

I. The Believer as God's Instrument of War

The Bible says that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. We have talked and seen different examples in the book of Proverbs of that warfare and how to wage that warfare. My goal last week was to show you how God wants to develop and make you into His fine instrument of war in this spiritual battle that we are in, you being able to be used of God to do what God would have us to do.

We teach you the Bible here for many reasons. It solves a lot of issues in your life and obviously keeps you from getting into the world and things like that. But I think the main goal that we have here, at least in my mind, is to transform all of you young men, all of you young ladies, all of you moms and dads, all of you people who call yourselves part of this work, into a formidable weapon in God's hand, for God being able to use you.

We saw the illustration last week and an example that most people would never stop and think about. We talked about how he said the sling in the hand of somebody. I showed you how that in battle, God used in a devastating way slingers, men who could sling stones and hit a rabbit running, as an incredible picture of what God wants to do with you and me as the opposition. You and I being that sling, and of course, the stones being the Word of God, the principles, the concepts, the verses, the chapters that we give to others and send out from our own lives.

Then we looked at how twice he used the concept of a parable, of the parables. We all know here what the parables really represent; we have been through it many, many times. But I thought it was interesting because if there is one thing, and again, I am not saying you have to be able to understand the inward workings of all the parables to be able to be used of God. I am certainly not saying that, but I am saying this: if you do know the inside workings of the parables, you definitely know your Bible. It is one of those things that God has just, in a miraculous way, fit together that is hard to explain, but boy, when you get into all the intricate pieces of them and you see how that they all dovetail together, yet how that they all go outward and cover so many different aspects within the Word of God.

We have seen now, as we have come through here and looked at all this, two different aspects of your life and my life. The first one we focused on was our legs and how that represents where we go for God. The Bible talks about them being strong, being fixed, being unmovable. In the Song of Solomon, it is like marble, that marble is the stone that they choose for tombstones because it endures forever and ever and ever, and a hardness like that. Ready to move out to wherever God, once you get saved, ready to move out to wherever God wants to take you. God has places that He wants you to go, things that He wants you to do. You may base your whole life in Kansas City and stay here and live here, but within that scope, God is going to take you places. God is going to take you to Wichita, He is going to take you to Lincoln, He is going to take you to all the places that God wants us to go to impact somebody's life. So it is a thing where you have to

be ready. You have to have your legs firmly set and know what God wants you to do before God is going to take you where He wants you to go.

The second one was our hands. We talked about in Psalms how He has made our hands, our fingers ready for war. The hands will represent the work of God by the fruit of our hands. The Bible says in Proverbs 31:16, and we looked at this last week, with your hands you plant a vineyard. That is a picture of the people that you invest your life with. There are a lot of guys out there that claim to know the Bible. You see them all the time talking about the Bible. I never look at what a man says he believes about God, he believes about the Bible. You can get on the internet and there are a thousand guys out there. What I look at, because the real key is not what you know about the Bible or how well you think you can expound the Bible. The real key is looking at a person's life and seeing the trail of people they have invested in; that is the key.

Most of you here have a legacy of people. There are people in this church today loving God, raising their families right, doing the right thing simply because you let God, by the work of your hands, plant a vineyard. I am not interested in your intellect. I am not interested in what you know or how much you think you know. I want to see where the rubber meets the road. I want to see the lives that you have invested in and are now investing in. We do it in so many different ways. We do it through discipleship. When a couple wants to get married here, we do it through marriage, going through and understanding the concepts of marriage, our marriage enrichment classes or premarital counseling, as it is sometimes called. We do it in people that come in with issues in their life. You bring scores and scores of people here who are struggling, and I get a chance to talk with them. But if it was not for you, I would never get the opportunity. It is because together, what we have decided that we are going to do is what the Bible says we should be doing.

We are not just a bunch of intellects here. We do not sit around and discuss the deeper things of the Bible. We do, but we always have an end result to it. It is not about sitting around and talking about this or talking about that or having discussions about the Bible. It is about talking about the Bible, studying the Bible. But the real key is, did it change your life? Are you taking what you know and giving it to somebody else? To me, that has always been the bottom line. I am not interested in the semantics of Christianity. I am interested in when the rubber hits the road, what are you doing with your hands? What vineyard are you planting? And where are you planting it? Building people through the ministry with a message of God in your hand.

We talked about how wrong it is or how bad it will be to send a fool out with a message of God in their hand because they will just cause damage and they will do more harm than they will good. Along with that, I think the greatest thing for me, anyhow, that came out of last week was Psalms 90:17. When God takes you and uses you and God puts His hand upon you and takes your hands to plant a vineyard and teach others, the Bible says by doing that, we establish the beauty of the Lord. People see who God really is. It is not some, as the Bible says, foolish genealogies or old wives' tales where you just circumvent everything. It is about the real reality of Christianity: your life, your hands touching the life of somebody else.

Back in the Old Testament, there is a story back there that I have a message on that I preached, and to me, it is one of the most powerful messages found in the Bible. It is about the prophet of God whose woman has a son who dies. This son dies and they call for Elijah to come and to do something. Of course, it is a great story and there are so many practical applications, but for the sake of time, when he finally shows up, the Bible says that here is this boy laying dead, and the Bible clearly says that he stretched himself on that dead body and it says that he put his eyes to his eyes, his mouth to his mouth, and his hands to his hands. The Bible says that when he did that, life came into this boy and he came back to life.

Now, I have to admit to you that that seems like a strange way, and I am sure glad that we are not doing that in the ministry today. But the picture is an incredible picture because this boy that was dead represents unsaved people who are dead in trespasses and sins. When Elijah went in and he stretched himself upon that child, the Bible says he put his eyes to his eyes and his mouth to his mouth and his hands to his hands. When he did that, the kid came alive. I walked away from that seeing what a great picture that is about you and me dealing with people.

Because the first thing it says is eye to eye. For you and I to be effective in dealing with people, we have to understand why unsaved people see things the way they do. Too many times as God's people, especially as Baptists, we are so uptight with unsaved people, and we do not spend the time to understand. We just demand them to cross over the line to become saved. That is never, never, never the way to handle it. So Elijah, when he put his eyes to his eyes, it represents you and I seeing through the eyes of an unsaved man and understanding how he sees things. When you do that, you will better know and understand how to bring the gospel to him.

