

I. Review

The last time we were together, we finished up Psalms 23. I had laid out that Psalm in the three key applications of scripture that really opened up the Bible to you. I showed you how Psalms 23 had a historical application. It is David going through his troubles in life, and he certainly had some. Inspirationally, I showed you that it was you and me going through our struggles. We certainly have some. Then the doctrinal application showed you the Jew in the Tribulation that was going through his trials through the Tribulation Period. All of the Bible will break down in those three applications. To have a complete understanding of the Word of God, to the ability where you can really get a handle around it, those three applications are vital. You will remember and know that almost without exception, everything that I teach you, whether it be Thursday night or whenever, I always make it a point to lay out those, because I want you to learn them and obviously get them in your Bible.

I laid out of that chapter, 10 or 11 different formats of that chapter, showing you how God will take care of the Jew in the Tribulation Period. We looked at the doctrine last week, verse by verse. In your Bible, you will find this time period, the Tribulation, referred to by different names. Most people, probably most of you, do know that. But they will always set the context when you find it. When you are reading your Bible, and most of this will be in the Old Testament unless you get into the General Epistles, sometimes in 1 Peter and James, it is called the Tribulation. Everybody knows that. Sometimes it is called the Great Tribulation. The Tribulation in a general sense for the first three and a half years, but the Great Tribulation, the context will always be the second three and a half years. You will find it is also called Daniel's 70th Week. Whenever you are reading your Bible and it is a reference to Daniel's 70th Week, the context is the Tribulation.

Sometimes it is called Jacob's Trouble. You will remember that Jacob had his name changed to Israel. It was one of the seven name changes in the Bible. So, when you find that, it is talking about Israel's time of trouble in the Tribulation. Sometimes it will be called Jacob's Time of Trouble. So it will be a little different. Sometimes it just calls it the time of trouble. My point is this, whenever you find those keywords, it will automatically give you the understanding that the passage you are reading doctrinally is going to be dealing with the Tribulation Period.

I took Psalms 23, "*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*" I broke it all down about making him lie down in green pastures. We showed you how that all fits into the Tribulation Period. There are still waters, the paths of righteousness. He restores my soul. The valley of the shadow of death—that is one of the great key studies in the Bible that nobody understands today. I showed you how that is something in the Tribulation Period. The rod and the staff, how they get comforted by that. Preparing a table in the presence of your enemies. We talked about that. Anointing my head with oil, we talked about that. Then we talked about Israel and then our

church here and our lives with what God has given us here in the Word of God, how that our cup also runs over.

Then in verse 6, the last thing he says of Psalms 23 is, "*I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*" I want you to notice when you read something like this, you need to pay attention to what you are reading. It says, "*I will dwell.*" It is a future tense reference. We are not there yet and verse 6 is a prophetic future reference to God giving Israel the land that he promised to Abraham and their millennial inheritance.

II. The Bible's Incredible Consistency

You hear me say this all the time. There are so many amazing things about the Bible. I could stay up here forever and just talk about all the different amazing things that this Book is all about. But one of the most amazing things that will help you in learning your Bible is to understand **the Bible has an incredible consistency about it**. Everything goes together. There is no other Book on earth that could ever compare. **It is supernatural**. If I did not know the Bible was a supernatural Word of God any other way, I would know that because of the consistency that it has. You have 66 books, and those 66 books were written over the course of a span of over 3,000 years, written by more than 40 different authors. Yet each book will fit with all the other books in the Bible. In fact, the word Bible means "book." and it is all 66 into one book that are 66 individual books, but they make up one book. It is an incredible thing.

You will find, as you learn to study your Bible when you get on a little bit in years and you begin to put it all together, you will find that the New Testament is actually hidden in the Old Testament. You have to know where to look for it. You have to know what to look for. But it is there. It always amazed me how God puts little things out there that kind of steers you in the right direction. In your Old Testament, you have 39 books. So when God put the 39 books together, he had it called the Old Testament. Anybody who has any kind of observation skills will look at that and say, 39 books in the Old Testament, the word 'Old' is three letters, the word 'Testament' is nine letters. There are your 39 books in the Old Testament. Its consistency is unparalleled anywhere.

Then you have a New Testament. The New Testament has 27 books in it and the New Testament books, and the teachings are found hidden in the Old Testament through the types, the doctrines, and through the inspirational applications. So you have O-L-D, three, testament, nine, 39 in the Old Testament. But you have 27 in the New Testament, and the New Testament is contained in the Old Testament. So you take the three and the nine and multiply, you have 27. That is the marvelous thing about the Word of God. Its consistency. The consistency is something that goes way beyond just the things like I am showing you and giving you. **Its consistency is what makes it the one Book in the world that you can trust when you cannot trust anything else.**

I do not know of anything in this world that is consistent. Friendships are not consistent. Relationships are not consistent. I do not know of anything in life. Governments are not consistent. They change with the person who gets in power. Nothing is consistent. In the Christian life, you have something that is absolutely consistent. Not only in its intent, but in its

application to your life. You can bank on it when you cannot bank on anything else. It is an incredible thing.

