

I. The Repetitiveness Of History And God's Remnant

Last week, you will remember, we took a little side trip between John chapter 7 and before we started John chapter 8. We have given you so much material about the scribes, the Pharisees, and the Sadducees, and all the deception, all the stuff that was going on. We have made all of the parallels back and forth to our own time.

I do not do you any good if I just throw out a lot of information if you do not have a context for it. So we took all the material so far out of John 6 and 7, dealing with Christ and His rejection as the Word of God at the first coming of Christ, and we put it into hopefully an understandable context. I do not want to just throw out a lot of stuff to you without helping you understand and explain it.

I wanted to lay out for you the single greatest key in getting your Bible together and understanding why things are the way they are in the world today. That is the great truth that history always repeats itself—the repetitiveness of history. You see that in the book of Ecclesiastes in the first couple of chapters. That is really the theme that he establishes before he starts to go through and show you all the devices that are in a man's heart, which he does through the rest of the book. But he wants to start out by showing that there is nothing new under the sun. Everything that is going on has been.

Today, with all that we face, it is no different than what Christ faced at His first coming. The parallels of history from the first coming right up to the day and age that we live in, facing the second coming. I showed you how that in every period of church history, God has always had His key men. God always had the lights in the darkness. There is not a time in history, no matter how black it got, whether in the Dark Ages, which started around 500 AD up to around the Reformation in 1500. It is not called the Dark Ages because nobody could pay the light bill. It is called the Dark Ages because Christianity was thrown into the darkness of the Roman Catholic Church for a thousand years. She ruled the world, and because of her hatred for the very book that you have in your hands, or a variation of that, she threw the world into complete darkness. Hence, it is called the Dark Ages.

It is one of the greatest lessons that you can learn: no matter where you are at, if you go back in history, God will have His men who will hold the line and keep the lights on. Yet every one of them that you study will pay a tremendous price for it. We saw how Bible Christianity today in 2021 certainly has been destroyed by our modern-day scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees, which translate on this side of the cross into the Bible scholar mindset.

I showed you how that at the beginning of the 20th century, the beginning of neo-evangelicalism, neo-orthodoxy, and of course, the charismatic movement, they were tools and still are today of the devil to destroy the faith of young men and young ladies in the Word of God. I showed you that in spite of that, not only does God always have His man who stands in the darkness, but God always has His remnant. The Bible says that which is highly esteemed among men is an

abomination in the sight of God. One of the things you learn about God is the fact that God is never found in the majority. He is always found in the minority, the remnant. You are going to find that down through the history of the church, that is so true. The great overshadowing of Romanism and all of the Protestant churches that you would just take up every part of history. Yet you will find that the real Bible believers, the real men and women who were doing the job, were a remnant compared to the great monstrosity of the day.

I showed you how that God used two men in our day in the 20th century. They are both dead now, but God used them from the beginning: one from the beginning of the 20th century up to about the midpoint, and then picked up the other one about midpoint and up to about 2006. That would be J. Frank Norris and then, of course, Peter S. Ruckman. I showed you how those two men were the ones who kept the lights on for us. It would be an absolute true statement to tell you that without those two men, you would not have the Bible that you have today. We all would have been swallowed up, and the Lord only knows where we would have wound up and what we would have believed. But thank God that He always has the men who are willing to pay the price for you.

The question today is, and I ask this a lot: are you willing to pay the price for the next generation? You see, that is how it works. I heard a lot of Christians over the years, good men, good people, nothing wrong with them, but I heard them always talk negative about Dr. Ruckman and J. Frank Norris too. There are places you go down in Texas that if you bring up the name of J. Frank Norris, you will be asked to leave. He was hated by so many people. That is also true of Dr. Ruckman. I have always over the years heard negative talk about Dr. Ruckman from the King James guys. They talk about the fact he was rough, and he was. He was uncouth, and he was. And of course, they would claim him to be an angry man. I heard him preach a great message one time. He said, "You are really not a good Christian or good preacher until you are angry about something." And he was angry about something. Do you know what he was angry about? Somebody taking the Bible out of your hand. I am angry about that.

It was one of those things where he attacked all the other brethren. Well, I will just tell you this: he did not attack anybody more than they attacked him. The problem was that he attacked them a lot better than they attacked him. I often thought about that when I have had people who were my friends say that. I do not ever get into an argument with them; I do not really care. But I always walked away and thought to myself how shallow that mindset really is, to miss how God used those men to give you your Bible. If they would not have done what they have done and took the stand, we all would have been swallowed up in apostasy if those guys had not held the line. To my way of thinking, you do not have to like them. You do not have to agree with them. But a simple "thank you very much" would be enough. The fact that they did for you and for me what nobody else had done.

People miss that. We live in a day and age where most of God's people have no idea of their roots. They have no idea where they come from. They believe a lot of things about the Bible, but they do not know why they believe it. They certainly do not have any history of where they have come from. So they are caught in this great mush of Christianity today, and they are kind of just trying to figure it out. Of course, you cannot figure it out. These guys always wanted to point out

their character flaws in these men. Hey, I will be the first to tell you, they are human just like you and me. They had their character flaws. They did. But you have to understand what they were going up against.