The second thing he says is mouth to mouth. Not only do we need to see how an unsaved man sees things in life, but mouth to mouth represents that we understand why he says the things that he says. Here again, we get so caught up in the language that people say and the things that, and many times we forget that when we were lost or without Christ, we said the exact same thing. But now we are sanctified, now we are commodified, now we are above all of that. So when we see an unsaved man or woman, we get indignant because we think, "How?" Oh, there is nothing virgin about your ears. We need to understand not only why they see things the way they see it, but we need to understand why they say the things that they say.

And then it is hands to hands. I thought long, not only do I need to see and understand how they look at things and why they say the things that they say, but the hands represent the things that they do. There is great value in dealing with people by understanding why unsaved people, and even God's people, look at things the way they look at, talk and say the things that they say, and then their hands, the things that they do. There is a great value in understanding all of that.

Now I realize the reason why so many pastors and so many Christians, they want to get into that fluffy, flowery world where you just talk about the Bible and have a nice time with the Bible, is because it takes a real dedicated work. It takes men and women who have to come down off that ivory dream world that they live in and get down in the trenches where people are at and actually put your eyes to their eyes, your mouth to their mouth, and your hands to their hands. God says that your hands are key, and God wants you, once you are saved, God wants you with the work

of your hand to plant a vineyard. This church is our vineyard. We are full. This is why in the Bible men are likened to trees. Trees have limbs. We want to study your lineage or your heritage. You look back at your family tree. Men in the Bible are likened to trees. One guy was blind and God healed him, and Jesus said, "What do you see?" And he said, "I see men walking around like trees." That is a great key in the Bible. We all should be fruit-bearing trees, seed within ourselves, and by your hands. God has already put you here with the fruit of your hands. You and me together, we plant a vineyard, one person at a time. Everybody in this church came in one at a time. You stayed here because somebody saw you, cared about you, and then invested in you, building people through the ministry with a message of God in your hand.

This work of God, as this work of God begins in you, we talked about this last week. I gave you, I think, one of the great verses in the Bible for all of us in Philippians 1:6.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

The day you got saved, whether you recognize it today or not, and you may be one of the ones that we have talked about here on Sunday that you do not feel like you need to come to church and you study your Bible and you do all this and you add and you study the great truths of the scriptures and dialogue about it. That is great, wonderful, congratulations. The day you got saved, God began a work in you. That work is not a work about your intellect. It is not a work about your meditations in your conversation. It is a work about you taking your hands, your eyes, and your mouth and putting them up to unsaved people. That is the key. God began that work in you, and it starts from salvation up to the rapture. God's concept for that is, as we already know, the New Testament local church.

II. The Reward of the Fool and Transgressor

Today I want to pick it up in Proverbs chapter 26, verse 10. We are just going to talk about one verse today, but I think it is a verse that is worthy of our time to set it aside. It simply says this:

Proverbs 26:10

The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth the transgressors.

This verse will fit right into what we have been studying so far in chapter 26. We have been studying, and this has been a chapter that has been pretty much dedicated to a fool and foolish things. We have been looking at the workings of the fool, how to identify him, how to deal with him, how he thinks, but most importantly, asking ourselves, are we him? This verse deals with something that most of God's people never think about. I do not even think they think it is workable or possible. But this verse deals with the reward or the payday for sinners and fools.

Years ago, I was privileged to hear this sermon probably three times in person. There was an old Southern evangelist by the name of R.G. Lee. You can still find this message that I am about to tell you about and other ones on YouTube. He had a message that he was famous for, and he

preached it all over the country. Every sermon he preached was a great sermon, but there are certain sermons that become a hallmark for you, and this one for him. R.G. Lee, he is dead now, went home to be with the Lord probably 35, 40 years ago. He was a great old Southern evangelist, and he had a message that he preached called "Payday Someday." It was an incredible message.

Most people today think that when it comes to sin, there is no payday. When you talk about God rewarding His sinner, we always think of a reward as a good thing. It is hard for us to think about a payday for a fool or a transgressor or a reward connected to it. We tell our kids, I see it on billboards, "Crime doesn't pay." What an injustice that is to our kids. Sure it does. Preachers preach that sin does not pay. There is no profit in it. Why, you moron? Certainly there is a profit to it.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Certainly there is a reward and a payday coming for it. There is a wage paid for sin and a payday coming, and there is a reward to the fool and the transgressor.

Psalms 54:5

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

There is a reward for evil men.

Psalms 70:3

Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

In Psalms 109:1-20, I will not read the whole thing, but in that passage he lays out 13 things that befall a fool and a transgressor. In verse 20 he says that these things shall be their reward.

Psalms 109:20

Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

They are rewarded with it. In the book of Obadiah, verse 15, there is only one chapter.

Obadiah 1:15

For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

He says that the second coming of Christ will be for the evil, their reward. So we find in the Bible, a wise man and a fool will both get rewarded for a life without God, or the child of God who will get rewarded for a life with God.

In the Bible, a reward is defined as something given, good or bad, in relationship to a man's lifestyle and what and where he goes in his life, his work, his labor. This reward, good or bad,

will be based always in the Bible on the fruit, good or bad, of that man's labor. You will find in the Old Testament, Jeremiah chapter 24, verses 1 through 8, when it is talking about the nation of Israel. We know that the nation of Israel was God's people. Then it went bad. We know that he says in Jeremiah chapter 21, verse 8, that they are very evil figs. But there are also some good figs that they bore.

As I looked at that, I thought to myself, boy, here is a good question for somebody that wants to do the Bible. In the Old Testament in Jeremiah chapter 24, verses 1 through 8 and other places, it said that Israel bore bad figs. They could have bore good figs, but it says they are bearing bad figs. Now, over there in Matthew chapter 21, verse 19, when Jesus comes out and sees the fig tree, which is a picture of the nation of Israel, the Bible says that it is barren and it has no fruit. Now, here is the question. You want to dig into your Bible? Why in the Old Testament in Jeremiah's time could they bear bad figs, but when Jesus showed up, it is barren and there are no figs? There is a reason behind that. Think about that for about 30, 40 years. I am not going to tell you the answer, I just want to throw that out to you.