➤ The Book of Isaiah a great Example of the Bible's Consistency

Take the book of Isaiah. The book of Isaiah, to me, is one of those consistent books that show you how it all goes together. Isaiah was written back during the captivity and Israel was going through their problems. But whoever wrote the book of Isaiah, obviously Isaiah, the Holy Spirit of God did something in his writings that he has done in many of the other books. The Bible has 66 books. Isaiah has 66 chapters. In the first chapters of Genesis, you find a reference to the heavens and the earth. In the first chapter of Isaiah, you find a reference to the heavens and the earth. There is a split between the 39th chapter and the 40th chapter in Isaiah that is so prevalent that the scholars actually think that two different people wrote Isaiah. The last thing you find in Isaiah chapter 39, which would match up to the last book of the Old Testament, is he talks about what you find in the book of Malachi, which is the last book in the Old Testament. Then when you get into the next chapter, which would be Isaiah chapter 40, which starts the New Testament, you know what you find? You find exactly what you find in Matthew chapter 1. You go all the way up to Isaiah chapter 66, which will match the last book in your Bible, the book of Revelation. You know what you find? New heavens and a new earth. All with a book that was written, what, 3,000 years before John ever penned the thing. This is your Bible!

III. God's Handiwork & Plan for Man

The Bible was given to man for a number of reasons. We could spend all day going over that. But primarily, God gave the Word of God to you and to me as His children so we could see God's handiwork and God's plan in this little parenthesis called time. Which lasts 7,000 years, which is in the middle of eternity past and eternity future. God's span of eternity past to the future with a space of time in the middle of man's existence on earth. It is during that time that God has a plan. Most of God's people, I will be honest with this, they go through their whole Christian life like that little rat in a maze that he is trying to get the cheese at the end. For us, the cheese is heaven. He has to bump into everything as he goes through the maze to try to get to the end. That is what most of God's people do with the plan that God has for them in the Bible. They never figure it out. They may get the cheese, get heaven. But boy, the road there is just dead end after dead end, after roadblock after roadblock. God gave us the Bible for many reasons. But its primary reason is so that you and I could read that Book and know exactly what God is doing, when he is doing it, and why he is doing it.

I have always been a sci-fi nut. I like sci-fi movies. There is a method to my madness. Most people do not know that there really were no science fiction movies about aliens and people from outer space and Mars. The great classic science fiction movies about things from other planets did not start until the 1950s. Most people do not understand why. I understand why. Now, I am not the smartest guy in the world, far from it, but I will take the credit for being the fastest one in the slow class. I saw the devil's hand and what God was doing in 1948. The world changed in 1948, I am going to show you here in a little bit why the world changed. God had taken a nation, his people, that for 3,000 years had been without a land and put them back in the land. That

started the final phase of man's existence on planet earth. We know when the Antichrist comes, the sons of God are going to come down with him, they are going to come down and present themselves like they did in Genesis.

So what does the devil do? The devil takes the movie industry, commonly called Hollywood, which we know it as Hellywood, and we see all these alien beings, these monsters from outer space, all these things. We see the movie the "The Thing" in 1951, we see the "Invasion of the Body Snatchers", which is a picture of what may happen when the Rapture takes place. We see all of these things. I sit there and watch those and watch how it lines up with the Bible.

Now my favorite groupings of these movies is long before most of you were born. Back in the 50s and the early 60s was The Twilight Zone. How many of you remember The Twilight Zone? They are long gone, but you can still find them on YouTube. I have my favorite ones. A lot of the big-time actors that became famous later had their start. William Shatner, he had his start on The Twilight Zone.

My favorite one is just like with the Bible, God's plan. It is when aliens come to planet earth, anytime now, and they are these big humanoid guys, kind of like Genesis 6, everybody is afraid of them. But they come and ensure everyone that they have come in peace. That they are here to help man. They say they have been to many civilizations and helped them, exactly what they are going to say when they show up here. They said, "We have brought you a book" and they look at the book and the book is about the size of a family Bible. The title of the book is "How to Serve Man." The people are thinking, "Wow, they want to serve us." So they are on earth for a long time, more of them come, and pretty soon they started inviting people to their planet. Everybody is excited now because they have made the world better, no more starvation, no more anything. So people are lined up to go to their planet. They are all up there and everybody is on a waiting list now. They cannot read the book because it is encrypted in their language. So they have language guys trying to break it down to find out, you know, the peace plan of a man. But obviously it is working. So they are taking all of these people up there, hundreds. The head guy that is a translator, said, "We cannot break the code, so I am going to go." You have to see it now. The big aliens are standing there, Genesis chapter six, who have gone all across the universe to help other planets, Genesis chapter six. He is going up the ramp. He looks around and the second in command says, "Stop, stop, stop. We have this code in the book, 'How to Serve Man.' It is not a book about them serving us. It is a cookbook." All those people they were taking up there, they were cooking them and eating them.

When I saw that you know what I thought? You would just think, not me, not Bible Bob. I saw that and I thought to myself, "Wow, I have got a lot of people in my church just like that." You mean they are going to be eaten by aliens? No, but you know what? They got a Book, and they could not figure out the plan of the Book till it was too late. God has given us a Book that has His plan in it for you and for me. The tragedy is most of God's people are never going to figure out the message of that Book till it is too late. God has given you a Book that shows you everything that God is doing. The idea of most people, most Christians, they think when you go to heaven, you get issued a harp as you go through the pearly gates, get strapped on a pair of wings with a laser booster, and then you just float around heaven plucking for all of eternity.

That is the mindset today. I hear pastors say, "You get saved, you are going to go to heaven for all of eternity." Nothing could be farther from the truth. God has a plan for you and me that has nothing to do with the third heaven, but has everything to do with God's plan out into eternity future. God gave you a Book on how to serve man. Nobody figures it out till you get to the judgment seat of Christ and then it is too late.

