

John 14:1-3

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The job of a pastor in a church is something God set up for His people's well-being. God knew that in the New Testament, much like the Old Testament, there would be a difference between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven. In the Old Testament, they had a structure in the nation of Israel through a nation. In the New Testament, Christianity is not a nation, but it is a body. So God gave the New Testament structure to be the New Testament local church.

Now, I know what I am about to say today is going to be sore to some, because God's real purpose for the New Testament local church has been lost today. It is no longer a place where you get Bible truth. It is now a place where you go to get entertainment. It is not a place where you go that necessarily you can even find the truth about salvation out of God's Word, but it is now a place that has turned into a community center. I feel bad about that because God's people today, for the most part, have really been short-changed. The real tragedy is that most of them do not know that.

When the nation of Israel was in its worst state, the Bible says that one of the prophets told them that the real problem they had was they had lost the understanding of the days of the glory of God when it was really the nation that God wanted it to be. Israel had backslidden into much what the church is today. The problem with God's people today is they have lost, or maybe they never had it, an understanding of what a real Bible-based New Testament church could be.

Along with that, we have lost the idea of what a New Testament biblical pastor should be. We have come to the point today where most churches with most pastors really do not care where their people are spiritually. They are more interested in seeing the offering results and the attendance seats. The job of a pastor is much like the job of the Lord Jesus Christ when it came to the nation of Israel. The Bible says that He gave His life for the sheep.

A man who pastors a church has to be so committed to the ideals and the principles of what God's structure in the New Testament is, and then what his part is in that. The Bible says as a pastor, a pastor is supposed to look out for the care of his people. We have lost the concept of really giving God's people what God wants them to have. In a little while, as you will see here in a little bit, God's people have been defrauded. They have been told things that are not true. When they get into the problems they get into in life, they are pretty much left to their own or given some ridiculous spiritual recipe to fix their problems.

If I was in the parking lot of Hy-Vee at 10 o'clock at night and I saw one of you coming out with an arm full of groceries, and out of the darkness came some man with a club, a gun, a knife, and he was going to assault you. He was going to rape you, maybe. He was going to rob you, most likely, and even maybe going to kill you. If I stepped in and stopped him, if I came to the point where I ran up and I broke up what he was doing, no matter what it would take, but I saved you from whatever was going to befall you, would you be upset with me? Would you be mad because I saw you in peril? I saw you headed for a real bad scenario, and I stepped in to stop it because I loved you? Would you not talk to me the rest of your life? Would you leave my church? Would you be upset because you wanted to get whatever happened to you?

We are in a war, and we are fellow soldiers, and we are at the end of this thing. If we do not take care of each other, nobody else is going to take care of us. We certainly cannot rely on the government, can we? We cannot rely on the city. We cannot even rely on those two things. All we have, and we are scattered across this country, I understand that, all we have in these last days are outposts. Outposts of men and women who believe the Bible, who love the Bible, who will not compromise with the Word of God, that in the midst of this whole called Christianity, they are willing to stand up and take their steps.

If we were in a combat situation, and we may be for too much longer, and I have told some of you this, and this is my heart, and you were wounded, and they were going to evacuate everybody, but you were hurt too bad to be left out. And everybody else was just, I would not leave you. I would stay with you. If we die, we die together. But I would not leave anybody behind. It is one of the greats of the real military mindset: no man left behind. In the military, it should be in the pastor of the church, the pastor, and whatever we do, whatever it goes, he needs to be the first boots on the ground and the last boots off the fight field.

I. The Devil's Plan and Christ's Victory

Last time we were together, we finished John chapter 13. Within that chapter, we now begin to see the final work, and we laid all this out: Judas, Satan, all collaborating now to bring an end to the ministry of Christ and His work. In the Bible, there is a great teaching that is unknown today, and it is really the reason why the devil had Christ killed when he had Him killed. God had His purpose for the crucifixion, but the devil had his.

Most people do not know this, that before Christ resurrected in Matthew chapter 28, up to that point, the devil had the keys to death and hell. In other words, anybody that died could not get out of death. In fact, in Hebrews chapter 2, talking about Christ dying on the cross, it says that through death, He, Christ, might destroy him that has the power of death, that is the devil. When Christ died, He did not have those keys. The devil had them. The devil's plan was that if he could kill Christ, because he had the keys of death and hell, that Christ could never come out of that grave, and he would automatically win.

Now, you do not get that in your Easter service. You do not get that in your mealy-mouthed pastors. You say you should not call them mealy-mouthed. You have not heard nothing yet. You do not get that in the flim-flam guys out there that just put little sprinkles on your Sunday cupcake. The devil had the keys to death and hell, and he was sure that when Christ died and went into Abraham's bosom, into death, He could never get out.

I am telling you, the moment Christ gave up the ghost on that cross, all the hordes of hell celebrated beyond belief. They thought that they had won, and they took Him off that cross. They put Him in that tomb, and down in Abraham's bosom went His soul into death. The devil walked by that first day, and he said to the death angel that is over that pit down there, "Is he dead?" "Oh yes, he is dead. Do not you let him out. He is not going anywhere." Second day he walked by, and he said, "Death, is he still down here?" He says, "I got it. Do not you let him out." He says, "They have never in four thousand years gotten out. I got him." Third day, the devil

walked by and said, "Death, you got him? Hey, Death, you got him?" Death said, "Mmm, mmm. Something really went wrong down here." You know what went wrong? He came out!

Revelation 1:18

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Because He has them, you and I never have to die. Glory to God. Praise the Lord. Glory to God, amen. That is right.

II. The Mystery of Iniquity and the Devil's Garments

I built all this around the great mystery in the Bible, found in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2, which is called the mystery of iniquity. You will remember, I took you back to Job chapter 41, how this mystery can be and will be understood through God's revealing to us. As it says back there in Job chapter 41:13-14:

Job 41:13

Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him with his double bridle?

Job 41:14

Who can open the doors of his face? terror is about his teeth.

God was opening up the doors of His face for us to see Him. I made it real simple. I showed you how all history is nothing more than God moving in a direction to do what He wants to do, and the devil moving in a direction to stop Him. All this plays out in seven garment changes down through the history of man in the Bible, starting in Genesis, I walked you through each one right up to Revelation, and then showed you the eighth one, like an eight-act play of life on planet Earth. God and His plan and His people, and the devil with his plan and his people, all through history.