In this life, we see it all the time. If you work with me with people on the slowest form, certainly even in discipleship, and you have all mostly discipled people, and you see this. You get people that come in and get discipled and they are just dream boats. I mean, they just glide right through. No real issues, no real problems. They are just like sponges. They get everything that you have for them. And then you have others who obviously it is okay, they have struggles, they have issues, things you have to work through. That is the whole point of it.

Years ago when I started discipleship, and this is back in the 80s, when I started discipleship, my goal, I had no idea the scope that it would expand itself to. My goal back then was just to take people that I had and really teach them about the Bible. Now we use it in many different ways. You find people that you begin to disciple that they come in under iffy circumstances that you are not sure they are even saved. The average Baptist Church would stop discipleship until you hammered until they got saved. We found out that if you just stick with the lessons, you will find out God will reveal if they are saved or not.

You ladies, I do not know, I am sure the guys do this too, but the guys are not as smart as the women are in this church, so they probably do not. I do not know how many times somebody has told me that you, a group of you ladies, started to disciple somebody, and you were not sure where they were at, because they were not somebody that was locked, they came in and you got them or I got them or whatever. So you are not sure where they are at. So instead of just trying to take your doctor probe and probe their heart and see if they are saved or not, your first discipleship lesson, which is about salvation, you know what you guys do? Maybe you are three ladies, four ladies, five ladies, I do not know, what you do is you just take turns that first time around and tell the testimony of how you got saved. I do not know how many times you have told me that after you have done that, the lady or the person has said, "Well, I do not think I have ever done that." You did not say one thing about what they needed to do. And yet you said everything that they needed to do, but you did not say it directly to them. You did not tell them what God will do for them, you were telling them what God had done for you, and nothing will impact somebody's world more than actually seeing what God did in your world. I mean, we can

tell people all day long how great God is and how the Bible is and how salvation, we can do that, but nothing will impact it other than the change that they see in your life and then you taking your hands with the message that God gave you and giving it to them.

We have seen it, we have seen and we all have dealt with it. I guess there is no place where the concept of long-term versus short-term gets displayed more in situations like this when you look at the fruit of a man's hands or a woman's hands and their labor when it comes to what they have done or not done with the Word of God. We see an experience in dealing with people, the reward that comes to a fool, and the reward that comes to some man, somebody who has transgressed. I will say this, you can change your life anytime you want to. If you are sitting here this morning and you say, "Well, I am the fool that he is talking about," you do not have to stay there. If you say, "Well, yeah, he is the transgressor and the person," you do not have to stay there.

I preached one time at John 8:44 in the church where it says, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do." I told everybody in the church service that our spiritual name is devil before we got saved. Your mama's name was devil and your father's name was devil and you were of your father the devil. An old, dear old sweet saint came up to me at the end and she was upset that I said that. She says, "You know what," she says, "I was really offended that you said that I was of the devil's family." I said, "Ma'am, I totally understand that. I heard that about 20 years ago when I was upset. So you know what I did? I changed families." You do not have to stay where you are at today. Now you may do that, but you do not have to. If this church is proof of anything, it is proof that the Bible we believe, the way we believe it, works in people's lives. You cannot deny that. It is a thing where it will change, you can change about you, whatever you want to change.

Now I know we are a wild, crazy bunch. Got a Top Gun hero in here and got a, you know, we are weird guys here, but that is okay. God is weird. Israel was weird. He would call them a peculiar nation. We are a peculiar church. That is okay, I like that. In fact, I am thinking about commuting back and forth and moving to Peculiar, Missouri, just to fit in with everything that goes on.

But we have seen the rewards, have we not? We have seen the rewards that come in a person's life because of bad judgment. You relied on the world system. You did not care much about God. You grasped everything you caught off of life. I have looked at people and watched how they have learned and how they have taken stuff in from the world and how it has really affected their life. I thought to myself many, many times, if that person, that same person, would do the same thing with the things of God and the Word of God, their life would be incredible. But you will wind up with the reward of bad judgment. You have no discernment. You have no baseline of truth. Bad judgment will always bring another person with it, and that is wrong choices. Because when you have the reward of bad judgment, you are going to get the reward of bad choices. You are going to make choices that are not the best choices in life.

Those wrong choices will lead to many other issues in your life, but let us just stay on a little thing here. Wrong choices will automatically lead in most cases to wrong relationships. Either somebody you marry or some friends you hang out with, but it leads to wrong relationships. When you get into the wrong relationship, then it is going to lead to a wrecked marriage. These

are rewards that come along with violating the Word of God. When you have a wrecked marriage, it is going to lead to rebellious children. All of it is going to lead to the reward of a wasted time in life. Many times it leads to a loss of health and all kinds of problems monetarily and socially and spiritually.

If I have learned one thing in life that I am absolutely sure of outside my King James Bible, I have learned that in life, we pretty much get what we deserve. In fact, let me quantify that for a moment. When you and I do wrong, I never feel sorry about myself or anybody else. I mean, I try to help them, but at the end of the day, I do not really feel sorry for them because that was my choice or your choice. But when we do wrong, we get what we deserve. When your parents, when you were growing up and your parents had a strict zero tolerance policy of what you knew you were going to get a whipping for and you crossed over the line and you know it was whipping day. Deep down inside, on the outside, you did not want to whip them, but you cannot tell me deep down inside, crying as you were begging for your life, you did not know based on what you have been told, you deserved the whipping. So I have learned when I do not do right, when you do not do right, we get what we deserve. But I have also learned this: when we do what God says and we do what is right, then we get what we do not deserve. We get the mercy and the grace of God. That is a tremendous concept.