That Book was written all about one man. One man in one day. **That day** is found over 600 times in your Bible. It is a reference to the day that God comes back. The day that Jesus Christ comes back, sits down on the throne in Jerusalem, and then He is crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords. It is called the **Day of the Lord** in the Bible. Sometimes you will find that as "**the day**." Sometimes you will find it as "**that day**." But just like the Tribulation keywords, wherever you find those three or something like that, watch the context. It is going to be the Second Coming of Christ. Everything in your Bible will lead toward that day. **This is called the pre-millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

IV. Two Days, Two Races, Two Generations

You are going to learn some things about your Bible today, and I want to focus on the consistency. The consistency of the book of Isaiah, the consistency of the Old Testament and the New Testament connected together. The consistency of how the Bible lays itself out historically, doctrinally, and inspirationally. There are two days in your Bible that the Bible is built around. I am going to give you a series of two things that you need to get down that are key in your Bible. **The two days that your Bible is built around, the first one is called the day of Jesus Christ, or sometimes the day of Christ.** That is the rapture. That is the day he comes back for his bride. **The second day is the day of the Lord.** That day will be the second coming of Christ. This consistency will be found throughout the Bible. But places like Psalms 23 and 24 make it really easy to see how this works. That is why I am excited about showing you the parallels and the consistency between these two. Obviously today we are going to move into Psalms 24, and you need to see how he has done this. I want you to see the consistency of the Word of God, and if you are going to learn it, that is going to be the key.

But I will tell you right now, you know what the biggest problem we all have as God's people? Every one of us. You know what it is? Being consistent. Parents will have problems with their kids and they will come to me and I will give them a plan to help it. But I will tell them none of this will work if you are not consistent. Husbands have problems with their marriages. Wives have problems in their marriages and they come in to me and I give them something to do. But the key is not just what I have given you. The key is consistently doing it. Consistency in our Christian life is everything. Some people cannot be consistent coming to church. This is true of every church and I love them. This is not a criticism, it is just an observation. I can almost tell when they are going to come back to church. They will come to church for three or four weeks, four or five weeks, and then they are gone for five or six weeks. I can almost set my watch by it and then they come back. The problem is inconsistency. We have problems reading our Bible every day because we are not consistent. We have problems living a life of being a witness and a

testimony because we are not consistent. Consistency just does not fall when it comes to all the things in the Bible. Consistency from the Bible has to be in our lives. **That is the key!**

In Psalm chapter 23, I showed you it was doctrinally the Tribulation. The Jew going through the last three and a half years of the Tribulation and being protected by God as the Antichrist tries to destroy them. It ends in Psalms 23:6, and in verse six is the promise of them dwelling in the house of the Lord forever in a future time. Psalm 23 will be the Tribulation, bringing you up to the end. Psalm 24 will go right from the Tribulation into the Millennium. This will be called a Millennial Psalm. I call it even more than that. I call it a Coronation Psalm. It is a coronation of the Lord Jesus Christ when He comes back at the Day of the Lord and now He is on this earth and He is crowned the King of Glory. Psalm 23 and 24, the consistency, they will go together. Just like Isaiah, 66 chapters go with the 66 books of the Bible. Just like the Old Testament and the New Testament connected together. You must at some point, begin to observe, document and list those consistencies.

V. Psalms 24:1-10

In Psalm 24, you will find that there is only a reference to one man and one man only. He is the Lord Jesus Christ. That is why I call it the Coronation Psalm. He is the anointed Messiah of the nation of Israel. Now we are going to do this like we do everything. Break it down verse by verse and show you all the pieces here. So let us read Psalm 24 and then we will begin the process of breaking it down to study and we will learn more from it.

1. *The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.*
2. *For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.*
3. *Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?*
4. *He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*
5. *He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*
6. *This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.*
7. *Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*
8. *Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.*
9. *Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*
10. *Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.*

I want you to look at Psalms 24:1. We are going to break this down and it starts out by saying the earth is the Lord's, the world and everything in it or the fullness. This will be the establishment of God's government. If you want the references for that in the Bible, two of the best references will be Isaiah 9:6-7, which I keep before you all the time. Then, of course, Revelation 20, 21, and 22. This will be the time that God's people love. This will also be the time that the world hates. That is because all the governments of this world are a counterfeit of the government that is coming.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived, goes through every philosophy of man, whether it be existentialism, pragmatism, every government, socialism, communism, I mean everything. He goes through every one of them, and at the end, he is comparing them to the one true government that God is going to establish, and he says that all of these are vanity. They most certainly are. In Psalms 24, we will find a day when God puts an end to all governments on planet Earth, not nations, but governments. We will see that this will end the issue that man has on Earth.

I do not think people really understand why we have the problems that we have, not just in America, but around the world. You are going to find over in Africa and some of those places for the last 100, 200 years, it has been a terrible time. You will have tribes in Africa that will literally try to wipe out all the other tribes because of a different religion. They call it ethnic cleansing. During World War II, that is what Hitler tried to do. He saw the Jews as an inferior race, not even human. So, he came about the idea of eradicating the Jews off the planet through an ethnic cleansing of the Jew, God's people.

You are commonly told that in the concentration camps, and there were like 200 of them, but the main ones you all know of, Dachau, Sobibor, Auschwitz, those were in Poland, that they exterminated around 6 million Jews. That would be 100% accurate. But most people do not know that as the Germans invaded into Russia, they again, without any concentration camps, probably murdered another 2 million, maybe 3 million Jews that were in Ukraine, and Russia as they swept through in Operation Barbarossa and tried to capture Russia. But they killed millions and millions of Jews. There are times when they would go in with groups that would follow the army through that were called Einsatzgruppen. They would go in there and they would dig a pit, maybe the size of a football field, maybe 50 feet deep. They would have all the townspeople tell them they are going to be relocated, tell them to bring their bags, and they would bring them up there, they would run them down in that hole, kill everybody, cover them over and bring more down. They did that through town, to town, to town. Ethnic cleansing.

