Psalms 47:1-9 Sunday 11/8/2026

I. Review

It is good to be back in the book of Psalms today. If you have your Bibles, I invite you to turn to Psalms chapter 47. This is going to be a learning chapter for us. In fact, for the next several weeks, these Psalms are built around tremendous doctrines in the Bible. Not only do I want to lay out the Psalm, but I want to lay out the doctrines for you. My job is to help you learn the Word of God and to know your Bible. The key to the Bible is Bible doctrine. The word doctrine means "to teach," and you will find that in almost every passage of the Word of God, there are great doctrinal teachings. You will see that today.

As we have been coming through Psalms chapter by chapter, we have seen almost in chronological order the layout of the Tribulation Period and Great Tribulation Period. We looked at the Second Coming of Christ. We looked at the Rapture of the Tribulation saints. We looked at, just a couple of months ago, the Marriage of the Lamb. The Jew is now back in the land, and we see the Millennial Reign of the Lord Jesus Christ in Psalms chapter 47.

I told you when we started Psalms, and I reminded you as we went through it, that in the book of Psalms, in a prophetic way, you will find that the Psalms fall into three categories.

1. You will find Psalms that picture what Israel is going to go through in the Tribulation Period.
2. You will find Psalms that lay out what God is going to do and is doing after the Second Coming of Christ.
3. You will find Psalms like we are going to see today in Psalms chapter 47, the Millennial Psalms, and they are based on the Millennial Reign of Christ.

II. Psalms 47 is a Key Millennial Psalm on the Millennial Reign of Christ

Let us read Psalms chapter 47 and the nine verses here as we come down through it.

Psalms 47:1-9

1. O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

2. For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.

3. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

4. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

5. God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

6. Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

7. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

8. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

9. The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

- Understanding the Concepts not just the Terminology

In all the great doctrines of the Bible, you will find the teaching on the Millennial Reign of Christ is one of the least understood. People today understand the terminology about things, but they do not understand the concept of that terminology. They will talk about the Rapture and look forward to them going up in the Rapture. But if they had to take you to the places of the Bible that showed you that there are three Raptures in the Bible, not just the one for you, they could not do that.

The Second Coming of Christ is another one. People know the Lord is coming back, but they do not have a clue why Moses and Elijah are connected with that. They do not have a clue what God is really going to do when He comes back. I have read books and seen movies all my life that were made about the Rapture and then the Tribulation after the Rapture. Every one of those movies and every one of those books gives the impression that if you miss the Rapture of the Church and then you go into the Tribulation, suddenly you will find Christ and you will fall on your knees and ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart and save you. It doesn't work that way, but that is the way it is portrayed. If you miss the Rapture of the Church, you are cooked. The Bible says that God sends all the world a delusion that they believe a lie because right now they held the truth in unrighteousness. **All of those great doctrines and teachings of the Bible, they know the terminology, but they do not understand the concepts.**

Your salvation is another one. I believe that there are many, many people who are truly born again and going to heaven, but if you pinned them down and asked them what exactly happened in their life the split second that they asked Christ to come into their heart; if you asked them what took place to change them from darkness to light, from an old nature to a new nature, they could not explain it. There is a difference between just knowing a lot of things about the Bible and knowing your Bible. You will find, in my dealing with them, that most pastors, and they are good guys, but there is no depth to them. They can preach some great sermons, but because you can preach a great sermon does not mean you know the Bible. You can learn a lot of things about the Bible. You can put things together and be a spectacular orator when it comes to preaching. **But the real test for every child of God is your depth when it comes to that Book.**

When it comes to the Millennial Reign of Christ, and when I first got right with God and I started to pursue these great things, I had a hard time finding material that had any depth to it. I remember reading a book by Walvoord. His book on the Millennial Reign of Christ is the standard in Bible colleges. It was worthless. He had no clue what was going on. As we come through these Psalms in my church, our church, I want my people to understand not just the terminology, but I want you to understand the context and the concept of it.

➢ Three Views of the Millennium

When it comes to the Millennial Reign of Christ, you will find three basic teachings in churches today.

1. **Amillennialism**. You will find some denominations and churches that teach the Millennial Reign of Christ from an Amillennial approach. That means that Christ does not really come back literally. It is a spiritual kingdom that kind of comes in, but Christ does not come back in a physical form.
2. **Postmillennialism**. Postmillennialism is what the social gospel is all about. It is what the liberal churches teach. It is what the Methodists and the Presbyterians and the Lutherans and all that crowd teach. They teach that through the social gospel, we make the world a better place to live. We clean it up. We do that through social justice, dealing with all the issues, and we make the world a better place to live. Then Christ looks down and says, "Okay, I guess it is pretty good," and then He comes back.
3. **Premillennialism**. Then you have what has been the standard teaching for churches since the Church of Antioch in Acts 11. It has been the standard doctrine and teaching for Bible-believing Christians since that early church, and it is the Premillennial Return of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Premillennial Return means that the world is not going to get better. It is going to get worse. It is going to get farther from God. It is going to get farther from the Bible. Christianity is going to all go to pieces, and it is going to be an absolute mess. Then Christ is going to come back and establish His kingdom on this earth. It is taught probably over 500 times in the Bible. I could take you place after place in the Old Testament. I can even show you by the order of the books of your Bible, the Premillennial Return of the Lord Jesus Christ. It has been the standard for Bible-believing Christians all through the Church Age.