But when we decide that we are going to walk away from God or we are not going to do what is right, and we reject truth, then we are going to get what is coming to us. I have seen many, many, many a person over my ministry get mad at the preacher about something and think that, "Oh, this church down over here, over here is going to be a lot better. Oh, I am going there and I am going to do this." They get mad over here for something stupid and they burn their bridges and go over here, and then two or three years later, they are sitting there with no ministry, no Bible being taught to them, a church now that does not even believe the King James Bible anymore, and they are saying, "Man, boy, did I, did I, I just did not, that was a bad, bad move on my part. Here I am now, now what do I do?" My answer to that is, "You got what you deserved." You had it, you had everything that you could want.

I knew a pastor one time, he had a good church when he taught the Bible, and he had people get upset with him and leave, and then they went to some other church and they thought that they were going to be in the hierarchy over there and they did not go anywhere and they just, they just absolutely, absolutely were miserable, but they were stuck, they were stuck. There are people that say, "Well, I feel sorry." Not me, you got what you deserved. Hey, when God gives you the best and then you sell it out for something else, because you are stupid, you deserve whatever you get. I am speaking to myself. When you reject the principles and you do your own thing, and then, you know, it is like O'Malley used to say, "We like to sow our wild oats and then pray for crop failure."

The value of a long life, and you the kids do not see this, the older you get, if you stay in the book, you young kids, this is why so many of you young guys and young gals, you make mistakes when it comes to the Bible and ministry and things and you get caught up in goofy stuff. That is because you have not lived long enough to be able to find what is really goofy and what really is not. You have a short story, you have a short story, you have a short span of a test

tube, of being able to test things. But you know, you live and it worked for 50, 60, 70 years. You step back and you see life and you see it now where you saw some things that everybody thought was good short term, but long term, they turned into a disaster. Now that lends wisdom to what you do know and you understand. When you couple that with the Bible, you begin to see how that, you know what, you look at things through the expanse of 30, 40 years of looking at life. If you are paying attention, you will learn some things.

I have always thought pastors for the most part are the most stupidest, dumbest, worthless people on the planet. The ones that I know of, and I will tell you why. They start a church when they are maybe in their 20s and their 30s, they do a work, they build it or they do not or whatever, but they go through all of this time, they will spend 20, 30 years in the ministry and then when they hit 65, right at the age that they now should have amassed all of this knowledge and wisdom based on the Bible and they are probably more valuable now to you young guys and gals than they ever were in any time of their ministry, they all quit. They all go to Florida to the preacher dinosaur graveyard. They give it up because of the fact that they thought they have done all that they can do. Let me tell you something. When it comes to the ministry and being a pastor, there is no discharge from this war. You do not have an expiration date unless God punches your ticket. You do not get to be 65 or 70, now it is social security time and you look back and you say, "Well, I served the Lord for 20, 30 years." Hey, that 30, 20s was just a school for you. When you hit 60, 65 or 70, you should be amassing everything you have learned in light of the Word of God. You are a thousand times more valuable to you young kids, you young couples who have never experienced all of that.

Now I get it, even at that you are going to have some who are unteachable. They are going to be hardheaded, they are going to do what they want to do no matter what. I get that, but I am saying, the long term of things, the longer you live, if you stay in the book, the more you are going to understand about the wisdom things of life and the foolish things of life. Right now you cannot. Some of you are ahead of the game just because you are so into the book. But I am just telling you, if I have learned anything, I have learned that in life, when we go away from God and the Word of God, we turn our back on the principles of the book to do what we want to do, we get what we deserve.

I have seen many young men that walked out of here saying, "I am going to start a church and I am going to do this and I am going to do that," and all down through my ministry and I have seen it. You know where they are at today? Nowhere. Nowhere. You know why? It takes more than just a want to start a church. It is a thing where that is just the way it works. So when you say, "What do you think about that?" Here is a guy that, you know, take a guy with you for 20, 30 years, you know, and then he bails out and goes and does his own thing and then it fails, it flops, it makes an absolute disaster out of everything. He has lost his family. He does his sin, and he is relegated and now and he has lost every chance that God will wear. What do you think about that, Bob? I think he got exactly what he deserved. He had the greatest chance as many of them have.

Now you know what? I have learned, I believe it. I believe we get what we deserve. When we do what is right and stay with the book, plus God, we get what we do not deserve. You realize we

ought to be in hell this morning? What are you doing sitting here being saved? What am I doing here being saved this morning? Well, you all deserve, we all deserve to be screaming, rolling around the lake of fire this morning, bumping into each other and saying, "Man, it is hot down here." You know why? I will tell you why. Because at least when it came to salvation, you did what was right. You know what happened? You got what you did not deserve. Now, if you can just capture that, like a fluttering little butterfly, grab it and keep it, you will find that the day you got saved and did what was right, you just started getting what you did not deserve. If you can stay in the book and walk that book and love that book, believe that book, and do with your hands and your feet what God wants you to do, God will continually give you a life of things you do not deserve. When we walk away from it, I do not feel sorry for myself any more than I feel for you. We get exactly what we deserve when we do not do what we should do.

The value of a long life and understanding everything that puts around it. You know, I have learned that in life as in anything, there are no experts. The concept of Bible scholars is an absolute joke to me. A Bible scholar is nothing more than a second and third century Gnostic. Someone that claims to be an expert when it comes to the Greek or the Hebrew or using it in determining the Bible and they are set up on a pedestal someplace as an expert. Let me tell you something. Not only true of the Bible, but it is certainly true of life. There are no experts in anything. When it comes to life, when it comes, certainly when it comes to the Bible, although there are students who are on different levels that are continuing to learn. There are no experts.

Now there is a great lesson here for all of us. At the Judgment Seat of Christ, the Bible tells us, which is definitive chapters as 1 Corinthians chapter 3 and 2 Corinthians chapter 5.

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

1 Corinthians 3:13

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

The key verse to all of this will be found in 1 Corinthians chapter 3, verse 8, where he says:

1 Corinthians 3:8

Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

And he says on the foundation, your salvation, you are going to build gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble. I tell you something, there is a reward that comes with each category. So our reward, good or bad, will be based on two areas that we have been looking at in chapter 26. Where we go with the message of God in our life journey, our legs, Proverbs 26:6. And what we build with the labor of our hands, Proverbs 26:9. We will either build, he says in 1 Corinthians chapter 3, verse 10, that we are to be a wise master builder, because whether it is good or whether it is bad, it comes with a reward.