Today we do not understand the real issues in America. The issues of man's 6,000 years of existence, fundamentally, and I will explain this in a second, goes back to race. This is the problem today. But people do not understand it. They do not understand the racial issue. I told you before, the farther we get from the Bible and the closer we get to the Lord coming back, the more things are going to get disjointed.

VI. The Origin of “Race”

If you know your Bible, you know that all mankind will go back to just three guys. This will drive the evolutionists crazy. All mankind, every race, I do not care what color you are, I do not care what ethnic group you belong to. All mankind will go back to just three men, if you believe the Bible. These three men bring forth in time all the different races of the people today. You see, you have to go back to the Bible to get to the problem you have today.

You know in Genesis chapter 6-9, God comes down and he looks at mankind, and he is in a mess. He goes to Noah and he says, "I am going to wipe everybody off with a flood. Build an ark." He builds an ark and when Noah goes in that ark, the flood comes. Most people think that they all drowned. You do not read very well. They did not drown. He says right there that everybody died that had the breath of life in them. They did not drown in the flood. He says it rained for 40 days and 40 nights and the water went, I do not know how many cubits above the highest mountain. Well, the highest mountain is Mount Everest. Let us just take Mount Everest. If we use Mount Everest for a goal and it rained 40 days and 40 nights and it reached the top in 40 days, that rain had to come down 7 inches a minute, 40 feet an hour, 325 feet a day. Now, you are looking at me like you do not believe me. Let me give you some homework. How many showers of you have at home? Please use it before you come to church. This afternoon, next time you shower. You see, I use things like this because you will never forget them. You will get in the shower and you will get in there and you will turn it on and then know what the Holy Spirit of God is going to do. Remember what Bob said. So get in your shower, turn it on full blast. Make sure it is not too hot, not too cold. Then get right up to it and let it come down in your face and try to breathe. You can't. You just got a little piddly-diddly, Ace Hardware shower there and you cannot breathe. What are you going to do when that water is coming down 725 feet a day? I said 300, I was wrong. 725 feet a day. What are you going to do? You are going to suffocate. That is what they did. That is okay. That is another study. We will not get into it.

The flood came and everybody on planet earth died except Noah and his three boys. When they tiptoed up that ark, they are up in Turkey at Mount Ararat. The whole earth is silent. Those three boys, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, begin the repopulation of everybody on planet earth and every race, every ethnic group is from them and then through intermingling of them, you get all the races today. He tells you in Genesis 9:19 that when they come out of that ark

19 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

Now, those three boys represent three basic races. Ham represents the black man. Shem represents the Oriental. And Japheth represents the European, the Caucasian or the white man., I do not know what you do with your Bible, but this is where it starts to find out why we have the problems we have got. Pray for two things this morning. One, this touches your heart and two, I can get through all of this in the time I have left. Genesis chapter 9:25-27, you know what God does? Just a little passage. You know what he does? He pronounces the prophecy in all three races for the next 6,000 years.

25 And he said, *Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.*

26 And he said, ***Blessed be the LORD God of Shem;*** and Canaan shall be his servant.

27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

When you look at that, you are going to find there is only one boy that gets the blessing of God. Only one. He says, "*Blessed be the LORD God of Shem.*" The Jewish race comes from Shem. Jesus Christ was a Shemite. He came out of Shem, the only one of the three races. You have to read what happens to the other two and then you understand the problems we have. We will get there in a minute. Just bear with me.

The word "**race**" comes into our vocabulary. What a wonderful word. We called it back then, it would start the human race. We just call it race today. We use the word race today in an ethnic form of expression. Shall we talk about Black Lives Matter? Certainly they do. We talk about racial discrimination, racial injustice, racial profiling. We find the Black man, the Yellow man, the Brown man, the White man. We are so touchy today that it is not just about, "Well, you know, you did not hire me because I am Yellow or I am Black," and that is racial discrimination. We see it everywhere. The Cleveland Indians had to change their name. The Washington Redskins are now called the Washington Commanders. Why? Washington Redskins was racial. They wanted us to change the Kansas City Chiefs because it is racial. Yet, when they started that, they found whoever he was, and he signed off that, "Yeah, that would be great." But today it is all changed. It is race. Nobody understands what race is, where it started, why it is a problem today.

In politics, they continually play the race card. We have laws on the books that say it is illegal to be in this country if you are undocumented, and now they will not let us call them illegal aliens anymore because that is racist. There was a time that if you were transgender, a homosexual, or a lesbian, that you could call it what it was. Today, if you bring up that term, you are racist. They have even made that a legitimate race in their minds. I always felt things like this were just really queer statements about things. But that is not how the Bible defines it.

➤ The Bible's Definition of "Race"

Take the word race. If you know your Bible, then you know in your Bible there are two races and I am not talking about people. You see, they want to make it about people. But real race from the Bible standpoint is never about an ethnic group. It is about one group trying to get ahead on the other group so they can control them. It is a race. A race is to get somebody someplace before somebody else. It has nothing to do with black, yellow, red, or purple, none of that. A race will have a winner who is on top, and race is nothing more than a certain ethnic group in a race with another ethnic group of who is going to run it at the end of the day. But a race is only going to have one winner.