III. Key Millennial References

In your Bible, there are some key references to the Millennial Reign of Christ. There are literally hundreds of them, but I want to walk you through some of the main ones.

➢ Revelation Chapter 20

Your first one will be in Revelation chapter 20. Just turn there, and you can follow along, and I will break it down and explain it to you. Revelation chapter 20, and we will start in verse 1. Remember, in the order of the book of Revelation, Revelation chapter 1, 2, and 3 is the Church Age. In chapter 4, verse 1, there is a door opened in heaven, and a voice like a trumpet says, "Come up hither," there is the Rapture of the Church. Chapter 6 through chapter 19 is the Tribulation Period. The antichrist shows up in chapter 6; he carries it through until chapter 19. Chapter 19 is the Second Coming of Christ, and now in Revelation chapter 20 is the Millennial Reign of Christ. You want to get that order in your Bible.

Revelation 20:1-10

1. And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

4. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

7. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8. And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

This is one of the most amazing passages. The millennium, M-I-L-L, is short for one thousand. **The Millennial Reign of Christ is Christ on this earth after the Second Coming for one thousand literal years.** I just want you to know that.

If we were to time frame chapter 20 here, it is at the end of the Tribulation and the Second Coming and the start of the Millennium:

- **Verses 1 through 3**: When Christ first comes back, He binds Satan with chains in the bottomless pit. These chains are called the chains of darkness in the book of Jude 1:11.
- **Verse 4**: This is a reference to the Tribulation saints that were killed by the Antichrist. They were beheaded, Revelation chapter 14.
- **Verses 7 and 8**: At the end of the Millennium, after those thousand years, the devil is released out of the bottomless pit for the one last time to deceive the nations. You will find this in Isaiah 26:10, Zechariah 14:17, Psalms 72:8-9, Psalms 66:7, and other places in the

Bible. The reason for that is everything in your Bible dealing with God is based on free will. In the Millennial Reign of Christ for a thousand years, the devil is in the bottomless pit. So, these people that are in the Millennium that are born in the Millennium in this time have never had to choose. All they have seen is Christ on the throne in a righteous reign. So, he is let out for one last time so that people who do not want to go to be with God can make that final choice, and they try to overthrow God one more time. That is an incredible passage.

➢ Isaiah Chapter 11

Then turn back to Isaiah chapter 11. I want you to see this. You will find another great passage here. We will read the first nine verses.

Isaiah 11:1-9

1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2. And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

3. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity **(that's balance)** *for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*

5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: ***for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.***

In this one here, you see the righteous reign of God, and peace has finally come now to planet earth. This will be the establishment of both kingdoms: the literal kingdom of heaven and the spiritual kingdom of God at the same time.

- **Look at verse 1**: It says *a rod out of the stem of Jesse* shall come forth; this a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. You want to put these in your Bible at some point. He is the Son of David.

- **Verse 2**: You will find the seven attributes of the Holy Spirit of God. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit of God was not a person. It revealed itself through these seven spirits. When the New Testament comes and you and I get saved, those seven spirits become one body, the Holy Spirit of God. He is living inside you, but that was not the way it was in the Old Testament.
- **I like verses 3 and 4**: I know this is all Old Testament stuff, but here is something you can apply to yourself. Notice, when you get the seven spirits, when you get the Holy Spirit of God, notice what it does in verse 3 and 4. It gives you a quick understanding. A lot of this message today is going to be based on that one word, "understanding." Because God's people today, they may be saved, and they may have the right Bible, but very few of them understand what is going on. **So, the Holy Spirit of God in your life will make you of a quick understanding.** Then look at verse 4. **When you have the understanding of the Holy Spirit of God in your life, you do not judge anymore by what you see or what you hear, but now you make your judgment based on righteousness. That is the Word of God.** Those are an incredible two verses.
- **Verses 6 and 8**: The wild animals are now subdued. Romans 8:21 tells us that when the fall came in Genesis 3 and sin passed upon all men, the animals fell under the curse, too. This is why we have wild animals. The wild animals now are subdued. Now the child, verse 8, can lead a lion or a tiger or a bear. There are no more worries about leopards or snakes. Nothing is going to hurt anybody anymore. **The whole earth is under the influence of the peace of God**, and the child cannot be hurt by any serpents, any wild animals. You can feed the bears; you can lay down with a lion; it all comes together. Why?
- **Verse 9**: The earth now is full of the knowledge of the Lord. God is on His holy mount, Hebrews chapter 8, and the earth is at rest. We looked at this Thursday night about the six days of man, 6,000 years, and the 7th day, 1,000 years, is going to be rest. This was one of the prayer group's questions from Matthew 17.