I showed you last week how the devil has changed garments to counterfeit and to stop God's plan. But the face will always stay the same. He does this so we can follow all God is doing. God allows us to see this to be able to separate from what the devil is doing, to see what God is doing so we do not get deceived. I want to say to you, God's people today for the most part are the most deceived people on the planet. It is unbelievable. I am going to talk to you about some things here in a little bit that is going to prove that.

You can see the absolute importance now of Job chapter 40 and Job chapter 41. I told you last week that those are the two greatest chapters in the Old Testament on the person of the Antichrist in chapter 40, and then the devil in chapter 41. Without these two defining chapters, the devil is now lost to us, the body of Christ. We have no way of seeing the garments. We have no way of understanding his face. We have no way of revealing him to us to understand his work within the body of Christ, within the world, within this country, to stop God's plan. Without these chapters, it goes on completely unnoticed.

Hence, you might expect this. When modern-day scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees, our Bible scholars today, our big-time preachers who know nothing about the Bible, who care nothing about the Bible, who actually care nothing about you—you are a giving record number, you are just a statistic. When you have a trial and tribulation in your life, nobody even knows about it. Nobody even cares. When they hit this passage, they destroy the chapter.

In Job 40:15, you have a creature called Behemoth. Behemoth is a composite beast. It is actually detailed out for you in Revelation 12 and 13, but we do not have time to do that today. But the great scholarly mind, the great pastors that in this city and around this country have churches of 2,000, 5,000, 10,000, who are standing in pulpits today, if you would raise your hand and ask them, "What is the Behemoth?" they would tell you, based on where they have been trained and how they have been taught, that Behemoth is an elephant. The greatest book chapter in the Bible that defines the Antichrist as a composite beast out of Revelation 12, and the educated world will tell God's people it is an elephant. You have been cheated.

When they get into Job 41, that great chapter on the devil, Leviathan, all you would have to do is cross-reference it with Isaiah 27:1 and Psalm 74:14, and voila, it is defined for you. Oh, no, no, no. Higher education, the mind without the Bible, the mind who wants to defraud you, the mind that wants to take from you the very truth of God, will tell you that Leviathan is a whale or a whirlpool. I have never understood a little bit farther down where it says this whirlpool will speak soft words to you. I have flushed my toilet many times and never heard anything back.

All the devil's work through the years, my dear friend. I showed you last week in Acts 5 with the Counter-Reformation how the Jesuits began to move and to destroy your Bible and hide the work of the man of sin, of the mystery of iniquity, which is already working now, that if you could take the scales off your eyes and you could see what is going on around you in this city, in this country, in this world. But we have been blinded when he took the Bible from us, when he took the Word of God from us. You are lost. You are a blind man stumbling through the darkness of night.

Psalms 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

What it really means, this mystery of iniquity, how it really works, how it has worked down through history, how it is working in your life right now, and how the devil has infiltrated every aspect of the world today, especially the Church of Jesus Christ.

III. The Corruption of Bible Education and Modern Churches

In Bible college, you will hear all kinds of classes. In Bible college, they will have Old Testament survey, New Testament survey. They will have classes on soteriology, hermeneutics. They will have classes on all the great things in the Bible that they like to invent names for. But never one time will you ever take a class where somebody is going to teach you the work of the

devil in church history. You will never get a class from anybody how the devil corrupted the Bible through manuscript evidence. Why is that?

When you go to Bible college, some higher education, you say, "You must be against Bible college." You are very perceptive. They have been designed to destroy everything you have with that Bible because whether you like it or not, whether you believe it or not, God's only institution is a New Testament Bible-believing local New Testament church. The first Bible college you find in the Bible is found in the books of Acts chapter 18 and 19, and voila, it is teaching against the Word of God. I know, I know, I know. Do not confuse you with a lot of facts.

When the devil put on the garment through the Jesuit movement in Acts chapter 5 last week and began what we know in history as the Counter-Reformation, their goal was to bring all the Protestants that left the Roman Catholic Church, we talked about this Thursday night, back under the influence of Rome. That would be the Lutherans. That would be the Methodists. A little later they came out. That would be the Presbyterians. That would be the Church of England or the Episcopalian, Anglican it is called sometimes. Two hundred years after the Reformation, they are all dead in the water, and they are all back into the Roman Catholic Church in one form or the other.

Do you know why? Because the devil changed the garment. He went in as a sophisticated educator and took the truth of the Word of God out of those seminaries and destroyed those churches. Then he turned to the USA. Oh, I know. You thought he forgot about us, did you? Then he turned his attention to us. I do not have time to get into today the starting of America, how it was founded on the Word of God, how the Word of God was built in every fiber of our country. Then God brought in seven awakenings for the next 200 years to make sure that God's people kept the book that God gave them.

Right behind every one of them, here they come. They infiltrated into every college, every seminary, every Bible college, and unfortunately, either directly or indirectly, into every church today. If you do not know that and believe that, I feel sorry for you. I really do. I am sorry you are so blind to what goes on around you. Or maybe you are not blind. Maybe you are just gullible. Maybe you have never spent the time to get into your Bible to any depth. So you just buy whatever comes down the road. A lot of people are like that.

His plan was simple. There are times in history, you have got to take your hat off to the devil, man. He does not miss a trick. His plan was simple. With the Protestants, he wanted to get them back into the Church of Rome. When he came into America through the Southern Baptist Convention in 1900, and then moved his way up from New Orleans up through to everything that he is doing, his goal was not to get Baptists like us into the Catholic Church. He knew that would never happen. He was just as satisfied to let us stay in our rinky-dinky three-ring circus Baptist churches as long as we use the devil's Bible instead of the one God gave us.

God's people are so stupid. They are so gullible. They are so wishy-washy. They are so no-depth to them. God's church today, across this city, 2,000, 3,000 people, they start out with the Super Bowl halftime party. All the dancers on stage, smoke coming out, lights coming up. Everybody standing around there with a microphone, that serpent with a long tail speaking into it. Where are

you going to get your microphone? God's people think that is church. You think God honors that. Then when he gets up, he pulls out the devil's Bible, which will be anything other than the King James 1611 Authorized Version. Then he preaches in God's church to God's people out of the devil's Bible. Do you know what the amazing thing is? You are okay with that. God's people, you are okay with that.

