledge of Wisdom and Rewards

Now watch what the Bible will do for you. Our text says, "My son, eat thou honey because it is good and the honeycomb which is sweet to thy taste. So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul when thou hast found it and then shall be a reward and thy expectations shall not be cut off."

Now watch what a little taste of honey will do for you. Verse 29. Jonathan gets a little honey. Kind of like you. Got your little honey over there. Everybody, he is a little honey. Jonathan said, *1 Samuel 14:29-30*

Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

Now do you know what my problem is? I will be honest with you. You know what my problem is? A guy asked me one time, he says, "I get this a lot," he says, "I listen to your tapes or your YouTube thing," he says, "You seem to be very angry." I said, "No, I am not angry about anything. I am just real passionate about things." I will be honest with you, I mean when you love something you get passionate about it. I mean there are guys out there that love baseball and softball. I mean when you come up to bat, you just, no, you are into that thing. I know what you are talking about. You knock that thing out of there. I guarantee you when that little guy caught that football, the heat disked it up and go, you ran with everything you had. I would have given anything in the world to see you run that 80 yards.

I am telling you, you go to the Chiefs game. How about that quarterback we got? 69-yard pass. Get your thumbs down. You are stupid. (11) 69-yard pass. Did you see that? And the crowd went. The crowd went. They went nuts. They are passionate. I am sitting there in Chiefs stadium. "Boy, you are all angry." What are you angry about? Man, have you ever been screaming up and down yelling for a 4? Are you angry, somebody? They are passionate. Do you want a pastor who is not passionate about some things? Do you want me to be a lame duck up here, a limp noodle that just says, "Okay, here we go. Let us have fun today with the Bible. Kumbaya, my Lord. Everybody hold hands." Is that what you want? I will give it to you. By the way, you say, "Are you angry?" I will show you angry if you want me to show you angry. I am not angry about anything. I am the happiest guy on the planet. I just hate Bible perverts. Now I will preach against them. I hate Bible pedophiles.

You see, I got a little honey, and my eyes were opened, and it showed me exactly where the problem was. Old Jonathan got a little bit of honey and said, "Wow, it is not the people's problem. It is Pastor Saul's problem. He has troubled the church. He has distressed the people

because he will not let them eat the honey." Now when I saw where the problem of this God-forsaken Christianity that proclaims the love of God yet hates His Word, I saw a moment. It is with you, Pastor Saul. It is with you, Deacon Saul. It is with you, Sunday school teacher Saul. It is you, Elder Saul. It is you who have absolutely a disdain for the fact that you and me as a common man, God would bring us the honeycomb. When we dipped our fingers and just got a little bit of it, it opened your eyes. You know how you get saved when you are in the blindness of darkness of this old world? You come to a service like this. The Holy Spirit around just gives you a little honey about your soul, and He lets you see it. Your God is not the God of the Bible. Your God is the God of your education. You and you alone have greatly distressed God's people. You have troubled them and made them faint by telling them that the honey was of no value and was full of errors.

This is a state of New Testament Christianity in the neo-evangelical crowd and the Baptist churches for the most part. The Baptists once had it going. Now they have lost it. Now the evangelicals. It is just the second round of round two of the megachurch is really of God. You are so stupid (12) you believe that. It is simply the lessons of history being repeated, and because we have no understanding and cannot see it, we have failed to repeat the same lessons of history.

Now look at Proverbs 24:14. "So shall the knowledge of wisdom." Did you catch that? No, he did not say knowledge anyway. He said "the knowledge of wisdom." You better spend about a day and a half figuring out what that means. "So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul when thou hast found it." So shall the knowledge of wisdom. That simply means that the knowledge of how God uses wisdom. The knowledge of wisdom. It is not about just having wisdom. It is about understanding how God uses His wisdom. By the way, that phrase is not found in an NIV. It is taken out. Somebody did not want you to get the knowledge of wisdom. "There shall be a reward and thy expectations shall not be cut off."

When you get the book, the right one, it will lead to a reward. That reward will be found at the judgment seat of Christ and all that God has for you. Associated with that will be five crowns that are listed for you in the Bible. You were warned, as I said, that no man was to take those crowns over there in Revelation 3:11, and you are warned in 2 John 1:8 that you need to receive a full reward if you possibly can.

For me, it is very clear. Everything comes back to the Bible. I know what I am about to say. It will frost a lot of God's people. But that is the business I am in. I believe the Bible. I am a Bible believer. I believe that whatever you do in a Christian life, no matter how many big churches you build, no matter how many people you win to Christ, I believe that if you do it with the devil's Bible instead of God's Bible, at the judgment seat of Christ, you have lost it all. I do not care how nice you are. I do not care how sweet you are. I do not care what a good person you are. I do not care how you live your life devoted to God all your life in your own mind. Let me tell you something. As a judgment seat of Christ, you come down to one thing, God's mind versus your mind.