➢ Zechariah Chapter 14

Then you will find another great passage in Zechariah chapter 14. This chapter starts out at the Battle of Armageddon, the Second Coming, end of the Tribulation, and then moves into the Millennium. A lot of them do that. A lot of the Psalms do that. So here is what he says:

Zechariah 14:1-19

1. Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. **(The day of battle here will be Joshua 10 as many of the battles in Joshua are all a picture of this battle right here at the second coming of Christ).**

4. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

6. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

7. But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. **(Now this is the Lord's Day. That's why when you come through Genesis…evening and morning were the first day, evening and morning were the second day, evening and morning were the third day, evening and morning were the fourth day, evening and morning were the fifth day, evening and morning were the sixth day, but when it comes to Chapter two, the seventh day, there is no mention of the evening and the morning. Why? Right here. That's why.**

8. And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

10. All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

11. And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

12. And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. **(There's a nuclear blast for you right there).**

13. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

14. And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

15. And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of every beast that shall be in these tents, as this plague. **(Now everything up to this point has been tribulation and coming up to the Second Coming of Christ. Now, in verse 16, we go into the Millennium).**

16. And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations **(that's the nations that are left after verses 1-15)** *which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.*

17. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

18. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite all the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

19. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

20. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness Unto The Lord; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

21. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.

- **Look at verse 1 again**: It establishes the context, "Day of the Lord."
- **Verses 2 and 3**: The Battle of Armageddon. If I were you, I would bracket these verses that I have given you and just write off to the side what each one of these things is. The day of battle here will be Joshua chapter 10. Many of the battles in Joshua are all a picture of this battle right here at the Second Coming of Christ.
- **In verses 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8**: This is where the Lord comes back. Here is how it works in the Bible. There are two places in your Bible that somebody is told to take the shoes off their feet. One of them is Mount Sinai with Moses. The other one is at the Mount of Olives right before they go over with Joshua. Why those two places that they are told to take their shoes off and told the ground that they are standing on is holy? I will tell you why. That begins the Second Coming of Christ march to Jerusalem, and that ends it. He comes back at Sinai. He comes up the same route that the nation of Israel journeyed for 40 years to get to the Promised Land, and then we stand on this side of Jordan, and the Lord crosses Jordan, and He stands at the Mount of Olives. From the Mount of Olives, you know what He does? He goes through the Eastern Gate.

That Eastern Gate is one of the most interesting things in history. When the Muslims and the Turks were running the world, there was a man who was the king of the Turks. His name was Suleiman. In fact, his title was Suleiman the Magnificent. He fancied himself to be Christ, a reincarnation of Christ. When he took Jerusalem, he wanted to display to everybody how he was Christ, and he knew the importance of the Eastern Gate. So, he proclaimed to everybody that on the next day, the great Suleiman the Magnificent was going to enter Jerusalem through that Eastern Gate. He had a dream that night as he slept on his bed, and the dream was that if you walk through that gate, I am going to kill you. He woke up the next morning and decided that maybe walking through that gate was not a good idea. To make sure that he did not have a lack

of faith, you know what he did? He walled up that gate with bricks. If you were to go over to Jerusalem right now, that Eastern Gate, that walled up gate is still there. God ensured that no one was going to walk through that Eastern Gate until the Lord Jesus Christ came back on that white horse, came back to Sinai, down the King's Highway, crossed over Jordan, got off of that horse at the Mount of Olives, it splits asunder, and the walls come down, and He goes through that Eastern Gate, and then He sits on the throne as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. I love history because all Bible goes around history.

- **Now verse 9 through 15**: You see that the Lord is now King over all the earth.
- **Verse 16**: It shows you that when the Lord comes back, Second Coming, there are going to be nations who did not take the number of the beast. They stayed neutral from the Antichrist. Those nations are going to come into the Millennial Reign of Christ. Most guys have no clue about that. Then you will also see the importance of the Feast of Tabernacles. Every year, everybody is coming into Jerusalem to commemorate the Feast of Tabernacles. That is because the Feast of Tabernacles is the Old Testament feast that foreshadows the Second Coming of Christ. In the Millennium, these nations are coming in to commemorate, like Memorial Day, commemorate the Lord coming back at the Feast of Tabernacles. Not everybody is going to come up. You will find that in the Millennium, there may be no devil, but people still have their old nature. Not you and me. We are the glorified Christ, but people in their natural bodies. Some people just do not like the fact that God is running it. So, at the end of the Millennium, as we have seen already, the devil is loosed one more time to find all of these nations and people that are not happy with God and want to try to overthrow Him; free will. What happens is, as they come around to Jerusalem, fire comes down from heaven. This is where the earth in 2 Peter is renovated by fire. The whole thing blows up. You know what you will find in Revelation chapter 20, verse 11, right after verse 9? There was a great white throne: the great white throne judgment.

These are just a few. But Psalms 47 is a Millennial Psalm, and it is a key Millennial Psalm on the Millennial Reign of Christ. This Psalm that we are looking at here shows us Christ on the throne in Jerusalem. He is now, as Revelation chapter 19 proclaims Him, King of kings & Lord of lords.