I had a guy one time, he said, "Yeah, I do not read Ruckman at all. I do not have anything to do with him. He is just such an angry man, and he has got so many issues that I do not agree with." I said, "Do you read the first five books of the Bible?" "Oh, absolutely." "Well, Moses was a murderer." "Do you like the book of Psalms?" "Oh yeah, my favorite book." "David committed adultery and murder, but you read him. Okay. You like character studies?" "Oh, I do." "Do you ever study Noah?" "I have. He got drunk." "Do you ever hear a good message from your preacher? Maybe you preached to yourself on Gideon 300." "Oh yeah, yeah, yeah." "Well, Gideon wound up having a house of gods." "You like Abraham? Father Abraham had many sons, many sons had. You like Abraham? He took Hagar."

Is it not strange how we like to pick some people we will follow, but we will not pick others? The truth of the matter is, if you want flaws in character, just look in the mirror. God uses you. We get so fickle as God's people. Do you know what my biggest dilemma is today? My God just does not even downkill all of us. Somebody said, "Well, they are going to kill you in a government, in a world." That is a good thing. We all deserve it.

II. The Modern Day Rejection Of God's Word

So now today, we are going to enter John chapter 8. Again, we are not surprised to see that the scribes and the Pharisees and the Sadducees are right back after Him, all to get rid of Him as the truth of God's Word. You want to remember now the parallels between the first coming and the second coming.

*John 1:1*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

*John 1:14*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Jesus Christ was the physical, visible appearance in a man of the absolute perfect Word of God. At the first coming of Christ, they did not want Him. They rejected Him, and they wanted to get rid of the Word of God in His physical form. Then, as He goes back to heaven and you go down through church history, you will find that God gave us the revelation of His Son in a book, which is just as pure and perfect as when the Lord showed up the first time. Yet we find that our modern-day scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees want to do the same thing at the second coming that they wanted to do with the first coming: get rid of God's truth.

If you can learn that lesson and hang on to it, God will show you some things. There is a satanic mindset behind trying to get rid of the Word of God. It goes all the way back to Genesis chapter 3, which you all know very clearly. I see a real hatred for the Word of God that is masked by fake godliness and piety and all the humility.

Years ago, I was a youth pastor, and I was in charge of high school, like Zach and Jenny are here. I had two young men in my youth group whose dad was a Bible scholar. He was a professor out

at Calvary Bible College. I have to say that he was probably one of the most knowledgeable men when it came to history. He really was. He had a grasp of history in a general sense. He could tell you who Saladin was. He could tell you who this guy was. He could tell you this and that. He could tell you about this war, that war. He had all the facts. He could not relate any of it back to the Bible in any way, shape, or form, but he was a brilliant mind.

When I came there as youth pastor, I believed the King James Bible was the Word of God, just like I believe it today. I began to teach that. Some of the young men in there wanted to learn the Bible. Well, one of this guy's sons came in to see me. His dad was an arch-enemy of the King James Bible, as Calvary Bible College was back then and is today, and always will be. So anyway, we talked about it. He went back home, and then he made an appointment about three weeks later, and he came in to see me. This time he had a book that his dad gave him. Keep in mind, this kid was a teenager, struggling in life. He needed the Bible desperately at the age he was in, with what he was facing. I tried to give him the Bible that he has a sure word of prophecy that he can hang on to. He goes and tells his dad, and do you know what the great scholar, the Bible college guy, did? He gave him a book to read that showed all the mistakes in the King James Bible. That kid came back in, I had lost him. I had nowhere to go with him because I could not outdo his dad. His dad proudly displayed the book and said, "My dad gave me this book that shows all the mistakes in the King James Bible."

What was I going to do? Call your dad a liar? Yes, I did. And I did not care, but let me tell you something. That guy never did one thing for the Lord other than go from Bible college to Bible college, destroying young men's faith in the Word of God. His boys, he had two boys and a daughter, if I remember right, all of them are out of church. None of them, especially the kid that I talked to, wanted anything to do with God today. Do you know why? All because we can go to a point in time where God wanted to give that kid the Word of God, and his own dad, the modern-day scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees, took it from him. I am telling you.

It is a thing where I have watched men who are probably saved, and they have a mind corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ, and they just cannot stand the idea that you and I as common men, without any college education, without any degree behind our name, could actually learn the Word of God on a level that is unparalleled in a relationship with God. I have seen it all my ministry. I have always wondered at it, and this is where I know how satanic it is in its origin. I have always wondered how anybody could hate the fact that God could give me a perfect book.