III. Vessels of Honor and Dishonor

One of the greatest principles in the Word of God on this is what Paul told Timothy as he was preparing him for the work of God that God had for him. In 2 Timothy chapter 2, verses 19 through 21, it says:

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

2 Timothy 2:20

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

2 Timothy 2:21

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Now I want to, if you do not have this broken down in your Bible, you need to do this. I will walk you through this incredible passage.

First of all, verse 19, he says, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure." That is your salvation. Your salvation is birthed on the perfect book, the Word of God that God has given you. I will just say it for the record, if your Bible is not 100% perfect, neither is your salvation. It is just that simple. We like to pretend that our salvation can be sure and perfect, but the Bible maybe is not. You are out of your mind. Your salvation being born again is based on the seed of God's Word. If there is any error in it, then there is a good chance there is error in your salvation. Now that is not very theological, it is a simple basic, but most of the Bible is that way. So the foundation of God will be your salvation based on the Word of God. He says, "Nevertheless the foundation of God is sure." There is a direct reference, 2 Peter 1:19, to God's sure word of prophecy. There is the good work of God of Philippians chapter 1, verse 6, it is built on a sure foundation because your sure salvation is built on a sure book.

Then he says, "having this seal," that will be the Holy Spirit of God in Ephesians chapter 1, verse 13, and Ephesians 4:30, you being sealed with the Holy Spirit of God as promised unto the day of redemption. So there is the seal.

Then he says in verse 20, "in a great house." This house here is defined for us in Ephesians chapter 2, verse 19, and Ephesians chapter 3, verse 15, as the household of God. We know from our in-depth Bible studies that this represents the members of this family run from Genesis to Revelation. There are seven members of this family spanning that course of the Bible. We have talked about it many, many times. He is saying that in God's house, which has a plan for you and a work, whether you are in the Old Testament or the New Testament, you are going to find vessels of honor. Those vessels of honor will be gold and silver. Gold in the Bible will always represent the deity of Christ. Silver in the Bible will always represent the redemption of Christ

dying for you. So a vessel of honor is someone who puts the emphasis on Christ and what he did for him.

Now over there in 1 Corinthians chapter 3, he adds one more thing to this where he says, "gold, silver, and precious stones." We know the precious stones are people. Here he does not put the people because he is talking about our honor as a vessel for God. But it is only understandable that once you get to God in your life and you understand what he did for your life, the precious stones are going to show up because you are going to take the message with your hands and tell somebody else about it.

Then he says the vessels of dishonor. He says wood. In Isaiah chapter 37, verse 19 and other places in the Old Testament, wood is always used in the description of graven images carved out of wood, sometimes stone. So it is a picture of a vessel of dishonor. You have your own gods that you are connecting your life to. You are having your manmade images of wood. Then he says earth. Earth in the Bible is where man came from in the early book chapters of Genesis. The Bible says that Adam came from the dust of the ground and God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. If you pick up a handful of dirt, you will find the same 14 components in that dirt that you find in our human bodies because he came from the dirt. So vessels of dishonor are connected with their own self, their own flesh and the graven images of wood that they have replaced God with.

He says in verse 21 that you and I, as a vessel of honor, are to purge ourselves from these. Here is what I want you to get. What I just gave you was great and wonderful and you should get that in your Bible. But here is what he says. Verse 21. We are to be a vessel of honor. There are three things in verse 21 that we have to have.

1.) Sanctified. We have to be set apart from the world. He said in our passage here, "purge yourself from these." If you are going to be a vessel of honor, you have no place but having the world being part of your life. You cannot have a Bible in one hand and a beer in the other. You cannot have a Bible in one hand and the things of the world in the other. You have to be set apart.

2.) Meet for the master's use. I find this very, very instructive. He could have said that any way he wanted to. He chose to use the word that is found back in Genesis chapter 2, verse 20. When God brought the woman to Adam, and he said to Adam in verse 20 of chapter 2, "She is going to be a help meet to you." I have always made the reference to people that when he brought her to Adam, he did not say, "This is a helpmate for you." He said, "This is a help meet for you." That is because Adam had a commission from God, and Eve had to be part of that commission to fill that commission and to fulfill it. So he called her a help meet to Adam because she was to help Adam meet the commission that God had given to Adam. There is no way Adam could have done that without her help. So she is a help meet.

Here I look at this and I go back to Genesis and I see Adam as a type of Christ. I see Eve as a type of the church. Now I have a picture of the relationship that I should have and you should have with Christ and a picture of Adam as a type of Christ, Eve as a type of the church. Now we begin to see the first time the devil shows up in the Bible. When the devil shows up in the Bible, he picks a time when Adam is not around, which is the picture of the church age when Christ is

back up in heaven and the weaker vessel, the Eve, is there by herself. All she has at that moment in time is what God had told her that he was going to do and told her what she was not to do.

Now, the devil shows up, picks the weakest time, picture of the church, 1 Corinthians 11. Picks the church that he beguiles Eve, picture of the church. He shows up and the first words out of his mouth are exactly the first words out of his mouth to every one of you who he wants to beguile. He says to Eve, a type of the church, exactly what your pastor says, exactly what your Bible scholar says, exactly what everybody is telling you today. He starts out, "Yea, hath God said?" So he has got credibility. And then he simply changed what God said. So that was not what God said. When he changed what God said, the weaker vessel, the type of the church, ceased to be Adam's help meet. Now she took her to forbidden fruit and something changed about her and she is in a fallen state, married to a guy who is still in his heavenly state. So he did exactly what Christ did for me. He died for her. I am going to tell you right now, that is the most beautiful picture in all of the Bible of what God wants you to do for him. That is why he says it here. When you got saved, he began a good work in you and he is going to perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. But the only way he can perform it is for you to be his help meet. Where Eve was to help meet the great commission that God gave to Adam, you and I are to be God's help meet to Christ that we fulfill his commission from God the Father. The exact same thing happens to us. "Yea, hath God said," and that a better reading should be. "The NIV is a better Bible. The Greek and the Hebrew will really help you." "Well, I believe the King James Bible is the best translation but there are other translations out there." "Yea, hath God said society." I do not go two chapters in my Bible before I know who Christ is a picture of, what I am a picture of, what the devil is going to try to do to stop me from being a help meet. So many of God's people just blow right through that or see it and refuse to follow it and believe it for whatever their own personal agenda is and wind up failing to be God's help meet. God has something he wants you to do. He began that good work in you, it was to be his help meet. That he can send you wherever he wanted you to go with the message of God and you take your hand and by the fruit of your hands you plant a vineyard. It is just the way it works.