IV. Israel's Inheritance and History

You will notice in this Psalm directly, there is nowhere found anything about the Church Age in this entire passage. Rather, verse 4 tells us that it is Jacob's inheritance. That is Israel. Verse 9 says, "the people of the God of Abraham." It is about the Jews. This will be in the land grant that was given to Abraham way back in Genesis chapter 12. Most people do not know this. When God met with Abraham back there in the early parts of Genesis, Abraham was called out to go to a land. That land later becomes, under Moses, the Promised Land. That land has boundaries. The bottom boundary of the western side is Egypt, and it runs 1,600 miles over to Ur of the Chaldees, that is modern Baghdad. Then it comes up on both sides like a pyramid to the top, and at the top, yes, that is where Mount Ararat is, where the ark landed. That triangle is the original land grant that was given to Abraham. That is the Jews' land. The devil made sure that Israel does not have

that inheritance. That is where your Palestinians, your Hamas, all your Muslim groups, all those nations, the devil has surrounded around that little thumb hole that Israel has in Jerusalem, and they do not even have all of Jerusalem. When the Lord comes back, the Millennial Temple is going to be built exactly where David bought the threshing floor where Solomon built it. It is called the Dome of the Rock. That is the exact spot. You know who owns the Dome of the Rock right now? The Muslims do. The Jews don't. The devil built a temple on God's temple site. Well, that is easy to renovate when the Lord comes back. He will take care of that in about 15 seconds. Israel right now has just a fingerhold on all that land grant that God promised them.

If you want to get one of the best books I ever read on it, get Clarence Larkin's *Dispensational Truth*. He has one of the greatest chapters that explains the Millennium that I have ever found in my life, but it also shows you where each tribe's inheritance is in that land grant. I told you earlier, it peaks at Mount Ararat up in Turkey. When the ark landed on Mount Ararat, Noah and his sons, Ham, Shem, and Japheth, from which the whole world was populated because everybody was killed in the flood, they come out of that ark, and they go right down into that land grant. That is God's people's land. They do not have it today. This land grant was the original Eden, and there was a garden eastward in Eden.

- The History of the Nation of Israel

The history of the nation of Israel is one of the most fascinating studies that you are ever going to take. Once you understand the big picture of what God's plan is for planet earth and how there are two identities that God is going to use to touch planet earth, one of them is the nation of Israel, and then in the New Testament, it is you and me, the Church. The Jews are God's chosen people. I know that is not popular today. I don't care. The nation of Israel is unlike any nation that has ever been on this planet, and they have had an incredible journey. Way back with Abraham, he is the father of the Jews. Every Jew looks at Abraham as their father, and God begins that journey with him, taking him out of Ur of the Chaldees and taking him to that land. You know how the Bible plays out. At the end of Genesis, they are all down in Egypt. They are under bondage for 400 years. Now they are on the other border. Then in Exodus chapter 12, God brings them out, and now their journey begins. Their journey to the Promised Land. This will be Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. They wandered for 40 years. I gave it to you when we came through Numbers. It actually only took them 11 days to get from Egypt to the Promised Land, but because of their unbelief and their fear, it took them 40 years. That in itself is a great picture for you and for me. How long do you want it to take in your life to get to where God wants you to be? May I be honest? I cannot get you there in 11 days, but I can get you started in 11 days. It is certainly not going to take you 40 years. But some people it will.

They go over the River Jordan to get into the land in Joshua. Then we see the book of Judges where they kind of get established. But they really get established in 1 and 2 Samuel. Then after David is gone, through Saul and all that mess, we get into the first Kings with Solomon, and he builds the temple. When Solomon is on the throne, that is the closest time on planet earth's history where there was total peace on earth for 40 years. His whole reign is a picture of the Millennial Reign of Christ. Incredible. Then after Solomon dies, his boy takes over and buries it, man; splits the kingdom, and the kingdoms are now headed for the downfall, and by 2 Chronicles

chapter 36, they go into captivity. From 2 Chronicles chapter 36, the Jews have never been back in that land again as a nation. As a free nation. A small group goes back under Ezra and Nehemiah. But they are always under somebody's rule.

At the First Coming of Christ, they are not a free nation. They are under the bondage of the Romans. Then in 70 AD, Rome kicks them out of Jerusalem. Now, from 606 BC right down through history, the nation of Israel, God's people, not only do not have the inheritance of the land, but they are also not even in it. For all those hundreds and hundreds of years, they wandered the world without a homeland until 1948. 1948 is the greatest year in the history of the world because it is the year, after all of that time, God fulfilled the promises found in Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and now He has regathered His people, and put them back in the land. Oh, it gives me shivers. You say, "What does that mean for me?" It means we are almost there. I know you are probably praying more for the Chiefs to win today than you are the Lord to come back.

V. The Millennial Reign in Psalm 47

Now look at Psalms, just look at this, look at Psalm 47.

*Psalms 47:1. **O clap your hands**, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.*

Hey, I told you the other night about how I grew up in Baptist churches where they had the stupidest stuff you'd ever believe in your life. When I was growing up in Baptist churches back in Ohio and even out here, clapping in church was a no-no. It was always associated with the world. When I was back in Canton and they had a special song, they could not even use a tape as background music; that was called worldly canned music. It was all stupid. There are a lot of things that you look back on there, and they were good guys, and they were trying to get people saved, but they knew a lot **about** the Bible, but they did not **know** the Bible. Let me tell you something, according to Psalm 47:1, clapping is the most biblical thing you can do along with saying "Amen" and shouting. You look at me like you don't get that, just stay with me, I am going to show you, then you can come up and apologize later, it is okay. Or if you do not, one of the hardest burdens that I must deal with is always being right, but I will handle it. I am just kidding you!