I told a guy one time, "You better be really careful when you get to the judgment seat of Christ because you are teaching that that Bible is full of mistakes." He said back to me, "Well, let me tell you something, pal. You better be careful of telling people that it is a perfect book." I said back to him, "Yeah, I am really worried about that. I am going to stand before God at the judgment seat of Christ and I am going to say, 'Lord, I am really sorry. I led people astray. I told them that You could write a perfect book and keep it. I apologize for that, Lord. I should have known better that You could not produce a perfect book and give it to me. I am sorry, Lord, that I taught my people that it was not hidden in two dead languages and nobody can ever read it anymore, that You put it in a common language where everybody could finally get it. I never should have told them that.' Do you think I am worried about that? I am going to look at Him and

say, 'God, I am sorry. I just thought You were God enough to inspire it, that You surely were God enough to preserve it.' Do you think I am worried about that? He better be. I can just hear God, 'Well, you should have known better than not to tell these people that I could write a perfect book.'" I do not think it is going to go that way.

Let me ask you, parallels: these guys believe that Jesus Christ was virgin born. They believe that; they believe the doctrine of the virgin birth. They believe that God brought His Son through a sinful woman, Mary, through a sinful line coming up from David, and yet brought Him into a world through a sinner woman, but He was sinless, He was perfect, and no sin was attached to Him even though He came in through the world system. Everybody would believe that. But they fall apart when you try to explain to them that if God could bring His Son through a physical relationship in a sinless, perfect form, then He can bring His book down through the history of men, even though they are sinners, saved sinners, and give us a perfect book today just like He gave us a perfect Savior back then. Because they are both the Word of God. See how stupid it is?

What is the fact that God inspired something someplace once upon a time if I cannot get my hands on it? Do you think that matters to me? I said again, "Do you think God was God enough to inspire it but He was not God enough to preserve it?" How stupid are you? I call that the "Yea, hath God said" society, going back to Genesis 3. Remember when the devil said to Eve, "Yea, hath God said," then he changed what God said? There is a satanic mind behind that kind of thinking. I do not care if you are saved or I do not care if you are lost.

III. The Spurious Passage Argument

Now, I want to show you these guys even on a deeper level today. Let us read John chapter 8. We are going to start the chapter. Here we go. Read the first 11 verses.

John 7:53 And every man went unto his own house.

John 8:1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

John 8:2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

John 8:3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

John 8:4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

John 8:5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

John 8:6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

John 8:7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

John 8:8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

John 8:9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

John 8:10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

John 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

Notice, He gets a crowd. He starts teaching the Bible. Look who shows up. Do you know why? Because they could not get a crowd. When He went down there to teach them, He had 5,000 men; that is not even counting the women and children. When they wanted to teach something, they could call a roll call in a phone booth. The scribes and the Pharisees brought unto Him a woman taken in adultery, and when they had set her in the midst, they put this woman in the midst of all the people that He is teaching. This was not a private thing. They wanted to publicly expose Him as a phony. They say unto Him, "Master, this woman was taken in adultery in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned. What sayest thou?"

Then a little interlude here by the Holy Spirit of God that kind of gives you the context of what you have here. You have to look for these in your Bible. This they said, tempting Him, that they might have to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote in the ground as though He had heard them not. So when they continued asking Him, He lifted up Himself and said unto them, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the elder, even unto the last. Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up Himself, He saw none but the woman, and He said unto her, "Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?" She said, "No man, Lord." And Jesus said unto her, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

Let us pray. Father, help us today to glean from this great passage all that You have for us. Help us to learn again, on top of all we have seen last week and the last couple of months, the depth of this wickedness of getting rid of the Word of God. Let us today again make the parallels so we can learn once and for all what we are up against, what we are going to face, and how better to face it. We thank You, Father, for all You do for us now. In Jesus' name we ask it, we give You the honor and the glory, put us under the blood, forgive us where we have failed You, and help us, Lord, to be faithful in teaching Your Word. In Jesus' name we ask it, Amen.

Now there are a couple of things here I want to make note of. This is a really good example of what I say all the time: that most Bible scholars—and I leave one millionth of a percent—this is a real good example of Bible scholars being educated out of their intelligence. That is what education does for you, Bible education anyhow. It will come to the point where their goal will

be to educate you out of your intelligence and your common sense, and common sense is not very common anymore when it comes to the Bible.

I want you to see here in 2 Corinthians 11:3, and we talked about this last week, I want you to see the simplicity of Christ, how easy it is to spot these guys. Because once you understand what they are, then you have a real better opportunity to see how they operate. This will be your "Yea, hath God said" society. This Alexandrian cult, like we called them last week, the Gnostics of today, will tell you when you go to Bible college, you go to seminary, you go to some bastion of truth that is going to teach you the Bible, or in most churches today where the pastor fancies himself as a Bible scholar and he wants to rely on the Greek and the Hebrew to teach you his Bible. They will tell you that John 7:53, which is the verse before we start chapter 8, and John 8:1-11, which I just read for you, should not be in your Bible. They call this, in big \$25 words, a "spurious passage." A spurious passage means that it is in your Bible, but it really should not be in your Bible.