Over here at the Kansas Speedway we have NASCAR races. You only have one winner. At the Kentucky Derby, you have horses. You only have one horse win. My grandkids ran track in school, and many of your kids did too. You only have one winner. Some of your kids play

football at the end of the Friday night game. You only have one winner. In the Olympic games they always have all the different things. You only have one person against a gold medal, and when you do that, and they set them on a platform, you have bronze on one side, silver on the other, but gold is at the top. You know why? You only have one gold winner. Some of you run marathons. You only have one winner in a marathon, but it is a race.

➤ 1st Race Our Race as a Christian—A Race Against Time

In the Bible you have two races, and the first race is the race that a Christian runs. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27:

*24. Know ye not that they which **run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?** So run, that ye may obtain.*

25. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

Here is where most of God's people are. You are uncertain in your race. Everybody is running this way; you are walking that way. He says fight, you ever see a fighter. Somebody that cannot fight just swings and misses. He is beating the air. That is a lot of God's people

27. But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

This is our race, and if you are not running it this morning, that is on you. **But you see, our race is a race against time.** We are all on the clock. Psalm 90:10 already told us that we only have three score and ten, seventy years is the average. I am 75, I am five years over the limit. We need to view our life once you get saved, that you are in a race against time, against the day you are going to go home to be with the Lord, to accomplish everything God saved you for. You are in a race, and it has nothing to do with humans, has nothing to do with ethnic groups. It is a spiritual race that Paul was in, and at the end of Paul's life, what did he say? *2 Timothy 4:7-8*

7. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

He finished his course, his race, kept the faith, and now a crown of righteousness. That is the incorruptible crown of 1 Corinthians 9:25.

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they [do it] to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

So, you can talk about race all you want, but when you bring it back to the absolute supernatural Book, there are only two races, and our race is against time.

➤ 2nd Race The Human Race

Your second race is the race that the world is into. This is the human race. This is simply, by God's definition in Genesis, the descendants of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, in a race. One race ethnic group over the other wants to get ahead to see who will run the world, and who is going to say what when push comes to shove. It is just that simple. This race--where did it start? It started with Shem, Ham, and Japheth. When you look at those boys coming out the Ark up at Mount Ararat, they come right down through the land grant that I showed you a while back that was given to Abraham. Ham goes to Africa. Shem goes to the Middle East. Japheth goes up into Europe. That is where they go. For a while, everybody gets along. The Bible tells you that there is only one language. It is a one-world system. Everybody speaks the same language, everybody is on the same page. The song, "Kumbaya," is only in one language. Then time moves on, does it not? Because God has a plan. You know what happens in Genesis 11? That is where the race for the world starts, at the Tower of Babel. Because that is where God changed all the languages. When he did that, he separated all the nations and everybody is not one language anymore. We have, as of today, over 100 different dialects and languages and nations all out of Genesis 11. Everything changed and now, the race is on.

You must understand this. Today, when you hear the race card being used through the human race, it is a race to control, using the word race as a reason to get above and get something over somebody else. I apologize if you are listening to this and having to shut me off already. I apologize that I keep going back to the Bible, but that is a flaw of mine.

Turn over to Acts 17:26. You want to see something? I bet there are not 20 preachers in this city that know what I am going to give you. Most of them were caught up in the social, racist things today. Look at Acts 17:26. You want to see something? I will show you something.

*26. And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, **and the bounds of their habitation;***

God originally put the human race in boundaries. Why would He do that? Well, I don't know.

*27. **That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, though he be not far from every one of us:***

You see that? It says, "*if haply they might feel after him.*" That is the Holy Spirit of God, dealing in somebody's life. God only intended for there to be one race and that race was against time. So, when He got this thing going after Genesis 11, He established the bounds for these nations. You know what the problem in the world is today? This is not really complicated. It is like the Christian life, very easy. You know what the problem is today? Nations getting out of their bounds. Why do they get out of their bounds? Because they are not happy with who they are and where they are and they want something else that some other nation has. One race trying to beat the other nation in a race for who is in control. This thing is so simple.

You see this race not only among people groups, but you see it among nations. I mean, you have World War I, World II, War of 1812, the Revolutionary War. It was all about who is going to run what. You know, back then you had 11 or 12, Crusades. You know what the Crusades really was about? It was about Jerusalem, God's city. The Muslims had it. The Catholics wanted it. So Pope Urban came up with the idea that he would crystallize all of Catholic Europe, and they would go down and they would take Jerusalem from the Muslims, wipe out the Muslims, and the Roman Catholic Church would have Jerusalem. So, they fought the Crusades for over 200 years, millions of people killed. The most tragic Crusade was the Children's Crusade. The Pope told the parents, "God gave me a vision. We are not going to send any soldiers this time. I want all the children from Europe. Your kids that are 8, 9, 10, 12, 15 years old, I want them to be an army. And God told me that if we send the children down into Jerusalem, that the city would fall." You know what happened? They were slaughtered, and sold into slavery. You know what else happened? When the parents got upset because the youth activity did not work out the way they planned, the Pope blamed it on the Bible believers, the Waldensians and the Albigensians, and persecuted them more.

Do you want something to think about today? I have got a few minutes left. The Muslims are the Devil's people. The Catholic Church is the Devil's people. So you had two of the Devil's crowds fighting over the city of Jerusalem, God's city. You need to stop and think and ask yourself why God allowed His godless, demonic Muslims to keep the city and kept the Catholic Church out. Think about that for about 20 years. God's plan. The race!

In World War II was Germany, Italy and Japan. They wanted to take over the world. That is why it is called World War II. Today? Come on. Russia? North Korea? United States? China? Tell me it is not a race. You know what? It is a race to be number one. But if you live in El Salvador, Honduras, one of those places, you know what they call your country? Third world country. You are not number one. You are not even number two. But who are the number ones? USA. Make America great again. Who is number one? Putin. Who is number one? China. Who is number one? North Korea, according to them. You know what they are doing? You know what it was in the 60s with us and the Russians who could get a man on the moon? It was called the space race.. In the 18th century in Europe alone, there were over 150 wars. All one nation in a race to take over the other nation.