3.) Prepared for every good work. God wants you to get prepared. God wants you to get prepared and the only way you can get prepared is through a New Testament Bible Believing Local Church. A Bible college cannot do it for you. Most churches cannot do it for you. It has to be a church that is standing on the truth of God that when push comes to shove, that is all you have left. All you have is the book and nobody will ever talk you out of it. If that book is not 100% perfect without any errors in it as far as God is concerned, you are not going anywhere.

IV. The Local Church and Accountability

I have always watched all my ministry the mindset of young men, not too much young ladies but young men who get the zeal and the passion to do something for God but they want to do it outside the local church. The reason why they do, and I have seen it all my life. I mean, it just happens. You get 500 people together, you are going to have two or three guys like that. In a course of 40, 50 years, you are going to see 20 or 30 guys like that. I have got a list of them in my Bible. You could never teach them anything. They never bought into the local church system

and every one of them at some point in their life got outside the local church, started their own ministry and did their own thing without ever, ever, ever being under the accountability of a New Testament local church. The reason for that is simply this: all their life, the one thing that none of them wanted was accountability.

I had a guy in my ministry that when I was way back in the day and nobody here really knows him, I do not think. You might know his name, but he was the most worthless kid, rebellious against everything. He fell into the mindset of the King James Bible. That Ruckman mindset sometimes kind of grabbed guys like that, that they want to be like him without ever understanding what he is. So this guy was an absolute idiot. He left church, he went all over the place. He got booted out of just about every church. You never find a church that is satisfying him. He is the most goofed up, screwed up, weird old guy you ever met in your life. He is a pastor now. You know how he is a pastor? Because when he could not find any other church, what he did, what they all do, he went and started his own. Now he has his own church. He has been there probably 20, 30 years. He has got the same 12 people. It never grows, it did not go anywhere. I mean, they are the goofiest people on the planet. I mean, I could get into some of the stuff that they teach and they say, you will blow your minds. It is a thing where they have standards, man. All the women wear dresses and all the guys, you are not spiritual unless you wear big overalls. That comes out of Genesis, I guess someplace. It is the goofiest stuff you have ever been in your life. They come to the point where this whole thing comes down to the fact he never wanted to submit himself to any accountability. So what do you do? You go start your own church and then you can run it any way you want it, pretending you are doing it with the Bible when the Bible is 100 million light years away. That is the way it works. I have watched it all my life. I have watched it happen. It comes down to the fact that they do not want any accountability. They do not want to be under the accountability.

I want to tell you something. I have said this before, there are a lot of good organizations out there that do a lot of good, but I am talking pure Bible. I mean, where I am going to put a, I am going to shut off all the windows and I am going to turn on the pure oxygen valve here. What you are about to get is 100% pure Bible. I do not care how good it is. I do not care how good it looks. I do not care what the kid does, or the guy does or the girl does or whoever does. Let me tell you this. If whatever that ministry is, is not out of and under the authority of a New Testament local church, it is unbiblical. It is just that simple. Because we have to have an accountability. When you get out there, that is why they all get off on goofy stuff. They wind up as Calvinists, or they wind up in the Lordship Salvation Heresy, or they wind up in some other goofy thing out there. Because there is nothing to hold them accountable. It is a thing where that is the great aspect of the church. I am so absolutely pro local church. I believe it is the center of everything in God's plan for the New Testament. It is one of those things where I believe that you, he says right here, "prepared to every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16 says you get trained by it, you get called through it and you get sent out from it. If it is not that way, you are on your own, pal. I do not care how you want to pretend God is in it.

I have had so many people over my years say to me, "God is in this, God is in this. I have got it, God put it in my heart to do that." Six months later, a year later, two years later, and it is falling

flat on their face. God changed his mind, right? This is why I am not popular. I will confront him with that. I am saying, "I am confused. You told me here just six months ago, eight months ago, that you were 100% sure this is what God wanted you to do. I had my doubts then. I really have my doubts now. And now you are telling me it failed? What, are you going to tell me that that was just a short learning experience God had for you? That he has got bigger and better things?" Are you kidding me? God never designed you and I to get that work going in our lives and then for you and me just to decide how we are going to do it. It does not work for me and it will not work for you. We have to have a structure in our lives. Everybody that you have ever worked with, dealt with, that had problems in their life, saved or unsaved, got into that mess for one reason: no structure, no right structure anyhow.

So he says sanctified, meet for the master's use, prepared to every good work. As a man gets saved or a woman, as a man gets saved and sanctified and through the biblical process of a New Testament local church becomes the help meet to God in his labor, his work, then as he gets prepared to do that perfect work, at the end, the Bible says in Proverbs chapter 11, verse 18 that he is going to receive a sure reward.

Proverbs 11:18

The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.

2 John chapter 1, verse 8 says, not only is it a sure reward, but now it is a full reward.

2 John 1:8

Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

The fool and the transgressor on the other hand will never get God's wisdom and understanding and all his life will go from one disaster to another, one heartache from another, one disappointment to another. For a saved man who is a fool, he will hit the wall at the judgment seat of Christ. For an unsaved man as a fool, he will hit the wall at the Great White Throne Judgment. In both cases, they will receive the reward they deserve. In the Bible, this is called wreck and pinch, a required reward for your labor.