Now, I get it. Every once in a while, you find a guy or a family or somebody who was in that that gets out of it, and boy, they want the truth. They see the truth. They are in. But I am old school, okay? And I make no apology for that. I am old school. I was in the bookstore there a little while ago, and I gave my Indian princess here, where she said that I gave her. I gave her. Yes, I gave her a book that I wanted her to have on the Jesuits. Did I not? Hold it up. You got it? Just hold it up. Show everybody that I am not lying. There it is. Everybody ran over and said, "Did you? There is no name on it. Did you write this book? Did you write this book?" I did not even remember if I did. I opened it up, and it was first printed in 1828. I was offended. I was offended. Wrote that book in 1828. I am old school. I am not that old, but I am old school. I am a hardliner. And I make no apology for it. I am the old breed. I saw what real Bible Christianity was and can be if you have a man who is willing to stand up and preach that book and God's blessings on it. I have seen it.

I was taught to preach and teach the Bible back when it was still held up to be the greatest book this world has ever seen. I was taught that the only two things a pastor is to invest his life in: one is the Word of God, and the other one is the people that God gives him. Nothing else matters. When you get to the judgment seat of Christ, if you get there, you will find that the only two things for you as a child of God, for me as a pastor, for any pastor, any Bible teacher, the only two things worth investing your life in that is going to pay off with the great judgment seat of Christ is going to be your investment of your life in that book and in the people God gives you. Nothing else will matter.

Just so you know it, I hide it, not today, I hide it. But I have a total and complete disdain for most pastors today who defraud their people of the greatest book this world has ever seen and sell you out. If I saw you in the parking lot and somebody was going to rape you, kill you, rob you, or do you harm, I would stand up for you and maybe die for you. I will do the same thing when they try to take the Word of God from you. You are going to get mad at me for it. You are going to go out of here, and I am going to be the entree of your lunch. "I just cannot believe he talked that way." "Well, I just, he has got a mean spirit." You are right. Do you know where I got it? From preachers who want to steal from you everything God has for you.

When it comes to the seven mysteries in the Bible, let us start with that, which we as pastors were told in 2 Corinthians chapter 4:1 to be stewards of with our people. When it comes to the great doctrine of the Kingdom of Heaven versus the Kingdom of God, when it comes to the great doctrine of spiritual circumcision, when it comes to the great doctrine of standing and state, when it comes to the great theological teachings in the Bible based on God's theological system of:

- The seven resurrections

- The seven judgments
- The seven baptisms
- The seven suicides in the Bible
- The seven trees in the Garden of Eden
- The seven barren women found in the Old Testament
- The seven marriages found in the Bible
- The seven things Paul says we as God's people should not be ignorant of.

Those are the exact same seven things we have not got a clue on. Why? Because the pastors do not teach it anymore. They do not care anymore. What do you know about the book of Acts? What do you know about the book of Hebrews? What do you know about the book of Matthew? Understanding Job chapter 40 and 41, Isaiah chapter 9:6-7. It is a joke, and they are clueless. You have been defrauded from the real truth.

Pastors today, I have been a pastor for 51 years this next month, starting this month, May, 51 years. I have earned a right to say what I am saying this morning. I have seen them all. I have worked with many of them. I have talked with them over and over again. 51 years of my life. I have seen what I am preaching today. You are out there with no clue, no experience. All you know is what you get on YouTube or here or there as some guy who tickles your ear. This is why today you have been saved what? Five? Oh, forget five. 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 years. And you know nothing about the Bible. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. God died on that cross so you could have the book that you do not bother reading. On the cross of Calvary, He paid the price in debt so you could have that book in depth. What do we do with it?

As far as pastors today, you are lazy. To you, it is just a job. You just got enough Bible to fake your way through it. Honestly, you have no business being a pastor of anybody. You put on a front. You wear your little suit and tie. You talk the talk. You pretend you know the Bible. But when it comes to the real Bible doctrine and the depth of the Bible, you are clueless.

I will say this. If you are a pastor and you are listening to this and you have been in the ministry 20 years, we will start with that. 20 years, 30 years, 40 years. Most of them do not get past that. They all retire and go to Florida. But if you have been in the ministry that long and supposedly in the Bible, and at this point in your life, you cannot take every book of that Bible and teach it in depth in 30 seconds or less, there is something wrong with you.

You ought to go to a Bible conference sometime where you are told before you get there, "You are going to teach the book of Acts." So you spend all your six months learning everything about the book of Acts. So you are sitting on the platform, and the pastor, the lady is singing, and you are up next. You have your notes on the book of Acts, and the pastor leans over and he says, "Gee, I am really sorry we had to change things up." And you say, "Change what up?" And he says, "She is on the last stanza." And he says, "Oh, you did not get the word. You are not doing the book of Acts. You are doing the book of Job." Do you know what you ought to be able to do? You ought to be able to say, "Okay, that is no problem for me." Take over the job, and the lady is done singing, go up and teach it.

Some of God's people know more about everything you do in life. You can fix a computer faster than anybody on this planet. You know about engines, you know about cars, you know about everything. Those things are not going to get you to heaven. The thing that you need to be an expert in, if one side and down the other, be able to take it apart, put it back together again, separate the verses, separate the chapters, separate the books, and then bolt it all back together, is the greatest book God gave you. By the way, He saved you with. God's people are all okay with this. It is amazing to me.

I asked them in Bible Institute yesterday, and I ask you the same thing as a Christian. Honestly, now do not get mad at me. Just answer this question to yourself: How much error are you willing to allow in your life when it comes to God and the Bible? That is all. When it comes to God, the Bible, and the teachings of Christ and the truth of God's Word, how much error are you okay with in your life? I know people that go to churches that do not teach anything about the Bible, but they stay there because they have friends. Are you kidding me? You are going to sacrifice the greatest book so you can have a buddy? How much error are you willing to put up with in your life?

Let me ask you a question. Would you be okay to take your car to a mechanic when it was not running and it was all messed up, when a guy did not even know what was going on with cars? A guy like me. Would you be satisfied with paying whatever? And he said, "Well, I do not know, man." He opens the thing and says, "Well, there is the problem. What is that? An engine." Would you be okay with that? Would you be okay that he did not know what he was doing?