➤ God as the Ultimate "Racist"

You know what the great joke is? We talk about racism. "You are a racist." "That is racial discrimination." "You are a racist." But the truth of the matter, you know who the greatest racist on the planet is? It is God himself. That is tough for most people. I am sorry you do not know anything about your Bible. But the greatest racist in the history of the world is God. You know why? He chose one race that everybody in the world is going to come to and bow down in the Millennium. That is racism. You know what? There are 200 religions worldwide. 199 of them are going to wind up in a lake of fire except one. That is racist. You have 195 nations today in the world. The Bible says in Psalm 9:17 that "*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*" Only one is going to come into the Millennium and all the other nations

are going to have to come in and bow down to Jesus Christ, a Jew from the tribe of Judah on the throne in Jerusalem, the city of God. At that time, St. Louis, New York, Moscow, Beijing, Shanghai, Melbourne is not going to matter. Well, that is racism.

Do you want to see something else? Oh, let me add salt to your wound if I may. Want to see God as a racist? Turn back to Deuteronomy chapter 32. This race thing. Oh, come on. Look at Deuteronomy chapter 32:8. You have to get this down to see when God establishes the Millennium. These other nations do not win place or show; the race is over. Look at Deuteronomy 32:8,

8. When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people (Acts 17:26) according to the number of the children of Israel.

Wow. All the nations God says in the book of Isaiah are just a drop in a bucket to God's nation.

VII. Breaking Down Psalms 24

1.) **Verse 1.** Let's look at Psalm 24:1. With that understanding, "*The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.*"

This will be a reference to Revelation 11:15 which says:

*15. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are **become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ**; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

Along with that will be Revelation chapter 20 and Revelation chapter 19. Oh, oh, trained eye. "*become the kingdoms of our Lord*" that is God the Father, "*and of His Christ.*"

➤ Two Christs—God's Christ & the Antichrist

Not only do you have two races in your Bible, but you also have two Christs in your Bible. Oh yeah, when you get over there in Luke 2:26, Jesus Christ is called the Lord's Christ. You know why? Because there are two Christs. **There is God's Christ and there is the Antichrist.** Did you notice here that Christ is going to get all the kingdoms of the world? Come on now. You remember Matthew 4 when the devil brought Him up to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms out there. He said, "If you bow down and worship me, I will give you all these kingdoms." You know why he said that? Because the devil wanted Christ to recognize that he was God. Because that is what God is going to do in Revelation chapter 11, to Christ. The Bible says in the book of 2 Corinthians 11:14 "*And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*" He is in 199 plus religions.

2.) *Verse 2. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.*

You see, these are the patterns of two. They are all through your Bible and every time you see a pattern of two, there is something there. I mean you have Cain and Abel, you have Jacob and Esau, you have Abraham and Lot, you have David and Saul, you have Paul and Peter. I mean they are there for a reason. It says, "*For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.*" This will be Genesis 1:1-2. This is where the earth comes out of the water, which is in 2 Peter 3:5-6. It says the earth is standing in the water and standing out of the water. This is the great flood after Satan falls in Genesis 1:1-2, that wipes the second heaven into a flood that the earth is in, and then God's plan begins as the earth comes out of that water.

3.) *Verse 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?*

Now the question is who will? That is a good question. In 2 Thessalonians 2:4, the Antichrist, the last three and a half years of Tribulation, he does exactly that. He goes into Jerusalem on the hill, the holy hill. He sits down on the throne of God and he claims to be God. This is called the Abomination of Desolation in the book of Daniel. Now this hill here of the Lord is Jerusalem. We talked about it the other night. It is Mount Zion. The Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock. Right now, the devil has it.

Last week, I showed you this was the threshing floor that David bought because he wanted to make a sacrifice. And the race is on! The race is on between God and the devil, Christ and the devil, of who is going to get God's people? Who is going to get America? You talk about the Democrats and the Republicans; I do not care about either one of them. I am not political in any way, shape or form. But I will tell you, all you have got to do is look around and the race is on of who is going to be in charge. That question, "*Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?*" is answered in verse 10. "*Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.*" The King of Glory, the Lord Jesus Christ of the Second Coming of Christ, **He is going to come back through the gate, the same gate that He went out through to be crucified in the Mount of Olives the night He was crucified and that will be the Eastern Gate.** That is the gate He is going to come back into.

That gate is one of the greatest historical, significant study that you will ever take. It was back in 1543 when the Turks had Jerusalem. And the leader of the Turks was a guy by the name of Suleiman. He called himself Suleiman the Magnificent, great humble fellow. He was in Jerusalem. He knew about the prophecy of Jesus Christ going through the Eastern Gate. So, he told his people that on the next day, he was triumphantly going to take the place of Jesus Christ and he was going to walk through that Eastern Gate. Well, he went to bed that night, had a dream. In the dream, God said, "Look pal, you go through that gate, you are a dead man." He woke up the next morning, terrified. You know what he did? In 1540, he got bricks and he walled up that Eastern Gate and it is still walled up today. You know what God did? God took a pagan guy and ensured that nobody would go through that gate till the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords go through it. That is some Bible you have there.