Verse 1: The Final Victory

***Clap** your hands, all ye people; **shout** unto God with the voice of triumph.* This verse 1, you know what it is? It is the final victory of 6,000 years of brutality dished out by the devil on the nation of Israel and you and me, the Church. For 6,000 years, the devil has held planet earth captive. He has been the god of this world for 6,000 years, and now Christ has returned.

Verse 2: Christ as King

*Psalms 47:2. For the LORD most high is terrible; he is **a great King over all the earth**.*

Verse 3: Subduing Nations

*Psalms 47:3. He shall **subdue the people under us**, and **the nations** under our feet.*

That is a reference to what I gave you in Zechariah chapter 14. Christ is now on the throne in Jerusalem, and all the nations that are left, the nations that did not take part with the Antichrist. He cannot get to everywhere in seven years because his focus is going to be in the Middle East. Now all these nations, Revelation chapter 2:27, are under the iron rule of righteousness. You see, again, you cannot separate the Bible from history. Man has tried to counterfeit and fabricate this all through history. This is the motivation behind Amillennialism and Postmillennialism, and the world peace organizations. It is hard for me to drive down the road and not see bumper stickers that say, "Pray for peace." I saw one the other day that said, "Pray for the peace at Jerusalem." Those are the wrong bumper stickers you need to have. Now maybe you can put one on your chariot in the Millennium. But don't put that on your car now. If you want the right bumper sticker on your car right now for the time you are in, get the one that says, "Kill them all, let God sort them out." That is the right bumper sticker because that is exactly what He is going to do.

- There will be no Peace Until the Prince of Peace Comes Back

God's people. God, I love your people. I pastor your people. I work with your people. They are the dumbest people on the planet sometimes, not speaking of you. You all have got understanding. Well, there are two of you back there that I am worried about. World peace, the United Way, the League of Nations which after World War I turned into the United Nations. I remember watching a documentary when Hitler was trying to amass all the things in Europe. He got the Sudetenland, and he annexed Austria. The world was standing in awe of this guy in Germany who is literally gobbling everything up. He got Poland. He got Czechoslovakia. England and France and America were trying to stay neutral. But England was looking at this and saying, "Wow," so they send a guy named Neville Chamberlain. He was the prime minister before Winston Churchill. He met with Herr Hitler. Herr Hitler promised him that, "if you just let me have what I have right now and you do not cause me any problem with the countries that I have taken over, I will not do any more." Chamberlain said, "Oh, that is great." If you have ever seen a picture of him, he looks like a little mouse with whiskers. I remember the newsreel. He flies back to England, and he has a big smile on his face with his derby hat. He gets up there and he says, "I just met last night with Herr Hitler, and Herr Hitler promised me that he would never have any more aggression in Europe. I want you to know that because of my meeting," and he held a big banner, "peace has now come." Two weeks later, Hitler invaded France. Then he invaded Belgium. Then he invaded Russia. He invaded Africa. He invaded Italy. Let me tell you something. There is nobody on planet Earth today in this sin-ridden world. All the popes and the liberals, the Methodists, the Lutherans, the Presbyterians, the Episcopalians, they all want to pray for peace through social justice. Protest against war. Protest against capital punishment. Protest against genocide. Protest against aggression. Get bumper stickers that pray for peace. But the truth is, ladies and gentlemen, there will be no peace until the Prince of Peace comes back.

- He is not Only the King of Peace, but He is King of Righteousness

Understanding: that is the key word today for you. Here is the problem with all of that. Christmas is coming. You will all be going out to get your Christmas cards that you are going to mail to all the people that you really do not like. You will buy those little Christmas cards that are

so biblical. Little baby Jesus in the manger. Star of Bethlehem overhead. And the title, "Good Will and Peace unto Man" as the gangs in the hood drive down your neighborhood and shoot bullets through your windows. There will be no peace until the Prince of Peace comes back.

Let me show you why that is. Understanding; understanding. In Hebrews chapter 7:2, you will find what is commonly called the priesthood after the order of Melchizedek. Nobody knows what that means. But that is a reference to Christ's eternal priesthood that He is going to establish in the Millennium and then on out into eternity. You see, **He is not only King of Peace, but He is King of Righteousness**. **That is the order of Melchizedek. In other words, there is no peace on planet earth until you bring the righteousness in first. When Christ comes back, He brings in peace the only way He can through His righteousness at the Second Coming of Christ.** As I gave you in Isaiah chapter 11:9, now the whole earth is filled with His knowledge.