Hey, some of you guys can listen to an engine and you can tell what is wrong with it in most cases if it is something internal. I can appreciate that. I love that. I wish I could do that. I have always, I have told you this story before. I have always been impressed when a lady stops across the freeway, when her car will not start, and a big guy pulls in behind her in a big old pickup truck. He says, "What is wrong, little lady?" She says, "It will not, that car will not start." He says, "Pop the hood, darling." He walks over there and looks at it. "Just stay behind the wheel." He walks back to his truck and gets a big screwdriver. He sticks that screwdriver down in there and says, "Try it now, honey." Starts right up. No, I love that. I tried that one time. Blew the screwdriver right in half. Burned up my hair off my arm up to my chin. Is that the kind of guy you want working on your car?

Would you be okay with an electrician who wires your house, who does not know the difference between 110, 210, 240, 270, or three phase, that when he is done wiring the house and you turn the lights on, your garage door goes up? How about a dentist that has no idea that you are going in for a root canal? He thinks a root canal was an offshoot of the Erie Canal back in the 1800s. He looks into your mouth and looks into your teeth, and then he goes to work. He does not have a clue. The big teeth from the bottom on the top and the bottom. He does not know. You are okay with that? Of course, you are not.

How about a doctor? Would you get a colonoscopy from a guy who just got fired from Billy Bob Plumbing Service? Of course, you would not. You want the best, right? If you are going to a doctor and he is going to give you a prescription and you have a pain wherever you have the

pain, you do not want him to give you the wrong prescription, do you? If he did, would you be okay? This is called medical malpractice.

I had a doctor friend one time. This was years and years ago, and he was in my singles class. He turned out to be a really good doctor. He and his buddy went through med school together, and they were good friends and good in my ministry. I had a particular delicate situation in my world that I needed a doctor to perform just a little procedure on. I am not going to get into the details. So I go in to see this guy. He examines me and he says, "Yeah, we can fix that." He says, "I just got to go in and do a little surgery, and it will be fine." I said, "Okay, let us get it done because this thing is killing me." He says, "Well, I have never done one of these." He has got his medical book out, and this is God's truth. This is just like the Bible. He says to me, "If you hold the book so I can see it, I can do it." How many of you think I let him do that? My luck, I lose the place on a page. God only knows what page I was on.

But God's people are okay. Yet we will sue a doctor for malpractice. Yet you will trust your soul, your kids, your family, your marriage, and your spiritual welfare to some guy who has not got a clue when it comes to the Word of God. You will sue the doctor for malpractice, but you will not sue the preacher for spiritual malpractice. And you are okay with it. They are all across this country.

I have a little goofy guy here, that little church out here, he had no business being a pastor. He had a couple that I found this out because the guy called me and was all upset about it. He and his wife were having some severe marital problems, and they went to this church. He would go in there, and the wife is, she is really into some things, and the guy is probably not much better. They are going on in there, and this guy is so stupid. This guy has no business being a pastor. This guy does not get into what she is into, does not get into what he is doing, does not hold anybody up. Does not hold anybody accountable. Do you know what his advice for fixing their marriage was? "Start dating again and fall in love all over again." Are you kidding me? Yes, they are divorced. They are divorced. It happens all the time. It happens all the time.

I know a church that the guy just came out and raised, I do not know how many, millions of dollars. His goal is to start a hundred new churches. Now that sounds really good, does it? But he is going to start a hundred new churches that have no Bible, they have no truth, they have nobody that teaches the Word of God. It is another big little three-ring circus, and everybody is okay with it. I would much rather you take that, you are not going to like this, I would much rather you take that and start a bar. Start a hundred bars. No, no, you know what goes on in bars. You do not want a church that is pretending to be something that people get defrauded and fooled because that is where it is going. I will tell you better yet, start a hundred strip clubs. No, do not look at me like that. What is wrong with that? Start a hundred strip clubs. You look at me like I said something wrong. What is wrong with you? Do not start a hundred bars, do not start a hundred churches, start a hundred strip clubs. Do you know why? Because that church is going to strip you naked at the judgment seat of Christ. That is why. But you are okay with that. You are okay with that. You do not care that you go there, you invest your family there, you invest everything you have, and they are taking everything from you because you are getting everything but the truth.

You have pastors who only preach salvation messages. They never get into any depth of the Word of God. You have pastors that wherever they start, they wind up preaching about women wearing pants or guys wearing shorts or women wearing shorts. You have pastors who preach for 15 minutes so they can get you out to have lunch on time, but they will spend 40 minutes talking about the big building expansion and how many millions of dollars that they need. God's people are okay with that. God's people are the most amazing people on the planet when it comes to stupidity. You will demand the very best for your dog with your vet, for your doctor with your health, for your dentist with your teeth, for your eyes with your eyeglasses, but you will sell your soul to some church that does not even have the Bible.

IV. The Fraud of the "Two-by-Four" Christianity

There is a great fraud that is being committed all over this country everywhere. It is an excellent example, an illustration of what I am talking about today, and it takes place every day. It is the fraud of the two-by-four. I know some of you thought I was going to do a little expose on walking tall this morning. You go to your lumber yard, they will advertise that they sell two-by-fours. You will go in there because you need two-by-fours, and you will spend your money because the guy in the lumber yard told you it was a two-by-four, and you believed him, you saw the advertisement, and so you went in and bought the two-by-four. You never knew that you got defrauded because in truth, this two-by-four is not two-by-four. This two-by-four, which would be four inches by two inches, is actually three and five-eighths this way and one and five-eighths this way. You got defrauded. You went in and said, "I want a hundred two-by-fours," and you believed you were getting two-by-fours, but you did not get two-by-fours. You got something that was substandard that you ordered and you paid for that was not true.

Do you know what? There are a lot of two-by-four Christians out there that you go to a church and you think you are getting one thing, and you are getting something else. You have been defrauded. You think, "Oh, I am going to church to get the truth. I am going to church to do this. I am going to church to get that." No, no, no, no. Just like the lumber company, you will think you are getting a two-by-four. You are not getting what they advertise, and you go to most churches. You are not getting what they advertise. God's people are okay. They are okay with it.