4.) *Verse 4-5* 4. *He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.* 5. *He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

Well, that is certainly not the Antichrist. He has got none of those characteristics. But I want you to notice what it does take for somebody to get into the Millennium. It is four things here. You do understand this has nothing to do with church. It has nothing to do with you and me. We are in glorified bodies. This is all dealing with the nation of Israel. But it takes **clean hands**. It takes a **pure heart**. It says, **not have lifted up your soul to vanity** or **sworn deceitfully**. That is somebody that took the 666 in the Tribulation Period. You will find all of these things in Matthew chapter 5 in the Sermon on the Mount, in the Book of Matthew, the Constitution of the Millennial Kingdom. You will find these nations doing this in Zechariah chapter 14 as they go into the city, going into Jerusalem. See, the Bible is consistent.

5.) *Verse 6.* *This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.*

This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek thy face. Then you have the word a couple of times here, Selah. That is another keyword. Selah means "rest." Every time, by design of the Holy Spirit of God, you find the word Selah in your Bible, the context is going to be a reference to the Millennial rest of Christ on this earth when the earth is at rest.

➤ Two Primary Generations in the Bible

Now we have a generation mentioned. There are many generations in the Bible, are there not? I mean, in Genesis, there are 10 generations. The whole book is built around those 10 generations. But in the Word of God, coming back to our twos, **there are only two specific generations mentioned in the Bible that are key**. They are primary generations, completely unknown today. **They are built around the two key days, the two key kingdoms, the two key people, the two Christs, the two races, and now you have two key generations.**

Turn over to Psalm chapter 12, and let me show you the first one. This one is for you and for me. You see, you have one generation for you and me, and then you have one generation for the nation of Israel. They are a specific generation. They mean something. It is not a generation when a person was born. Look at Psalm chapter 12:6-7.

6. The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

*7. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, **thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.***

You know what that is? **That is a generation of 1611 when God gave you the perfect, pure Word of God. They have been purified seven times.** He says that it is going to go from this generation forever. There are no other Bibles after 1611. This generation is the generation to the church that ushers in the greatest period in church history, ushers in the greatest Book the world has ever seen. In God's plan and God's timing, the world now is ready for a complete, perfect Word of God with where God is going. Now, that generation to you.

Turn over to Matthew chapter 24. I am going to give you the other generation, the second one. This one will be the generation of Psalm 24:6. Look at Matthew 24:32

32. *Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:*

33. *So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.*

34. *Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.***

Fig tree is Israel. You know what that generation is? 1948. Israel, the fig tree. When Jesus saw the fig tree back in Luke chapter 13, it was a barren fig tree and he cursed it. But now we see that through the plan of God, the hand of God, and the Bible laying it out, we see that this generation is the generation that begins the end time of man on planet Earth that God's government is going to come into place. This is the generation of 1948, and he tells you that the generation of 1948, born in 1948, that generation will not die off till all these things be fulfilled. If you look at it, these are things in the Tribulation. Two generations. This is what you find in places like this when you break it down.

6.) **Verses 7-10** 7. *Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*

8. *Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.*

9. *Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*

10. *Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.*

Two times Israel is told to lift up their heads. Consistency. Israel is in the Tribulation Period. They are going through the tough times that they are going through. When the Lord comes back, they are told in Luke 21:28, "*And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*" That is the Second Coming of Christ.

Do you know why the Jew has to go through the Tribulation Period? They have to go through the Tribulation Period because they crucified the Messiah. This is what Peter tried to get them to see in Acts, chapter 1 through Acts, chapter 7. When he preached to them a number of messages in Acts 2:36, he says, "*Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.*" That is why they go through the Tribulation. But in the Tribulation, God is going to restore them. So the first time they lift up their head is when they see Him coming to save them. In Psalm 24:7-9, now they lift up their head the second time and they see who He really is. They see the King, the Messiah, the one they crucified. They lift up their heads as the King of Glory, the Lord of Hosts, comes into the gates of the city and they see who they crucified is truly both Lord and Christ. Through the establishment of God's righteous reign, He gives the land back to the nation of Israel. When this

happens, the race is over, both of them. Israel's is over, ours is over. It is the day that I cross the finish line. **Two races, two generations, two days.**

VIII. Running Our Race

I am speaking personally for me. This race, for me to finish, or for you to finish, is going to take **three things for us to finish this race**. I never get caught up in the human race, in all of the goofy stuff. I always run it back through the Bible. I study it, I see it, I learn from it, and I watch how God moves through all of it and why there is opposition to it. But I am too busy running my own race against time. You know, maybe you younger kids will not get this. I know some of you older folks probably will. The older you get, the more you look for that finish line.

I love people, and I love people unconditionally. But you know what is true in any ministry, in any church, you have people who do not really care about anything the Lord does. For a long time in my life, I spent a lot of time chasing people who just did not want to get caught. I tried to talk to people who just did not want to hear and the older I got I realized that I am in a race against time. The older you get, the more that finish line begins to come into focus and the more you realize that you will help anybody that needs to help to get them across the finish line. But there are some people that, like Lot's wife, who just want to linger behind. Go ahead and turn into a pillar of salt. It is okay with me. I am too busy running my own race against time. You know what I have found over the years? For the Christian's race, the one that you are all in, and I am in, there are rules to that Christian race.

➤ Rules for the Christian Race:

- Rule #1 Run as hard as you can
- Rule #2 Stay in your own lane
- Rule #3 Don't get sidetracked looking at the crowd in the stadium
- Rule #4 No false starts. You start right; the way God wants you to
- Rule #5 Run lawfully 2 Timothy 2:5

I am too busy with my own race. If you want to come to church, fine. If you do not, fine. If you want to get involved in ministry, fine. If you just want to scratch off the Bible conference coming up, I am okay with it if you are okay with it. The bottom line is I have a race to run. You have a race to run. If you do not care about the race, why should I? We have our own race to run.