V. God's Glory Through All Vessels

Here is understanding. You want understanding, here it comes. Turn over to Romans chapter 9. In Romans chapter 9, verses 16 through 23, you find that God demands the honor and glory out of everything that he created. He will get it one way or the other. I want you to understand that. He fixed the universe and he fixed our atmosphere and he fixed the earth and the moon and everything that he created that he would get the honor and glory out of it. That is why the first thing you see in the morning when the sun comes up is it is blood red. The last thing you see at night, it is blood red when it goes down. That is because he wants the honor and glory that the blood of Jesus Christ, God's son, cleanses us from all sin. The Bible says the heaven declared the glory of God. He made them that way.

Romans 1:20

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Why? Because he wants honor and glory out of everything. Everything in God's creation obeys the laws that God has put within them except man. He will get it one way or the other through the vessels of honor or through the vessels of dishonor.

Romans 9:20

Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

Romans 9:21

Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Romans 9:22

What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Romans 9:23

And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

You know what he is saying? He is saying that God has vessels of honor and God has vessels of dishonor. You get to choose which one you are. Notice down there he says the long-suffering, the long-suffering. God waited in the days of Noah 120 years before he brought judgment. He waited for the nation of Israel 400 years before he took the kingdom from them. All that time he was pleading with them through the prophets, "Get right, do what is right. Do not be a vessel of dishonor." But oh, no, no, no. We know more about it than God does.

This passage will show us how that God will, based on a man's free will choice, he will be a wise man or he will be a fool. And prepared as a vessel of honor to get the glory of God out of it or a vessel of dishonor to get the glory out of it, his destruction. It is based on the rejection of truth. The key word here is that when a man, saved or lost, chooses to leave the Bible and do his own thing, at that point he gets a name tag, "fitted for destruction." The long-suffering of God will put up with a lot. He puts up with you and me like he did all through the Bible with men and women. But there comes an end to God's long-suffering when God says, "Okay, pal, I want honor and glory out of you. I have done everything, I have put everybody in your world to give you the chance. Now you want to do it your way? Okay, by your own choice, I will get the honor and glory out of your destruction. I will get the honor and glory out of your bad marriage. I will get the honor and glory out of your rebellious kids. I will get the honor and glory out of your suicide as a drug addict. I will get your honor and glory out of you dying on the streets of Skid Row as

an alcoholic. I will get everybody to see that, know you were a Christian and say, 'Man, if that is how they act, I do not want to be part of that.'" God will get the honor and glory out of it. You will either stand there as a symbol of God's honor and glory and God will get it out of you that way by preaching the Word of God, or you will die in the gutter of the streets and everybody will see, "He claimed to be a Christian," and God will say, "Yeah, that is right. And that is what happens when you disobey me." To God be the glory. One way or the other.

The great example in our chapter here is Pharaoh. We know back in the books of Exodus chapter 1 through 12, Pharaoh dealing with the children of Israel. I have looked at, and there are others in the Bible too. I mean, you know how Pharaoh, you have Nebuchadnezzar, you have Sennacherib. Hey, when it comes to Nebuchadnezzar, God called, now here is a pagan king who hated God, died and split hell wide open, and God says, "He is my servant." You know why? Because he was a servant of dishonor. Let me tell you something, when he tried to wipe out the nation of Israel and God wiped him out, who do you think got the honor and glory out of that? Does anybody even know who Nebuchadnezzar is? You ever see a t-shirt that says, "I visited Babylon?" You realize that all of those nations that went back there that hated God and hated God's people and tried to take a stand and wipe them out, they are all gone. The only nation that is left is the nation of Israel or the ancient nations, you know why? Because that is God's vessel of honor, that is why.

I thought about that. I mean, these guys have the chance, my favorite guy in the Bible is in the New Testament, Pilate. If Pilate could have done the right thing at the right time, he would have gone down in history as the most famous man in the history of the world. I mean, they bring Jesus out, he is questioning him. There is the whole rabble crowd of 10,000 people wanting to crucify him. Pilate is the guy who is in charge, he has to say, if he could have just done the right thing, you know what he should have done? He should have walked up there with that howling mob and looked at Jesus and walked over there and he should have taken off his royal robe and put it on the Lord Jesus Christ and walked over there and he says, "There is your king, crucify me." Why, he would have gone down in history as the most famous man that ever lived, but he could not do it. But God got the honor and glory out of it. Pilate did not look too hot after he had him crucified when he rose again the third day. It never works out to your favor to be a vessel of dishonor. You just better cave in and be the vessel of honor.

Pharaoh would not give in. He chose over and over and over again that he just had to be that vessel. I do not know how many times Moses came to him. I do not know how many miracles Moses showed him. What more did he need? What more do you need? Shoot, some of you come here every Sunday, some of you come here, the Bible study on Thursday night, some of you have been saved for years and years. You would not walk across the street to disciple somebody. What is wrong with you?

Now I have to say, just throw this in here because I like to take a cheap shot at them whenever I can. The Calvinists now, they will take this chapter here and this is what Calvin used to prove that poor Pharaoh did not have a choice. When he says here that God chose him to be a vessel of dishonor, they say, "See, there it is, there it is, there it is, there is predestination. Poor Pharaoh, he did not have a choice. God just chose him." That just goes to the house. I will tell you, my two

signs, you have got to be really stupid to be a Calvinist. If you are a Calvinist listening to me, you deserve what you get. You have got to be the dumbest person on the planet. I mean, Calvin, give me a break. Calvin read Romans chapter 9 where it says that God hardened Pharaoh's heart. So that is a proof text that God, mean old God came down and hardened his heart because God did not choose him. Really? Well, look, bug wit, go back and read Exodus again and you will find seven or eight times before God ever touched him, the Bible says, Pharaoh hardened his heart first. All God did was take the hardened heart that was already there that at least seven or eight times, Pharaoh by his own mouth says, "I have hardened my heart." Idiot.