V. Misinterpreting John 14:1-3: A Case Study in Error

Now I know of no better place to illustrate what I am saying today than our opening verse in John chapter 14 because I need a place today to illustrate everything that I have just said. This chapter here in the first three verses will stand as a classic example of the complete ignorance of pastors when it comes to the Bible and Bible teachers, and unfortunately, most of God's people when it comes to this passage and many other passages in the Bible. But let us just start with this. Since we are in John chapter 14:1-3, allow me to read it.

John 14:1

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:2

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Oh, dear Father, help us today. Help us to understand that You have given us an absolute standard to live our lives by. All through history, the devil has one goal: to take that from us. He started in Genesis chapter 3 with Eve when he said, "Yea, hath God said?" and then he changed what God said. He has followed that pattern down through the next 6,000 years. Help us today. Help these people who have the ability to want truth, not understand truth, the ability to want truth. Help us today. In Jesus' name for His sake we ask it. Amen.

You will find this verse passage here applied to you and me over and over again by preachers who have no clue of what they are talking about when it comes to the Bible. The only people stupider than them are the people who buy into what he is saying. Now I ask again, so we do not forget, how much error are you allowing in your life when it comes to the Bible? How much? 5%, 10%, 1%, 1/10 of a percent? That is the only real question you have got to answer today. Everything else is academic. How much error are you as a child of God allowing in your world when it comes to the book that God gave you or the man that preaches it to you? That is your question you have got to answer today. Your deal, not mine.

This will be a favorite funeral service message all the time. Every time I go to a funeral that I do not do and the pastor starts out this, I have got to bury my head in the sand to keep from just rolling laughing because I know where we have gotten. I know where we are going with this thing. I know no other place in the Bible that will define a guy as to what he knows about the Bible other than this or what he does not know. For openers, when you try to apply this passage into your life and my life as a New Testament Christian, you have got to throw away at least six major Bible doctrines that you just have got to cut out of your Bible and throw them away. If you are going to take this and do with it what they do. So it is a classic example for all of us to understand how this thing works.

Remember, the number one issue about your Bible and me is doctrine.

2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

What is number one? Doctrine. Doctrine. Everything else falls in line behind doctrine. You need to ask yourself today, "Okay, how much error am I going to allow?" You see, some people, it is not about truth that makes them mad. It is about that they have been defrauded, and somebody exposes, and their pride is so puffed up, they cannot accept the truth. So they get mad at me. Well, get mad at me. Here is what you need to do. Tonight is going to be a full moon. Go out on

a hilltop someplace and howl at God. That will help you out. You will feel better. You vent. You will feel better about it.

All right. Standard teaching: "Let not your heart be troubled." Dear friends, we are gathered here today, and we all have heaviness of heart. But I say to you the great words of our Savior Jesus, "Let not your heart be troubled." See, he puts that to you and me. The reason you are not to let your heart be troubled: "In my Father's house are many mansions." I feel better already. You see, what he is getting to is that no matter what you are going through now, it is okay because you have got a mansion waiting for you over the other side. Then he goes on and says, Jesus said, "If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you into myself that where I am there you may be also." How wonderful that sounds. Man, I mean, I will tell you what, if you are just as stupid as a fence post, you could buy into that real easily. How wonderful that sounds.

So the idea is, I can get through this life because I have got a mansion just over the hilltop. I had a lady from Alabama years ago. Loved the King James Bible. She worked with a woman who had an NIV. She was going back and forth over the King James Bible being the Word of God. This guy loved the book. She sparked out and she says, "My Bible is much better than yours." She did not even get into manuscript evidence. You deal with people in Alabama, people down there, you know, that they do not have a, I mean, they are just good people, but they are not. Anyway, all you from Alabama, you know what I am talking about, do you not? So anyway, she says, "My Bible, King James Bible, is better than your NIV." The woman says, "It is not." "It is too. I can prove it." She took it to John chapter 14 and said, "In my Father's house are many mansions." She opened up the NIV, and it said, "Your Bible says in my Father's house are just many rooms." "You get a room. I get a mansion." Now, right or wrong, good reasoning or bad reasoning, that woman dumped that Bible and got a King James Bible. Now, I am not saying that is how you deal with this thing. But the Bible says preach Christ, preach answer truth, man, in season, out of season, in a room or in a mansion, I guess. I do not know.

So the idea is this is modern-day Christianity. No, this is it. So the idea is you have got a mansion. Then you sit on a front porch of that mansion in your little rocking chair and you watch the golden daybreak. I am rocking. I am not going to fall over. You watch the sunrise. You watch the golden streets. You watch the crystal water. Oh, and in Christianity, did they in all the big churches along with a mansion and the rocking chair in the crystal sea and the sunrise, you get a cooler with a Bud Light because they tell you it is okay to drink. Oh, yeah. Yeah. Some church you have got there, pal. Some church you have got there. I mean, Jesus on the cross, He would not accept it, but it is okay for you to get up your people to say you can drink in moderation. Really? I have never met a drunk in my life that understood the word moderation. Crazy, man. Crazy.

VI. The True Meaning of John 14:1-3 for Israel

Now, let us do some serious Bible study here in a few minutes we have left. We are in good time today. You remember now. Let us get the right doctrine. Let us do something with this that probably has never been done before. Let us look at it from the Bible standpoint and ask yourself

again, how much error are you willing to allow into your life when it comes to the Bible? We all allow error into our life in some, in most things. You know that we do. Just be honest. We get caught in a jam. We lie. We do not maybe tell big lies. We tell white lies. I am not sure what a white lie is. A lie is a lie. But we in our minds, we justify it. So we tell lies. "No, I did not do that." Your kids do it. "Who did that?" "I did not." "Sure you did. You are on a video camera just there. You just killed a cat, put it in the microwave." What are you talking about? We all allow some error in our life. The goal for all of us as Christians should be to keep that to a minimum. I know we are still in the flesh. I mean, you are driving on a freeway, and some idiot on a motorcycle. They scare me to death. They go down 128 miles an hour. I cannot hear. All of a sudden I hear this roar go by me, shakes me up. I am going to go left of center. I am going to kill the guy because he is buzzing inside, inside, outside of lanes. Now, when that happens, your first response is not "Thank you, Jesus." We have a little error in our lives sometimes, do we not? Sure we do. Let us just be honest. Oh, I see somebody back there. "Not me, brother." No. Your little error is hypocrisy. We have got you now, see? It is a thing where, but I am going to tell you something. Listen to me. We can maybe, even though it is not good, we can allow and afford a little bit of error there. I will tell you one place where you can never allow one inch of error in your world, and that is when it comes to that book.