In a spiritual sense, let us flip sides here for a second. In a spiritual sense, inspirationally, that is the peace that you and I have that Philippians 4:7 says is the peace that passes all understanding and keeps our hearts and minds. But we got it the same way that the world will get it at the Second Coming and the Millennium. We got the peace in a spiritual sense through getting Romans chapter 1:17. **The only peace you have right now in your life that passes all understanding is because Romans chapter 1:17 says you got it through getting God's righteousness**. See? Now, even though there is nothing directly to the Church here, there are a lot of great spiritual principles here underneath the surface.

Verse 5: The Rapture of Tribulation Saints

*Psalms 47:5. God is gone up with a **shout**, the LORD with the sound of a **trumpet**.*

Second Coming, the Rapture of the Tribulations saint, the Lord goes up with a shout. There is "come up hither," and with the sound of a trumpet. Remember back in Numbers just a couple weeks ago, Numbers chapter 10, I showed you the two trumpets, the silver trumpets that Israel blew. One of them was for the regathering of the nation, 1948. The other one was to go to war, Second Coming of Christ. The Bible is filled with it.

Verses 6-7: Singing with Understanding

*Psalms 47:6-7. Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. 7. For God is the King of all the earth: **sing ye praises with understanding**.*

Verse 7 tells us that we are to sing with understanding. Again, God's people may be saved and on their way to heaven, but I will tell you what, you could fill a broken-down Volkswagen bus with God's people who have understanding today. I think about that. Do you ever stop and consider all the things we do as God's people that we do not have any understanding behind why we do it? Baptists are traditionally told we do it because this is the way we have always done it. No pastor today wants to take the time to explain why we do the things that we do.

- Two Aspects: Sing Praises to God & Sing Praises unto our King

Look at verse 6: "*Sing praises to God, sing praises:* **<u>then</u>** *sing praises unto our King, sing praises.*" Do you notice there that there are two different aspects? There is one aspect of "sing praises to God," and then there is another aspect of "sing praises to the King." They are not the same. "*For God is the King of all the earth: <u>sing ye praises with understanding</u>*." There are two types of singing that we ought to understand. Our singing with understanding will be understanding the two aspects of God in verse 6. You see, the key word "understanding" is defining how God fits into anything. Everything we do should come from your understanding from God's standpoint in it.

An unsaved man can have wisdom. The Bible says, "Get wisdom." Wisdom is the principal thing, but with all thy wisdom get understanding. **An unsaved man or woman can have wisdom**. You can fix the car, pull the engine off, tear the engine down, put the spark plug back in, put the heads back in, put the carburetor back in. Whatever you want to do. You may be a doctor, and you can do heart surgery, put new valves in, brain surgery. You may be able to transplant hearts. That is wisdom that any unsaved man can have. You can get an airplane, fly those big old jumbo jets. That is wisdom that an unsaved man can have, **but an unsaved man can never have understanding because understanding is how God fits into it.** He cannot ever have that. God's people can have it, but most of them do not have it. There are things that we do as God's people that we could not sit down with an open Bible and explain why we do it if our lives depended on it. Why do we meet on Sunday morning? Why do we take the tithe up on Sunday morning? Why do we not have women deacons? Why do we not have women pastors? You see, these are the things that God's people in churches say, "Well, we have just done it this way forever." Okay. That doesn't make it the right way to do it. Now, you'll want to see this:

- First off, we sing as **<u>Christ is God</u>**. That is Genesis 1:2 to the Second Coming of Christ. That is my understanding of God in the Old Testament and the New Testament in the Church Age. Christ is God.
- Then we are supposed to sing **<u>Christ as King</u>**. That is my understanding of Christ at the Second Coming of Christ going into the Millennium.

Those two aspects of God should be behind everything that we do. You want to understand who God is in your life right now, and how He is going to be in your life in the Millennium. One: He is Christ as God, the other one: Christ as King. Nobody sees the difference. You know why? Because when it comes to the Bible today, there is no **<u>exactness</u>** anymore with the Word of God. You can pick and choose out of the Bible what you want to believe or what you want to do. The Bible only works when we need it to work for us to get what we want. Come on.

Last week, I showed you the three families that were close to the ark, and their job was to, through the 40 years of wandering through the Wilderness of Sin, to get a temporary temple to Jerusalem where in time they would build a permanent temple. That is our job. **<u>Right now, your job is to sing about God in your life as God, but also in your mind sing about God coming</u>**

as King. You know, look through your hymnal sometime. I mean, I am telling you. *Great Hymns of the Faith*, absolutely filled with songs about those two doctrines, song after song, written with understanding. They are all written during the Philadelphian Church Age, 1600 to 1800, and you will find that your hymnals follow those two formats.

- You have "Onward Christian Soldiers." That is Christ as God. Then you have "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." That is King. See?
- You have, "There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains." That is Christ as God. But then you have, "It will be worth it all when we see Jesus." That is Christ as King.
- Every song in that hymnal falls in one category or the other. That is singing with understanding.

Verse 8: God Reigns Over the Heathen

Psalms 47:8. God ***reigneth over the heathen****: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.*

The heathen here will be the ones that we talked about in Zechariah chapter 14, the ones that will not come up, some of them will. These are the people that were neutral in the Tribulation that comes in. They are the ones referred to in Matthew chapter 25:31-41 when he talks about the judgment of the sheep and the goats. Who can figure that one out? There are seven judgments in your Bible. One of them is the judgment of the sheep and the goats. Those are the people judged at the Second Coming of Christ, whether they went with the Antichrist or they didn't. If they did, they would go to the Lake of Fire. If they do not, they go into the kingdom.