But God got out of Pharaoh, his life, the honor and glory. He deserved by wiping him out in a series of miraculous miracles. I mean, not only did they all talk about the miracles that God came down and did through Moses, but I am telling you, I mean, boy, when they went out there and they are on their way and, you know, they are heading over there to the Red Sea and now they get to that point and the Red Sea is, you know, pretty big and pretty deep and now they are trapped and somebody says, "Hey, you are going to believe this. Here comes Pharaoh after us." All the people, just like God's people today, they got afraid. Moses just took that staff, a staff of judgment, stuck it in that water and that old Red Sea just parted. Boy, they are looking at that thing and they start going across that thing, boy, and they get on the other side and then somebody looks back and says, "Man, this is great, praise the Lord." Oh yeah, man, they are high-fiving. "Glory to God," you are just like you Baptists do. Then they look back and they see it is still wide open and now Pharaoh is coming across. Now they have lost their favorite verse. Moses is looking at him and saying, "I am not like any pastor. You five go down there and just sit in the riverbed. I am going to drown." He just touched that thing and the water came down and they all got drowned out. That is a great miraculous miracle. You think that was not in the headlines of the Egyptian Tribune the next day? You think there were not nations talking about that? You think there were not people on the other side that cannot followers that saw that happen and thought went back and told everybody what do you say when Pharaoh's whole army does not come back? Oops.

And yet, your religious world wants to take that away from God. They say that it really was not, the Red Sea really did not split. They say in Joshua, the sun really did not stand still. They say, "Well, you know, they found evidence now, just so you know, throw this away. They found evidence now that they did not cross at the Red Sea, they crossed on the northern part which is called the Sea of Reeds." The Sea of Reeds is like a swamp where the water is only four or five inches deep. So there was no miraculous miracle that God split the Red Sea. They are always trying to rob God of his honor. It was the Sea of Reeds. Somebody just, some scribe just put another E in there or left the other E out and put Red Sea and everybody believes it. It is called the Sea of Reeds. There is no miracle involved. I tend to disagree. All of Pharaoh's army drowned in four inches of the water. That is a miracle. Anyway, you cut it, God got the honor and glory out of it. You know, that is how it will work with you and me. Anyway, you try to get out of it. At the end of the day, God is going to get the honor and glory out of it. The whole world saw what God did.

Back there in 2 Chronicles chapter 32, verse 21, when God has the sundial go back with Hezekiah 10 degrees. You will find over there, there are people coming from other lands wanting to know what really happened. We saw 10, 40 minutes go back in our time. Everybody knew what happened. God gets the honor and glory out of everything. He will get the honor and glory out of you standing with a message of God in your hand, wherever he wants you to go. Or he will get the honor and glory out of you in a car wreck at three or four o'clock in the morning with a case of beer in the back. He will get it. He will get it.

Proverbs 26:10

The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth the transgressors.

As the Bible says Colossians chapter 1, verse 16:

Colossians 1:16

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

It is just that simple. God will get the honor and glory out of a chosen vessel of gold or silver, or he will get the honor and glory out of a wooden vessel of dishonor with wood and earth, but he will get it.

VI. Every Knee Shall Bow

Now, I do not know if you have ever seen this, but in your Bible, there are two places where it tells you that every knee is going to bow and every tongue is going to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. One of them is for a saved man. The other one is for an unsaved man.

Romans 14:10

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Romans 14:11

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

Romans 14:12

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Now that is for a saved person. A saved person, it says there in Romans chapter 14, it is a great chapter on dealing with people. It is simply saying that as a child of God, if you do not bow your knee now in this life, to be Lord of your life, you will do it then. It is not a question of whether you will or whether you will not, it is just when you will. But if you do it now, you get one set of rewards. If you get it then, you get another set.

Now, the other one is found over here in Philippians chapter 2, verses 9, 10 and 11. He says here:

Philippians 2:9

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Philippians 2:10

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Philippians 2:11

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Now here, he is talking about the world. He is talking about unsaved people. Someday, recognizing him as Lord of all. Verse 11 says, "every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the what? Glory of God the Father." You are going to get glory out of everything. I mean everything will come back to God getting the honor and glory out of it. Man's indifference to God as a fool or a transgressor, saved or lost, will only result in God getting the honor and glory out of them as a vessel of dishonor fitted for destruction.

God, you know, God saw the defeat, as I said, of every nation that tried to stand up to him and his people. As a saved person through God's chastisement, you will see that God's hand will be on every one of us. You know that God took a hand in it. At the judgment seat of Christ, you will stand and finally give him what he wanted all along, what you wanted to keep for yourself. That is the honor and glory to be a vessel of honor. You will wind up being a vessel of dishonor based on the fruit of your hands, your labors. It was the last person who rejects God and his word and follows the world's system. God will show the world that through your destruction, that he has fitted you for, that he is all powerful and you cannot stand a chance. At the Great White Throne Judgment, when you stand before the assembled universe, you will bow your knee and finally recognize that he was God all along and whatever you trusted in was not. He is going to get it one way or the other. In both cases, there is a reward that you are going to get.

Proverbs 26:10

For the great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth the transgressors.

The good work that God has started in you to get the honor and glory out of all that we do and the good and the bad vessels of honor and the vessels of dishonor, he will get honor and glory out of all of them. We get to choose which one we are going to be.

In Christianity today, they have a heresy called lordship salvation, a lordship doctrine sometimes. Of course, it is total heresy. I do not have time to get into it today, but you find that all the time, all these goofy guys are getting into it and it is something that mostly it is a neo-evangelical thing but Baptists, stupid Baptists get into it too. But I want to tell you, in reality, there is a lordship doctrine in the Bible and it is simply this.

Romans 14:12

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

For a saved man, if you refuse to make him Lord of your life now, you will at the judgment seat of Christ.

Philippians 2:9

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Philippians 2:10

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Philippians 2:11

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

If you are an unsaved man and want to stay unsaved and do it yourself at the Great White Throne Judgment, you will give him the honor and glory. So there is a lordship doctrine in the Bible, just not as the goofy guys try to put it out. It is a state that someday every knee is going to bow and every tongue is going to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. We will hold up there. Next week, we will get into the next couple of verses, hopefully, and let us have a word of prayer. We will be dismissed here. I will give you about five minutes and I will call everybody up and we will get ourselves squared away for the.