Now, six doctrines you just throw right out the window.

1. Who is He speaking to here? The first thing I teach you to do, no matter where you are at in the Bible, is get the context. This is John chapter 14. I do not know if you know this or not. This is probably a great revelation. Chapter 14 comes right after chapter 13. That is profound. Did you see what happened in chapter 13? He just told them that He is leaving and going to the cross, and He is going to have to leave them, and they are upset about it. So in John chapter 14:1, when He says, "Let not your heart be troubled," He is not talking to you going through your deep time. He is talking to the nation of Israel, the apostles, the 12 apostles, who are going to be left behind, and they are worried because He is going to the cross.
2. Then He says, "In my Father's house." I heard a pastor one time take the dimensions of the New Jerusalem over there in Revelation chapter 21 when the dimensions are given, and he actually laid it out, he actually laid it out where if he figured out there were so many hundreds of millions of Christians and the dimensions of all that, he actually figured out that every child of God down through the church age and gave you the dimensions of your mansion within that place. Everybody just was overwhelmed, much like you. They just thought that was wonderful. They just thought that was incredible. They thought that, "Wow," and because, you know, and the amazing thing, they pay a guy to say things like that. That is the depth of his teaching. I mean, it is one of those things where when it says "in my Father's house," what do you do with your Bible? What do you do with Ephesians chapter 1 and 2? Why, when we came through John chapter 3, I laid out the seven members of the household of God and the family of God and showed you how they lay out dispensationally from Genesis right up to Revelation chapter 22. When you throw this out and make this, "my Father's in my Father's house, there is many mansions," and it is a big place for you, you just throw out the doctrine of dispensationalism that lays out your Bible from Genesis to Revelation, which you care nothing about in the first place. How much error are you allowing in your life?

3. The third doctrine: "in my Father's house are many mansions." Making this part of the church age completely destroys the plan of God that is laid out for us in Isaiah chapter 9:6-7. Can you even find Isaiah 9:6-7 in your Bible? I am talking to the pastors now. When you get there, could you explain it? Could you talk about what that government is? Could you talk about how that government is an everlasting government? Could you run that back over there to Ezekiel chapter 40 through chapter 41? Could you run that back to Revelation chapter 21:22 and Revelation chapter 23? You say, "Oh, there is no Revelation chapter 20." Sure there is, pal. You just do not know where to look for it. You think your Bible ended in chapter 22. No, it does not. There is a chapter 23. You just have got to know where to go to find it.

What is God's plan? I mean, ask your pastor sometime. When he got over there in Hebrews chapter 1, 2, Hebrews chapter 11:3, and he talks about all the worlds, plural He created, ask him what they are all about. How do they fit into this mansion syndrome? Is it a mansion or is it a universe filled with sinless beings that worship God based on Genesis chapter 1, 2, and 3? Ask him. I mean, what do you do with Revelation 21 and 22? What do you do with Isaiah chapter 9:6-7? I mean, what do you do with Proverbs chapter 8? What do you do with Ephesians chapter 1:2? I will tell you what you do with it. No mansion needed. Ask him. Ask him in Revelation chapter 22:14 why he has a tree of life at the end of the Bible when you had one in Genesis. Now you have one at the end of the Bible after Christ died on the cross. What is it doing there? He will not know. I mean, it is just the way that it is. I mean, it took God six days. It took God six days to create and refinish everything in the universe, in the atmosphere, and on Earth in six days. He has been doing your mansion for 2,000 years. Got to be a government job.

Hey, pal. I have got 10 questions for you. You see, when they sent me out in the ministry back right after I wrote that book in 1828, they sat me down, and before they sent anybody out, these old boys, the old school, the old breed, I had 10 questions I had to lay out to them without my Bible. 10 questions that I asked me that I had to, without my Bible, teach for 20 to 30 minutes on each one of them. Every one of those questions, by the time you got one done and you got 10 done, you knew if somebody knew their Bible or not because it spent the expanse of that Bible, brother. You had to lay it out without your Bible, sit down before these guys, and teach them each one of these questions. I have got the 10 questions in the front of my Bible. Anytime you want to feel froggy, pal, you just leap. We will find out what you know about that book. We will find out what you do not know about that book. How much error are we willing to allow in our life when it comes to the Bible? How much are you going to say, "Oh, that does not matter to me. Oh, he is a nice guy. Oh, that is a bunch of nice people there." Who cares if the truth is not there? God's people.

4. Fourth doctrine. Then he says, "I go to a place. I go to prepare a place for you." I preached one time in a penitentiary, and that was my verse. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you," and you are in it today. He said, "I go to prepare a place for you." Now everybody thinks that the pastor says, "Oh, God, prepare a place with your mansion. Oh, it is going to be so nice." Oh, come on. Let us get—and I am sorry. I apologize. I keep having to bring you back to the Word of God. I am sorry. I wish I could be a lame-lipped preacher that can just give you something that makes you happy today. I am sorry. Truth is hard sometimes. You

know that? I do not really care whether you accept the truth or not today. I do not really care if you like this today. All I care about is when you go out of here, you have got to answer the question: How much error are you going to allow in your life when it comes to the Word of God? That is all I care about. I am going to nail you with that.

Now I hope by now you are beginning to see that all this is dealing with the nation of Israel. It has nothing to do with the church. The church is not in effect yet. Paul is not even on the scene yet. There are no New Testament Christians in John chapter 14. Trying to take this out of the Old Testament to Israel and put it into the church is about as dishonest as Bonnie and Clyde. I mean, it is absolutely ridiculous. This place here is defined for you in the Old Testament. Take your Bibles and turn back to Jeremiah chapter 33. Watch. Now in baseball, it is three strikes and you are out. In our passage in Jeremiah today, it is going to be three strikes and you are out. Jeremiah chapter 33 has nothing to do with the church. It has nothing to do with you. It has nothing to do with your mansion. You are not going to get a mansion into eternity. Your job out of the New Jerusalem has nothing to do with having a mansion. I am sorry. I am sorry you are so lame when it comes to the Word of God, and you bought into the two-by-four that really is not a two-by-four. I do not know what to tell you. But here it comes.

Jeremiah 33:10

Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

Jeremiah 33:11

The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 33:12

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down.