What they will tell you is that the best Greek manuscripts do not have this story in here. So there will either be a footnote, some Bibles leave it completely out, but they will tell you that John 7:53 to John 8:11 should not be in your Bible. That is because the two Greek texts that they use, that they hold up as the original and authoritative, will be the two that we talked about last week that came out of the Roman Catholic Church that were corrupted in over 60, 70,000 places: Vaticanus, being found in the Vatican in the 13th century, and then Sinaiticus, which was found in the Sinai in the 1800s. They do not have the reading in there. Therefore, because they accept that, and all the new Bibles come from that, and they reject the text that your King James Bible comes from, which is the Textus Receptus, which does have it, scholarship then decides, based on their stupid, ridiculous mindset, that that should not be in your Bible. So when you go to Bible college or you go to someplace, the guys preaching on it will tell you that this is a spurious passage. He takes great delight in correcting God.

Now, let me show you stupidity with a capital S. They are telling me—this is how simple it is; this does not take a rocket scientist; this does not take a degree to figure this out; you just follow your common Bible—they say that verses 1 through 11 should not be in there. The story of Jesus and this woman is not really to be in your Bible. Okay. Look at verse 12, which they will tell you should be in your Bible, because that is where the chapter picks up. "Then spake Jesus again." Did I miss something here? How did Jesus speak again if He did not say what your Bible says He said? You see how ridiculous it becomes? That does not bother them. Do you know why? Because their mindset is they do not care what the Word of God says. They only care what the scholarship of the world follows. That is one of the most absolute ridiculous things in the world. It should not be in there. And then it says in verse 12, which is in their text, "Then Jesus spoke again." Really? How could He speak again if He did not say something the first time? It is little things like that that show you how absolutely, despicably crooked and dishonest they are when it comes to the clear truth of the Word of God. It is unbelievable.

IV. The Bible As A Pattern

Now the second thing I want you to note is that the Bible is a pattern. This will be something a serious Bible student would pick up. But I want you to see the pattern here of the theme of the Bible in this passage. I have talked to you many, many times for a long time about patterns. Everything is a pattern. Everything in the Bible and life and history will follow a pattern. You want to figure it out? Find the pattern and then follow it. I am just telling you. Nobody with an education likes that because that is too simple. But I am telling you, everything in the Bible, every pattern of man, human nature, history, everything that God is doing, everything that God made, everything that God created, and everything that God is trying to accomplish, there is a pattern for it in the Bible. Learn the pattern. You have to figure it out. It is just that simple.

Of course, you will see here, if you note verse 12, it says, "early morning on the Mount of Olives." Well, that turns my lights on. Because when Christ comes back with the restoration of the nation of Israel, He comes early in the morning on the fourth watch. Remember Mark 14:25 and Mark 13:34-36. He comes in the early morning watch. He also, in the early morning watch, comes back at the Mount of Olives. So now we have, before we get into this thing, we have seen a pattern begin to be established. What you are going to have here doctrinally is a picture of this woman and the restoration of the nation of Israel up against the Antichrist, the scribes and the Pharisees, and Christ coming early in the morning in the Mount of Olives. That is a pattern.

Now watch this, I will show you another one. In the book of Joshua, you will have a picture of the second coming of Christ in type. I do not know if you know this or not, but when you go over to Acts 7:45, there is a key verse there that tells you that when he is talking about what Joshua did in the Old Testament, in Acts 7:45, he changed the word from Joshua to Jesus. Joshua means Jesus. What he is doing there now is showing you that everything in the book of Joshua, all the battles, are going to be a picture and a type of the battles at the second coming of Christ. So you will find everything there that they fight in Joshua, being led by a man named Jesus to overcome the enemies of God and establish the kingdom of Israel. Incredible.

Allow me to pause for a moment. If you went to a Bible college someplace or some higher bastion of education where the Bible scholars rule the roost, they would tell you that Acts 7:45, where the name Joshua is now inserted to Jesus, that that is a mistranslation. That that is a mistake in your Bible. And yet that was one of the greatest keys in the Bible to figuring out the pattern. But they do not want you to figure out the pattern. They want you to listen to them. They will destroy your faith in that book that God gave you every chance they can. They will take the common everyday tools that God gave you and me to unlock that Bible so you will worship them instead of that book.

In the book of Joshua, we know now that it is a second coming of Christ in all these battles. So we see in Joshua 6 and Joshua 7 the battle for Jericho. How could you miss the battle of Jericho not being a picture of the second coming of Christ when you begin to look there and you find in Joshua 6:17 that Jericho is called the accursed city, just like Babylon is? Then you will find that when that city falls, they get guys with trumpets and they march around that city for seven days, which just happens to match the seven years of the tribulation period, led by a man named Joshua, who now we know is Jesus. At the end of seven days, they blow the trumpet—second coming of Christ—and down comes the walls.

Note the parallels. In this story here, Joshua 6 and 7, there is another woman who is a harlot. She too finds the grace of God and salvation in spite of the wicked city, like the woman does in John 8 in spite of the wicked scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees. Patterns, patterns, patterns. Both women are a picture of the nation of Israel as harlots, in John 7 and 8, and Joshua 6 and 7, that get restored by the Lord Jesus Christ.