- Understanding and God's Plan

Understanding. I have pastored this church for 21 years, now probably 22. There is one thing that I have labored to do more than anything else that I have done. You can get on the website, and you can see those hundreds and hundreds, if not thousands of things that I have taught, messages that I have preached, studies that I've had. I will be honest with you. You are my people, and I am accountable for you. I will tell you right now the single number one reason why I did the thing. I came through the seven judgments. I gave you the seven baptisms. I gave you the seven resurrections. I gave all the seven series. Why? One reason: that my people could have understanding.

You know, after World War I, which was a horrific war, the nations got together and decided that they were going to form something called the League of Nations. The League of Nations was an organization that was going to end all war. There have only been 564 since. After World War II, it became the United Nations. Now it is in New York. Across the top of that building in New York City, the United Nations, is one Bible verse, Isaiah chapter 2:4.

Isaiah 2:4. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

They stole it out of the Millennial Reign of Christ to put it on a brick building to get you to think that they could end all war. Now, when Christ comes back and He is the King of all the earth, there will be no more democracy. There will be no more communism. There will be no more socialism. There will be no more fascists. There will be no more totalitarian regimes. God is going to reign supreme. No more politics. No more elections. No more campaign ads. No more bumper stickers. No more signs in your front yard. It is going to be a one-world government with one King, and it is going to be a theocracy because God is going to be King.

Verse 9: Gathering of God's People

Psalms 47:9. The princes of ***the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham****: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.*

Here is the gathering of God's people. This was prophesied back in the Old Testament many times. God scattered them in 606 BC, but He says, "I am going to bring them back again." This is the context of Romans chapter 9 and Romans chapter 11, if you put them together. God regathered them. It comes in history, 1917 to 1948. I have told you many, many times: understanding World War I got the land ready for the Jew. World War II got the Jew ready for the land. In 1948, God takes them back. "The shields of the earth belong to God." Shields, that is your defense. God protecting all the earth through an iron rule of righteous reign, King of Peace, and King of Righteousness.

VI. The Handwriting on the Wall

Now, understanding. If you know your Bible, you know we are standing at the threshold of the coming King and His kingdom. For anyone with any basic understanding of God's plan down through history, you can see it. Back in Daniel, when you see Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom, and Nebuchadnezzar is a type of the Antichrist, a finger appeared and wrote on the wall that the end of his kingdom is coming. That had such an impact on the world that we even use the phrase today. When you know something isn't going to work out, you say, "the handwriting is on the wall". Listen, America. Listen, the world. The handwriting is on the wall. You have got doomsday people out there that proclaim, "The end of the world is near." I do not look at it that way. I do not think the end is near. I think the beginning is near.

I believe the Bible is the Word of God from cover to cover, including the cover, but I will tell you, if I was printing the Bible, I would change one thing. You say, "What is that?" When you come down to the end of Revelation, Chapter 22, when you are all finished, it says, "The End." I would take that out and put "The Beginning," not the end. It is the end of life as we know it. It is the end of godlessness and sin. It is the end of all the heartache. But it is only the beginning of my Jesus on the throne. The 20th and the 21st century have most certainly been the closing of the curtain of life on planet earth as we know it. The events that you are seeing and experiencing right now will bring in this kingdom, and it has so rapidly excelled over the last hundred years and brought us up today to 2026, and it all hinges around 1948.

You know me, I am not political. I am not a Republican. I am not a Democrat. I am not an independent. I am a Bible believer. But this week, I think, was a very telling week for us in

America. Most people don’t even know it, but the midterm elections took place this week. The Republicans, who many people hold up as the ones who want to do what is right and have all the good things, and I understand that, they lost everything. They lost the House. They lost the Senate. For the first time in the history of this country, we elected seven communists to our government, not even counting the governors that won that are communists. The Liberal Party and the Democrats are now in power. They have one goal. That is to transform America into a jungle of ungodliness, apathy, and a mess. They are the ones that want to put women in sports with men. A man tries to compete against other men in sports, and he comes in 90th place, so he decides to become a woman. Now he can beat the women and win first place. The country is okay with that. They want to have your little children when they are in first and second grade, a teacher has them question their sexuality and ask your child, "Do you think you should have been a boy or a girl?" Because we can change that. We have one day called Memorial Day, where we memorialize the men who gave their lives for us to have freedom. But we have a week called Gay Pride Week. The communist style of government will be government control of everything. No private ownership. That is where it is going. Every one of them is against the nation of Israel. Every one of them wants to change the way of life in America that you hold dear. If I may make a prediction, and I am not a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I will probably say in two years' time, we will get a liberal democratic president, and a free society as we know it will be a pipe dream.