Jeremiah 33:13

In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth them, saith the LORD.

That place has nothing to do with God going someplace to make you a mansion. It has to do with the fact that when He went back to heaven, He told those apostles, "Let not your heart be troubled if you believe in God, believe also in Me, in My Father's house, the millennium, there is going to be many mansions for the Jew, I go to prepare a place for you." The place He is preparing when He went back to heaven for the next 2,000 years, He is preparing that land,

Jerusalem, to get the land ready for the Jew, and then get the Jew ready for the land, and then He is going to take that desolate land at the end of the tribulation and give it to them. Watch. The place God has placed for them three times, it is the land, the land given to Abraham, nothing to do with stupid preachers or pastors or Christians looking for a mansion over the hilltop. What a terrible trick for me to pull on two-by-four Christians today. You thought you were getting one thing, you paid the price for it, and now you are finding out you have been defrauded. You have not got a mansion. You are going to be lucky to jump and see the Christ to get a loincloth.

Context here is John chapter 14, it is the second coming of Christ, based on what He just told them in chapter 13. Context! During the church age when He goes back to heaven, He now for 2,000 years is preparing Jerusalem. We could go back through history and we could see Jerusalem change hands as God down through history, took it through the Crusades, took it through World War I, took it through World War II, brought it right up to where we are at today. At the second coming of Christ He will come back to them, and He says in Hosea chapter 5:15:

Hosea 5:15

I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

Context, second coming, "I will go," John 14, "and return," John 14, "to my place." That place is Jerusalem. Look at Nehemiah chapter 1:9, one more time for the slow class.

Nehemiah 1:9

But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

He has chosen to set my name there. That place is the place that God has chosen to set His name in the millennium. He is going to put the Jew back in it. They get the mansions. You and I get eternity with God and Jesus Christ doing through the expanse of what God's plan is. I see in Isaiah chapter 9:6-7, this has absolutely nothing to do with us. So I ask you, honestly, how much error are you allowing in your life when it comes to the Word of God? How much are you putting up with these guys? You say, "Well, they are really nice people." Hell is filled with really nice people. What is somebody being real nice when he is defrauding you? If I stopped you in the parking lot and the guy was raping you, he was killing you, he was ready to cut your throat, he was going to take your children, and I stepped in. Would you say, "Stop, Bob, he is really a nice guy." Really? Really. But see, I would get up here and tell you a guy who is going to strip you naked at the judgment seat of Christ. He is going to take everything that God has for you because you are going to buy a two-by-four that is not a two-by-four, and now you are upset with me. Do you know what my advice is? Go buy a pole. Practice pole dancing. The judgment seat of Christ, you are going to need it.

5. Then he says, Hebrews 11:16, nothing like a little Bible doctrine to expose how lame people are with the Bible. Why if, when it comes to these guys, I am not kidding you. If stupidity was a crime, they would be doing 25 years to life.

Hebrews 11:16

But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

That city is the place. Now this place is you are told in verse 10 that Abraham looked for when he says a city that has foundation, whose builder and maker is God. He prepared a place whose foundations, whose builder. I will just tell you right now, ask your preacher this, take him that verse and say, "When it says here, a city which has foundations, could you show me those foundations in the Bible?" They are in the Bible. Try Job chapter 38, try Proverbs chapter 9:1. The foundations are laid out for you. There is no question about this. Jerusalem is the city and the place of God and the place where Israel will dwell in the millennium. Right now at the end of the church age, the place has been prepared. The Jew went back in 1948, started to go back in the Zionist movement in 1890, and then got the land changed around in 1918 to 1919, and then he went back in 1948. It is prepared! And then he went back.

6. Bad doctrine number six, but who is counting anymore? He says, "I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also." Oh, I could just feel the warm cockles of my heart. That is such a blessing to me. I am struggling through this. I am going through this. Forget all the other biblical principles that helped me get through this. This is what I really needed. I am going to have a mansion. He did not lie to me. He is going to come back to me, and He is going to come again, and He is going to receive me unto Him. Hey, you know what? I have got some news for you. You got received the day you trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. There is no receiving anywhere else for you.

I will tell you something else. He cannot come back to you and get you to be with you. Do you know why?

- Doctrine of salvation
- Doctrine of the mystery of Godliness
- Doctrine of the indwelling Holy Spirit of God
- Doctrine of the body mystery, book of Ephesians

When you got saved, you became part of His body. He cannot leave you. He cannot go and come back that you could be together again. Right now, if you are saved and you are on your way to heaven, you can never be separated from God. But Israel is not. And they get separated. Now, they are separated. For the last 2,000 years, God told those apostles in chapter 13, "Look, I have got to go. But while I am going, do not let your heart be troubled, because I am going to prepare a place for you, the nation of Israel. And when I come back, I am going to put you in that place, the land of Jerusalem. And I am going to put you into the millennium. And you are going to have a mansion. And I am going to come back, and we are going to be together and never be separated again." That has nothing to do with you. You got saved. You got Jesus Christ in you, the hope of glory. You are in Him, and He is in you. There is no coming back that you and Christ could be together again. Back this heresy. How much error are you going to allow? But Israel is not Him. Oh, it is the doctrine of the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven, which you teach is the same. You whited sepulcher.

I am part of His body. I am in Him for John chapter 3. God's plan is for the seven members of the household of God to dwell together, not in heaven, not in New Jerusalem. It is through an expanse of God's second heaven of His kingdom, of the government that begins in Isaiah chapter 9:6-7, and then that there is no end. Ask him to explain it. God's eternal government, which starts in the millennium and goes out through the second heaven to fill the endless expanse of God's eternal kingdom, fulfilling the model laid down in Genesis chapter 1, 2, and 3. That is why some of this is way too deep for God's people.

VII. The Pastor's Responsibility and the Church's Compromise

Now I say this, if you have been here and you just got saved, I get it. I give you five, six years. If you have been saved five and six years, I give you that much time just to get your feet on the ground. You young people that just got saved, and our church is filled with them, my job is to help you get to that point. That is what this church does. My job is to love you, to give you the truth, to love the truth, and make sure that you get the best shots you can. Now some people do not like that. They do not want that. So they get mad at me because, you know, they stop the rape in the parking lot of Hy-Vee. Okay, enjoy it. I do not know what to tell you. Enjoy the error that you get from these clowns out there that want to try to teach you something about the Bible that is not true. Enjoy going into church every Sunday thinking you are getting a two-by-four when you are not. You have been defrauded. You took it right up from under your nose. They sold God's people a bill of goods, and I am upset about it.