V. The Accusers' Deception And The Finger Of God

When we read all this, this story, it also becomes clear that all of this around the Lord Jesus Christ is a setup, from beginning to end. All of this is a bunch of lies. All of this is a bunch of no truth. All of this is a bunch of nobody caring about the reason that Jesus is a man. Nobody caring about the real Word of God or what it says, altering whatever they have to alter, getting rid of whatever they got rid of, and putting an example before the Lord so hopefully we will get Him to make a mistake and we will kill Him, or at least get rid of Him, or at least discredit Him.

John 8:3-4: And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

The first key here that you know there is something amiss is John 8:4, where they called Him "Master." That is what Judas called Him. Both Judas and the scribes refused to call Him "Lord." Did you notice what the woman called Him? It is little things like that that go back to that trained eyeball.

I watched a science fiction movie the other night that you all have to get and watch. It is a classic back in the 50s. It is called *The Crawling Eye*. Anybody ever see it? You folks are really short. You can still get it. If you have cable on there, you just type in, say it on your little thing there, *The Crawling Eye*, and there it is. I watched that. I know it is science fiction and it is crazy. But I look at that and I think to myself, at the end of the day, this alien monster, whatever it was, was a big eyeball. And it lived in a cloud. Do you ever study clouds in the Bible and the parallels to today? The world just never gets away from the Bible, does it?

I do not understand much of this. My technology is right there: a flip phone. I like it because this is military grade, by the way. You can drop it, throw it, and it will live forever because it is military grade. But it is a flip phone. I do not have an iPhone. You people send me stuff that needs to be opened up so I can see it. Sorry. I keep this for two reasons: it is small, it is easy. I would break an iPhone if I had it. But this is much more like Star Trek than yours. That is my technology. But I am telling you, when you understand that all your information you have, they are telling you now, you know where it is. It is in a cloud. Nobody has ever successfully explained to me what that cloud is. I do not think they know. But all your information that you have, that you thought you deleted, it is still here, it is just in a cloud. That should bother all of us. Because I reread in the Bible and asked that when Jesus Christ went up, He went up in a cloud, and when He comes back, He is going to come back in a cloud, and all your information, my information, is going to be in that cloud. You do not get away from that book. Here you are,

we thought we deleted everything and took everything out, and there it is. Do you know where it is at? It is in the cloud. When the Lord comes back, we also, you all look like you are worried about something. I am starting to worry about you people. It is all right.

They called Him "Master." They would not call Him "Lord." Then they say in John 8:5, "Now Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned. But what sayest thou?" They want to, and it tells you, they did this to tempt Him. What they want to do is, and this will be Leviticus 20:10 and Deuteronomy 22:22. It says in the law that you stone, they get stoned.

John 8:6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

Now we know that there is no real care of biblical truth here. Now we know that this is a trumped-up, set-up scenario, which you will find in your Christian life, if you minister, that people will set you up and they will destroy you, just like they do Him. They said this to tempt Him, that they might accuse Him—a trap, a setup. Nobody cares what the Bible really says.

Let me show you how despicable they are. Let me show you how dishonest they are. Let me show you how satanic they are. Back then at the first coming, it is the same crowd that we have with the second coming, who are just as satanic, despicable, and everything. Look at John 8:6 again. The first thing I want you to see is He does not answer them. He is following Romans 1:28-29: no debate.

What I am about to show you will be a testimony to the total wickedness of the scholarly world back then and today. The Alexandrian cult at its best. The "Yea, hath God said" society at its best. They are totally dishonest in everything that they do. They will lie about Christ as they will lie about you. They will lie about His ministry as they will lie about your ministry. They will use the Bible when it is convenient for them, for their deceit, and they will not use the Bible when it clearly goes against them. In other words, just like so many of God's people, they want to pick and choose out of the Bible what they want to use. In every way, they then and now will lie to you and totally corrupt the Word of God to their end, for their purpose.

Let me show you something. I want you to note this. They said their own words, not hearsay, not somebody else said this, they said to Him, "We caught this woman in adultery in the very act." Then they bring her to the Lord to see what He will say, tempting Him to shut Him up for the purpose of accusing Him. But my dear friend, when you would go back and read Deuteronomy 22:22 and Leviticus 20:10, which is what they are quoting Moses in the law, it clearly says that you have to bring both of them, the man and the woman.

Deuteronomy 22:22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

I must ask the fundamental question here: if they were caught in the very act, how did the man get away? As they say in the world, "Something rotten in Denmark." I have never been to Denmark, but evidently there is something rotten there. Why did you just, my question to the scribes and Pharisees and hypocrites, why did you just bring the woman? And then you quoted

Moses out of Deuteronomy 22 and Leviticus 20, and you made a big deal about Moses and the law when you know you have already violated it by not bringing the man. How much more dishonest can you be? How much more of a setup can this be? How much more can this be picking and choosing what you want to do with the Bible, just like they did with the missing verses, just like they did with Joshua and Jesus, all because of the fact that you want to discredit Him? So you actually bring this woman in, you quote the Bible, but you conveniently leave out the parts that do not work for you. That is what this crowd does, then and today. There are a lot of God's people who in their Christian lives just want to pick and choose out of the Bible what they want and leave the rest.