You are actually going to tell me, you are actually going to tell me that once we conclude that every other Bible out there is the devil's Bible coming out of Rome, which we do not have time

to get into today, which can be proven by going to any public library in any city in America, once you come to that point where you realize that the other Bibles are the devil's Bible, you are actually going to try to get me to believe that God is going to give you at the judgment seat of Christ, that is going to give you rewards for what you have done, service for Him with the devil's Bible. Is that what you are telling me? That in this life, the blessings of God, God will go ahead and bless you even though you have got the devil's Bible that you are using, and you do not want to care anything about it, and you spend your whole life telling other people that God's true Word is not right. Is that what you are telling me?

You see, you do not understand the difference between the blessings of God in the Philadelphian Church age and the blessings of what you think is of God in this disease-stricken vineyard called Christianity today, which is an absolute apostate mess. You do not have a clue. I know, I know, I get it. I am telling you, there are rewards, and you can say all day long, and boy, I have heard it, "Well, you know, I do not know how you can say that. I mean, you have got this guy, he served his whole life serving God. And, you know, he never, he did everything right. He was a good Christian guy." We actually talk like that means something. What good is it how good you are if at the end of the day, the book you have, you do not believe?

When a great evangelist died here a while back, his son got up and was eulogizing him, which is praise the Lord. He got up there and he says, "I want you to know that my dad, my dad run the race," quoting out of the Bible. I want to tell you something. I am just telling you, in my personal belief and understanding, and I am not going to get into all the details even hell you are to it is, this guy for 50-some years, 60-some years, preached revivals, and I am telling you, the last 40 years of his ministry, I am telling you something. He, when he gets to the judgment seat of Christ, he is not going to have a thing. You say, "Well, I do not know how you can say that." It is called the Bible. The B-I-B-L-E. That is the book for me. I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E.

2 Timothy 2:5

And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

Read it and weep, they say when we used to play cards. "If any man also strive for the mastery," ran the race, did he? "Any man strive for the mastery? Yet he is not crowned." Why? "Except he strives lawfully." You have to do it by the book. You do not get a nice smile and a nice Christian attitude and talk about the love of Jesus and then get rewards that way. If you are going to, listen, kid, if you are going to run this race, you are going to have to do it by the book. You are going to have to strive lawfully. There are some things you can do and some things you cannot do. There are some people that you are going to be nice to, and there are some people you are going to have to take a stand against. You can never let the world come into your life, nor can you ever let somebody, Dr. Saul, come in because the most important possession you have after you are saved is the Bible in your lap this morning.

IX. The Christian Midas Touch

Then verse 14, and I am done. "Thy expectations shall not be cut off." There is a story called King Midas. Everybody knows the story. It is a Bible story. You just do not know it is a Bible story.

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

You know what that is called? That is called the Christian Midas touch. Gold in the Bible is the first thing that needs to be on the foundation the day you got saved. Gold, silver, precious stones. In our story about King Midas, he loved gold. He loved gold so much that he wanted to be able to touch whatever he touched would turn to gold so his life could be filled with gold. So he got that wish that he would go through his kingdom and turn into gold. He would go over here, and he would touch this, and he would walk over here, and he would say, "Man, everything I touch is gold." He touched that. Of course, it is kind of a worldly spin on it because the next thing you know what happens is kids come running down the thing and "Hi, Daddy, hi, Daddy," he puts his arm around them, they turned into gold. So he found out in the story, which is a nursery rhyme type thing, that just because you want everything to be gold and you have the gold and touch it turns everything into gold, there are some things that if you go, greed for gold is so much it will ruin your life. So that is the story, and I get that.

But for a Christian, you want to touch your kids and have them turn to gold. You want everything in your life to turn to gold because that is the first thing you lay on the foundation of the judgment seat of Christ. You want to go through life as a husband and wife and a family, as a young single, as a young teenager, you want to go through life not having your expectations fail, just get the right book. Just love it, live it, digest it, eat it, taste the honey, take the honey, it will give you every expectation of your life. God will give you the desires of your heart when they are the desires of His heart.

I am telling you, and I will leave you with this final thought, the greatest, greatest possession you have this morning if you are saved, the greatest possession you have is that Bible that God gave you. It is the honey to your soul. It is the honey out of the rock. It is perfect. It is without error. Do not you ever let the Doctor Sauls of this life, the big time wannabes, do not you ever let them take from you the greatest book that God ever gave you because when you do, you too will lose your spiritual insight, and you too will be distressed, and your life will be troubled because it is the book that keeps the enlightenment of what we see.

Father, we thank you and praise you for the Lord Jesus, and we do love you. Thank you for the Word of God that you have given us. Pray your blessings upon our time today. May someone out there just see and understand. If just one person would get and understand that they have got the greatest book the world has ever seen, and it is no wonder that the devil wants to take it from

them, and he uses the Sauls of this life to take it from us. We as God's people, we fall into that trap. We believe that these men are godly men, that they are men that God is leading when in reality they are a long way from what the plain teaching of the Bible says. Lord, all I did today, all I did was just go to a perfect book to preach a perfect message about a perfect life with a honeycomb. Take it, use it, and may God have the honor and glory out of it, and may each man and woman here, each family, each single, each teenager, may they fulfill the expectation and get that full reward. I will thank you and praise you in Jesus' name. Amen. God bless you. You are dismissed.