I am going to tell you right now, as long as I have got breath in my lungs, and as long as God gives me the power to preach and gives me the health and the stamina to preach and gives me the ability to preach that book, I am going to declare God's truth to everybody who will listen to it. That is the job of a pastor. I am not here to entertain you. I am not here to tickle your ear. I am not here to tell you how wonderful you are, though you are all wonderful. I am here to tell you the truth. I am here to take that book and let it fall where it falls. You see, you think it is hard for you. You only had to hear it one time. I had to work on it seven days this week. I had to look at these things. I had to look at myself. See, I never preached anything to you that I do not preach to myself first. I asked myself, "How much error am I allowing in my life when it comes to that book?" And I can answer that to you, none. Let God be true and every man a liar. Let the book stand. You sang it a little while ago. The Bible stands, does it? Stand for what? See, it is a nice little song to sing in a rah-rah time. The Bible stands. Yeah, it sounds good. But when it comes to today, tomorrow, and who you associate with and what you put up with, does it stand?

God's people have been compromised by the very system that God, by His design, gave us to make sure we get a full reward. But the devil did not miss a trick. He snuck into that thing, boy, and he changed it. God's people today have been defrauded. The work of the Counter-Reformation goes on today. It has destroyed the church. The system by which these churches have indoctrinated themselves has then destroyed the pastors. School after school after school, turning out young men and young ladies who tell you, "You do not have a Bible you can trust." When the pastors got under the pulpit, they did not have the truth, they had to have a halftime

show. They had to have the lights dim, the smoke from under the pulpit. You need to have the choreography and the dancers and the break dancers and all the things that they do to entertain the people. Because if you do not have truth to give them, then you better have a three-ring circus with a lot of elephants. Then it destroyed Christianity. God's people got defrauded. They thought they went to church, and they never had a real understanding of what a real Bible-based ministry in church should be. They never saw the work of the great Philadelphian church age. They were blinded to it. It was taken from them. They go to church every Sunday thinking the band and the rock band and the people, choreography and the singing and all the lights and everything is really, God is really in that. Then a man gets up and takes the devil's Bible and gives you something to live your life for God with. Are you kidding me? How much error are you willing to allow in your life?

Okay, I am sorry. I am sorry I stopped the robbery. I am sorry I stopped the fraud. I am sorry I stopped the rape. I should have just gotten my car and waved and honked the horn and drove off. I cannot do that. I am responsible for you. I am going to stand at the judgment seat of Christ and give a greater account than anybody in this room. You are accounted for you and your family. I am accountable for every man and woman and child in this building. Someday I am going to stand, and God is going to ask me, not what did I do, but why did I do what I did? I only have one answer to give Him. "It is Your truth, Father. You gave me the truth and instructed me to give it to them, and I did not know any other thing to do. I give it to you. You have to do with what you are going to do with it."

Again, it destroyed the church, destroyed the pastors. The pastors in turn took it into their churches and destroyed the Christians. In Christianity, the salt has lost its savor. This is why this country is in the mess that it is in today. Do not you blame it on the Democrats. Do not you blame it on the Republicans. Do not you blame it on Trump or Biden or whatever her name is that is the vice president. Do not you blame it on any of them. If you want to blame the mess this country is in, you blame it on the men who stand in the pulpit that give up the Word of God and do not preach the truth anymore because the salt has lost its savor. The only thing that keeps any country, learn your history, was the book that they kept. When this country kept this book, it was the greatest country the world has ever seen. When it dumped the book, this country is like a huge camouflage net. It is not worth anything. It is going down by the bow faster than anybody can.

You are not going to solve it. You are not going to stop it. We have got one job to do. My job is not to fix the world. My job is not to resign my position as a pastor and go be a congressman or a senator so I can bring Christianity to the government. That is not how it is done. Do you know how it is done? Getting 100,000 men out there and women out there who believe the book, who get into the pulpit. The only way you change a country is by the preaching of the Word of God, the way it was changed in the Philadelphia Church period. It will not happen. I am not responsible for that. I do not care about it. All I care about is right here. You. I want to make sure you have everything you need to be everything God wants you to be that you too can receive a full reward. But if you want to be raped, killed, shot, mugged, and robbed in the parking lot of Hy-Vee, have at it. But I will always step into your world to try to tell you the truth, even if you

do not like it, even if you get mad at me. Because do you know why? I would rather have you mad at me right now than God mad at me at the judgment seat of Christ because I did not tell you the truth. It is just that simple. I have never feared the face of man. There have been times in my life that I have been so scared that I could not spit. There is not much that scares me anymore other than standing at the judgment seat of Christ before Him, knowing that I did not give the truth that He gave me to His people. I am done. I am vented. Do you think I feel better now? I do not. I have got another message I want to preach. Do you want to stick around for another hour and a half? Just pray.

Father, we thank You and praise You for the Lord Jesus. We love You. We love the Word of God. I love these people. Lord, I am afraid that there are people here today that probably do not know if they died right now that they would go to heaven. I pray, Father, for them. I pray, Father, that do not let them leave this building today. Lord, there was a time, I guess, when You could be unsaved and just leave church and go on, and You would have some time to deal with it. Those times are gone. We are on the edge. We are on the verge. He may come this afternoon. There is nothing that is holding Him back other than His hand to do what He needs to do before He takes us out. When that happens, the people here in this room that do not know Christ as their own personal Savior, that do not know for sure if they die right now, they would go to heaven. They are going to be lost. Lord, I have done my best. I know I preach to God's people today. I have done my best to give them the truth about the great fraud that has descended upon New Testament Christianity. I have done my very best to give them what I could. But, Father, there are people here that need the truth of salvation today. I pray that I will be here. They will come to see me. They will see somebody that they know that brought them, that loves them, and that they will find the Lord Jesus Christ today as their own personal Savior. Thank You, Father, for the truth of Your Word, as hard as it may be, as hard as it may be to say sometimes, nothing is better than the truth. Help us, Father, to embrace it, but to love it, to practice it, and to tell others about it. We will thank You and praise You in Jesus' name for His sake. We ask it. Amen.