Now watch. John 8:6-9. The Bible says Christ stoops down and with His finger, in John 8:6, wrote something on the ground. There has been much debate over what He wrote, and whatever He wrote, to the trained eye, the key will be the word "finger." You would not think the word "finger" would be much of a study in the Bible. Truthfully, it is probably one of the greatest studies that you will ever take.

You see, "finger" in the Bible or "fingers" in the Bible will always be associated with something that God says out of the Word of God. You will remember in Daniel 5:5-6, when Belshazzar is there, and his kingdom is totally against God, we know the great story of the handwriting on the wall. The handwriting on the wall was done by the finger of God, and He condemned his kingdom. We should remember in Psalms 8:3, talking about God's hand in creation, He said: Psalms 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; The work of His fingers. We should remember again in Exodus 8:19, that when Moses is up against Pharaoh, and in this particular case, it is the lice that he is bringing up, and the magicians of Pharaoh try to do the same thing, and they cannot, what do they say? The unsaved Egyptian magicians say, "We cannot do this because what he did was done by the finger of God." Again in Luke 11:19, He cast out the devil, and they say, "How did He do that?" He cast out the devil by the finger of God. And Deuteronomy 9:10, we should remember that you were told that the Ten Commandments were given to Moses, and they were written by the finger of God. Do you see that? I wonder how many people down through their history of life in the Christian, even today, read that passage that I just read and miss all those key words. Trained eye, learning those words. It goes back to 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." What you come down to is when the world gives you the finger, it is a sinful, godless act. But when God gives you His finger, He gives you the absolutely perfect, pure Word of God. What a great contrast between the world and God. So when He stoops down to write what He is answering them, it most certainly, beyond any shadow of a doubt, had to be something in the Word of God. John 8:9 says, again, the trained eye: "And when they heard it." Heard what? The only thing He said to them is, "Who has no sin, cast the first stone." That certainly did not motivate them in a wrong. That is all He said. It says there, "And when they heard it." Heard what? He did not say anything to anybody except that one word. He wrote down on the ground. He did not say it. You bet somebody said it. There is a clear example where you read what God writes and the Holy Spirit of God takes that, and you hear exactly what the message is. It was not the fact that He said He had no sin and let him cast the first stone. That meant nothing to them. Whatever He

wrote on the ground, they got it. It was a matter of a great picture of how the Holy Spirit of God will convict you by what you read in your own heart. The Bible says they were convicted. They knew that they had been had, and it says that they were convicted in their conscience. Let me just stop here for a minute. I am not going to do this today, but next week we are going to come back to this, and I am going to lay out for you in the Bible what your conscience is. I am going to show you how it is connected to your body, your soul, and your spirit. I am going to show you, we use it all the time, your conscience, your unconscious—no, it is not the same—your conscious, senior moment. Your conscious, all these things. I am going to take you into the Bible and show you what your conscience really is. Next week, I will lay it out. Whatever He writes, they know that they had no answer. The only thing that will shut them up is the Word of God. We see it again, if you remember, in Matthew chapter 4, where when the devil comes to tempt Christ, he lays out these three things that he wants Christ to do, tempting Him. Do you know how the devil answers Him? Every time, "It is written. It is written. It is written." After He says that three times, do you know what the devil does? He leaves. Because the devil knows that there is nothing he can do once you present the clear Word of God to him, and these guys are operating by the devil just like they do today. When they get faced with whatever He wrote that was in the Bible, they too leave. Here is another great lesson. I think it is vitally important to see how they leave. Everything in the Bible is there for a reason. Everything in the Bible is vitally important. The Bible tells you, once they get convicted in their conscience, and He nails them, then they leave from the elder to the youngest. That is one of the greatest principles anywhere in the Word of God: that the older kids will always destroy the younger kids. Every despicable, godless, perverted, filthy thing I ever learned as a young man, I learned from an older boy. That is how it works. I have told families that have rebellious children, and they have kids that are maybe 15 or 16, and then they have some that are 12, and some that are 10, and some that are 9. The kids that are down to younger ages, they are really good kids, they are doing okay. But the older boy or girl, whatever the case may be, they are a disaster. I tell them all the time, if you do not deal with this, if you do not get a handle on this, if you do not fix this, the older one will lead the younger one right down the same path, because of that principle right there. Everything you guys learned that is wrong, that is filthy, every dirty joke you ever heard as a young kid growing up, somebody older told you. I can remember the places. There is one kid in my mind that, I cannot even remember his name exactly, but I know his face. If I could find him, I would punch his lights out. Do you know why? He taught me one of the most filthiest things I have ever heard in my life, and he was older than me. That is how it works. So when they leave, they follow the pattern: the older one, down to the younger ones. It will always work that way. The quicker you learn that lesson in dealing with people, the better off you are going to be. As far as what He writes, obviously it had to do with what He is dealing with, and something out of the Bible and the Old Testament that would actually nail them. In most cases, probably, what He wrote was Deuteronomy 22:22. It was not Deuteronomy 22:22 back then; it was not put into the scripture form like we have it. But it does say: Deuteronomy 22:22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel. Very clearly, both of them. Whatever He wrote on the ground, they now knew that they had nowhere to go because they got caught in their deception by the clear, true Word of God that exposed them. Bible doctrine will end any