We have people in our church that run marathons. A marathon is, if I got this right, 26.2 miles. That is a long run. You have got to be dedicated to do that. I heard last week that there is what they call an ultra marathon, that you run a hundred miles without stopping. You know what the fastest time of a guy running that hundred miles? Well, I looked it up. The fastest time for a man running a hundred miles was 11 hours. I could not believe that. But you see, the race that we are in can go on for 20, 30, 50, 60, 70 years. You know what the key is to running this race as a Christian? It is learning to rest while you run.

When I was in the Army, we ran everywhere in jump school. We even ate while we were running. You guys laugh at me because we can sit down to eat together and you can get your food 15 minutes before I do, and I get mine and I will still beat you. We ate while we ran and you learn to run, but you learn to rest and to run. That is what a good soldier of Jesus Christ has to be able to do. We are in a long-distance race, folks, and long-distance running will require three elements. It will be the key to all of us finishing the race for God.

➤ Elements of Long-Distance Running:

#1 Training. You have to train to work up to be able to run 26 miles. I don't even want to talk about 100 miles. But as a Christian you got to train. You got to be able to run this race that God has given you. But I will tell you what has to be behind the training is the second thing.

#2 A Passion for Running. I don't think anybody would ever do a marathon if they hated running. It becomes a passion. People have different passions for different things. People have a passion for fishing, for hunting, for golf, for everything out there. People have a passion for running. It is a thing where you have to love to do that. Running is your passion. You love it. You actually set a goal of turning in the best time you can. For a Christian you have to have a passion behind this race, and you have to run it for us to turn in the best time we can.

#3 Endurance. Through the training and the passion, produces endurance. You keep going even when you want to quit. Knowing and seeing the finish line at the end and coming through that finish line. The end result as a Christian, finished the course. You fought a good fight, and now the crown of righteousness.

IX. Summary

I am closing out here. Just give me another few minutes. But make no mistake. Two races. We do not care about the human race. But we ought all to care about the race that we are in as God's people. This race will be a hard run. There will be some hills and there will be some valleys. The longer you run it, trust me, it wears you out. After 50, 60 years of running this race, you get tired. After 50, 60 years of running it, the more you look forward to that finish line. Believe me, this race will have its defeats. It will have some hurtful times. And yes, it will even have some tragedies. It will most assuredly have broken lives, and disappointment. Sometimes it is more of an obstacle course than it is a race. Oh yes, just like at any track meet, there will be hurdles. But you learn to jump the hurdles of this life by always keeping in sight, not the hurdle, but the finish line. Because the finish line will be the ultimate victory in the day we all go home.

I told you last week that in all the years of ministry here, in all my ministry, I have had two kinds of people, two. Some come and go, and some come and grow. The finish line is in sight. It is easy to get discouraged. It really is. Most of the time we are discouraged because one, we are not in the race, or two, we are not looking at the finish line in the race. It is easy to get caught up in everything in this world with all the glitter and the sparkle that we think really means something when in reality it does not. Sometimes we do not set our affections on things above, and we set

our affections on things here on earth. I think this is why the Bible conference and our mission conference once a year for you guys and the kids and everything in between is such an important thing to keep us on that track.

Going home to be with the Lord. You young kids right now, you have got your whole life ahead of you. I get it. You are in your 30s and your 40s, you are still well going. But let me tell you something. You hit 60, 70, 75, 80, things slow down. When you realize that you have got more time on this side of your life than you do ahead of your life, the finish line gets closer.

Years ago, I read a story about a missionary. He had been on the field for 40 years. He never had any kids. He lost his wife on the mission field, and he stayed there all by himself in Africa someplace, if I remember right. After a while, 40 some years, his health got so bad that he had to come back to America. He sailed on a ship into New York Harbor. On that ship, and I do not remember who it was, but there was some famous celebrity. They were known worldwide, and very popular. When they docked into New York Harbor, everybody came out to watch the docking. There must have been a crowd of a thousand, maybe more people there to welcome that celebrity home. They had signs up. He was from America. I think he was from New York, actually. They were all cheering and shouting and holding their signs "Welcome home, welcome home." The old missionary stood there on the deck, and he looked at all that. He was human, just like all of us. There was not one person that met him when he got off that ship. He looked at all that crowd and thought to himself, "Here is a guy that probably got to wind up in the lake of fire, never did anything, and look at the crowd here when he got home. I have spent my whole life on the mission field, gave everything to God, and there ain't no one here when I come home." About that time, the Holy Spirit of God put his arms around him, whispered in his ear, "That is because you are not home yet."

Don't worry about the world and its race. Worry about the race God put you in. Make sure you cross the finish line. I will help you wherever I can. But I am not going to carry you across. I have all I can do to get me across. But the only way that you are going to ever get there is to understand the two races. Forget the world, let them have it, because there is a day coming when all the kingdoms of this world are going to come to Him. God, who discriminates against every nation for His people. That is why they hate the Jew today. We are going to cross the finish line, and I want you there with me when we go across. We celebrate things here. We will celebrate the great times we have at the Bible conference. We celebrate when somebody gets saved. We celebrate everything in this church because we are a family. The greatest celebration I am looking for in this family, is when we all get raptured out and cross that finish line together. We will all have a little Pentecostal in us on that day. I love you guys. We are in a race. This Bible conference is going to take us to the next level of that race. We have to run with everything that we have. Stay in our own lane. Get over the hurdles. Do not look at the crowd and finish the course!