debate without ever getting into a debate. That is why He says nothing to them in relationship to what He is saying. Christ's Non-Condensation And Contrasting Missions This lady is left alone, just like Rahab the harlot. There is another great lesson in the Bible where she is left alone, and you could go back to the case pattern study for this one in Genesis 32, which is one of the greatest studies on the day God gets you and me alone. That is when God does His greatest work in our lives. Do you know that? When He gets us alone. Sometimes it is under pleasant circumstances, sometimes it is under not so pleasant circumstances, but He gets us alone. This is like the woman here back in Joshua. It is also like the woman at the well in John 4. Remember her? She gets the forgiveness of God, just like we all did, just like Rahab did, just like the woman at the well did in John 4. It is a beautiful story. He says to her, there are just them two there now, "Where are your accusers?" And she says, "Lord, there is no man to accuse me," or condemn me. He says, "Well, I do not condemn you either." That is a great statement based on Bible doctrine. Again, the pattern. The reason why He does not condemn her is found in John 3:17, where it says: John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He did not come to condemn anybody that was looking for the truth. It is very clear this woman was used to be set up. It brings up another pattern: the difference between the first coming of Christ and the second coming of Christ. At the first coming of Christ, He did not come to condemn anybody. He came to save the world. But the world rejects Him. So with the second coming of Christ, He comes to condemn everybody. Great White Throne Judgment. You have to see things like that. So we see another great lesson that will separate the phony crowd—scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, back then and today—from the real biblical crowd that will be the remnant. Separating the phony Alexandrian cult, the "Yea, hath God said" crowd, from the Bible believing crowd who make up the truth of God. Their world is one of condemnation by deceit, which you see in this story. Let me show you. This woman, she was used as a setup. They were willing for God to call upon her to be killed by stoning so they could prove their point. They misused the Bible, they misquoted the Bible, they changed the Bible for their own sinful purpose, and were going to allow this lady to pay the price. Truthfully, if she was taken in the act of adultery, she needed to die, but the man needed to be there too. I ask again, if they are caught in the very act, how in the world did he get away? It is a setup. This woman was used as a setup to get her killed without the man, a violation of the law, so they could get to Christ. How despicable is that? These are the religious leaders of Israel. These are the ones that, if you would go back in the day, claimed to be the real deal. They cared nothing about people. They only cared about their agenda. They, today, will kill you spiritually by taking a book from you just so they can keep in power. In our day, the modern-day scribes, Pharisees, the Sadducees, the hypocrites, will take a young man or a young woman and destroy their faith in the Word of God and cast them into a den of spiritual fornication, religiously, and ruin their Christian life, all to stay in power. They will be the gods of biblical criticism. Some things never change. Setting themselves up as God, like the devil did in Ezekiel 14 and Isaiah 14, to correct the Word of God through education. The "Yea, hath God said," and then they change what God said. They will spend their whole life, they will spend their whole careers telling the best of the best, the young men and the young ladies, God's young men and young women, that there is no absolute truth in life and you cannot know for sure the words of God. If you really want truth, then you have to come to them, and they will decide what truth you get. The rest of your life,

when you think you found truth and bring it to them, they will decide what truth you get. When you think you found truth and bring it to them, they take great delight in correcting what you just brought because they have to be number one. On the other hand, we here do just the opposite. We take the best of the best, the young men and the young ladies, the moms and the dads, the young couples that God gives us, and we give you a pure book by the finger of God. We give you an absolute standard that is all things that you can judge everything in life in faith and practice. We help make you better. We tell you that you can have whatever knowledge of God that you want to have. It is not based on your education. In fact, it is just the opposite. The dumber you are, the better off you are when it comes to the Bible. It is a thing where God can take you and mold you and make you. That is what we do. That is what we were doing yesterday in the leadership class, taking the young men and the young ladies that have come in here, moms and dads, the older folks, many of them, who want to be better. We did not go into the Greek or the Hebrew or some mystic form. We just gave you clear, simple Bible principles. They spend their whole life criticizing, their whole life condemning, starting with God's Word and then running right up the chain of command to the men who preach it. Christ, on the other hand, and His crowd, they never condemned anybody who really wanted the truth. They understood life, that there was a common Bible to be given to a common man, and they made it so simple to find God's truth in its simplest form. So in your King James Bible today, as I told you a couple of weeks ago, 90% of your King James Bible, outside the names, are simply one-syllable words in a third-grade English. God uses every illustration. Do you ever see it? Simple ones. He will use animals to illustrate a truth. He will use mountains to illustrate a truth. He will use weather. He will use a sea of tempest. He will use a storm. He will use the common things that we all can identify with, that through those common examples, He will teach truth. Not one time does He speak in a language like they do last week that you do not understand. He never set anybody up to hurt them. Not one time. He always gave them the truth, whether they liked it or not. He never shortened the truth. He never sugarcoated the truth. The truth was always the truth. But He never set anybody up to hurt them to make Himself look good. Do you know why? Because truth always looks good. He always put others first and put Himself last, like we talked about yesterday. He was willing to become the sacrifice for the whole world. When in our study, the scribes and the Pharisees and the Sadducees wanted to sacrifice this woman to stay in power and to look good. Some things never change, folks. Getting the perception of history. Church History Parallels And Final Exhortation The mission statement for the Church of Jesus Christ is to build men and women in the Word of God. When you get saved, then you enter into a process here to get you to that goal. We disciple you. Then we disciple you on another level. Then we have different levels that we will bring you through. All for one purpose: to take you, the common man with a common Bible, and build you strong. But it is no good to build you strong, my dear friend, if we do not build you straight. So we have to build you strong, but we have to build you straight. And then we build you strong, and we build you straight to build you to stand for God's truth. Their mission statement is to take the very words of God from you and make you depend on them instead of the Holy Spirit of God. They will take you out of the New Testament structure of the Church, put you in a non-biblical structure of Bible college, and then do the damage to take from you the very truth that God gave you. In the Church Age, you see the great contours and the great contrast. Anybody with any little bit of Bible knowledge would understand in

Revelation 2 and 3, after chapter 4, you have the seven periods of Church history. The greatest contrast that you will ever see is the Philadelphia Church from 1600 to 1900, which is the greatest period of Church history where three-quarters of the world were won to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ with a King James 1611 Authorized Version because the only other Bible was the Catholic Bible, the Douay-Rheims. Then we see, as I told you last week, in 1900, the devil began to move and God began to move, and we enter into the Laodicean Church period, which starts around 1900, and we are living in it today. You will find that the Church of Philadelphia, God gives them the great title of the Church of the Open Door. Truly, no statement could be truer because literally that Church age, from that period of time where that book went around the world about three times, every door was opened with the opportunity of the gospel. The Church of Laodicea in Revelation 3:20 is the Church of the Closed Door. Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Jesus Christ is on the outside of His own church, knocking on the door, trying to get back in, a picture of the Word of God in the 20th and 21st century. These are the things that you learn when you come through John chapter 8. These are the things that you learn, that you put into your life to keep you in that book, because there is a great pressure today by the Christian world to take the Word of God from you. For you and for me, it is a simple task: just being smarter than the problem. You can see today how stupid they really are when it comes to real clear Bible teaching and Bible truth. They cannot even figure out what verses should be in the Bible or not when the next verse tells them what it should be. But that is what happens when you get blinded from the truth of God's Word. We will hold up there. I want to bring you up to date on something: tomorrow we will go through our, hopefully, our final inspection. So be praying about that. Once we get past tomorrow, we will begin to accelerate the next couple of weeks. Next week, after we get through this tomorrow, I will, at the end of the church service, bring you up to speed on wherever we are at and where we are going and give you the timeframe for that. But I want to get past tomorrow first. Basically, I am telling you, pray for tomorrow that everything goes smoothly. We have the structural engineer coming in, a plumber coming in, the sound boys are going to be over there. We are going to look at some things and get everything up to speed. So pray for that tomorrow. Then, once we get past that, next Sunday at the end of the service, I will give you a quick overview, and you will leave here. Now that we have got, that will be tomorrow is stage two. Once we get past stage two, I am going to show you stage three. Stage three will be our final stage. We will get everything put together from there, and I will have a complete plan laid out of what we are going to do and then what I need from you guys. Then we will go from there. So that is what we have got. Pray about it. I will keep you posted. Next Sunday right after church, we will lay it all out. So make sure you are here so you get what is going on. Okay, let us have a word of prayer. We will be dismissed. Let us get it torn down for Bible study. I love you very much. Remember all this stuff. Remember this up here, if you are going to come down there, and we will pray for me Wednesday. I pray for the family all week, but pray for me when I have to preach the funeral that God gives us a good time. Let us pray. We thank You and praise You for the Lord Jesus. We love You. We pray, Father, that You take today what we have learned and help us to grow. We thank You, Father, for the truth in Your Word, that You used men to make sure that we had this Bible. Lord, where I would be without it, where we would all be without it. Father, we just pray, Father,

that You continue to help us cherish it for what it is. Lord, not cast it aside. Not spend any time in it or with it. But take it as it really is. Not as the word of man, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. Thank You, Father. Thank You for today. Give these people a good rest today, a good time today, whatever they may do. We will be careful to give You all the honor and the glory and praise in Jesus' name, for His sake we ask it. Amen. Pray this week, guys. A lot going on. We will have an update for you next week. Amen. Amen.