- America dumped the Word of God in 1900

Understanding. America, land of the free, home of the brave, dumped God and His Word in 1900. The only thing that has held America's head above the water right now is our national policy toward the nation of Israel. God said, "I will curse those that curse you (to Israel), and I will bless those that bless thee." That is going fast. When that happens, it is over. Understanding. I look at the world around me. I have to laugh at it. I have looked at the midterms and the ads and the people and their sayings and all those things. All the Republicans rally, and I do not care which party you are. It is not about that. Please, hear me out. Get a little understanding. The Republicans rally against the liberal left. Both to save our country. The slogan for years is, "Make America Great Again." You see it on hats. You see it on T-shirts. You see it on bumper stickers. You hear it in campaign ads. You know what the tragedy is? How in the world do you make America great again when America dumped the only Book that could ever make America great in the first place? Understanding.

Americans, Christians, Republicans, everybody get out and vote to keep the evil left from destroying this country. I heard it over and over again. "You cannot let communists in our government." And yet you lost. You lost because you missed one key element because we have no understanding. You voted, not maybe you, they voted for America, but what they don’t understand, God voted against America. America took the greatest Book that the world has ever seen. Oh, come on. Most of them do not care about it. You just wanted to preserve your lifestyle that is safe, secure, fat, and happy. You have no idea what God is doing. You have no idea where God is going. We have a country that did not care that Iran was that close to having a nuclear weapon that would have blown Israel off the face of the earth and probably New York in time.

America wants to stop the war, get out of it, and let them have a bomb that will destroy Israel and the world because gas is $4.50 a gallon, and I cannot get to the cabin at the lake. God's people have no understanding. Hey, for 40 years, I preached this day was coming. For 40 years, a hundred other preachers have preached this day is coming. Well, it is here now. I will be honest; it was a lot easier to preach when it wasn't here but that it was coming than it is to deal with it now that it is here. But it is here. Hello.

In the 21st century, if Jesus does not come, God's people will soon join the ranks of the Waldensians, the Anabaptists, the Cathari, the Huguenots, and all the Bible-believing groups. Because in any communist society, look at history. When a socialist took over, look at Venezuela, look at Cuba, look at South America. What is wrong with God's people? The first thing they do in power is get rid of the Jews. The second thing they do is get rid of us. How bad that gas is $4.50 a gallon. Buy a horse.

➢ God Moves from East to West

There is one great lesson found in history that men will miss, and that is that all movements of God and the devil attacking God will always be in a movement from east to west. In church history, when the Bible and the churches began to move out of Europe, it moved west to America. Once America was established, the Holy Spirit of God moved east to west with seven great awakenings. The great artists, they were not found in America. They are found in Europe. The great musicians: Beethoven, Strauss, Handel, they are not in America. They are in Europe. The architecture, "Well, that is a nice building you got." "Yeah, it is Roman architecture." The influence out of Europe is one of the greatest aspects of history to watch. Communism starts in Europe, 1917, with the Russian Revolution, and in time we saw it spread to the west. In time, we fought Korea. We fought Vietnam to stop the spread out of Europe after World War II. We fought a Cold War. Who in the world knows today who Joseph McCarthy was? He was a senator that led a one-man war in the 50s to keep the Communists out of the government of this country.

Understanding. Now we have just elected what, six or seven Communists to our government? I mean, look at the mayor of New York, socialist, communist. What does he want to do? He wants to get rid of the New York Police Department and deal with crime through social workers. Well, my advice to you on that is you have 100 social workers, you'd better get 100 body bags. Everything is free. We are going to have grocery stores run by the government. You know, Ronald Reagan was a great president. You know what he said one time? Of course you don't; understanding, but you know what he said? He said the ten most terrible words that you will ever want to hear: "Hi, I am from the government. I am here to help you." Government takeover. Communist government takeover. You lose your house; you lose your car. It is a co-op opportunity. All the wealth is distributed evenly. They do not want any more prisons. They want to get rid of the Congress and the Senate. They want to get rid of the presidency. If they have their way, everything will be free. Understanding.

➢ Everything that Happens in Europe Winds up in America

Do you know what is going on in France right now? France is being burned to the ground. Do you know why? Because for 20 years, France had no borders and let everybody come in. Now

those same people and look at it. It is not the old folks. It's the young people. It is the 18, 20, 25, 30s. They want to overthrow the government. They are burning down buildings. There is nothing anybody is going to do to stop them. That is what is coming to America because everything over there winds up here. Look at the Beatles. I may suggest to you, if you want to put it all into context, get their song, "It's been a hard day's night." It's coming.

Now you want to ask yourself, "How did this happen?" It is simple. The young people in America, just like the young people in France, are the ones that put them in. They are the ones that voted for them, and you know why? Because socialists have two messages, only two. The first one is that everything is going to be free. Free health care, free transportation, free childcare, free college, minimum wage $30 an hour. Everything will be free. Free groceries, everything. We are going to defund the police, get rid of the prisons. We are going to have no presidents. We are going to have open borders. We are going to defund ICE. Everything is going to be free, and everybody is going to be happy. **They have no idea who is going to pay the price for all of that**. You know why they believe that stuff? No understanding.

Listen, we just finished child training. What did I tell you? You take the Bible out of your family, and the next three or four generations, your kids, they are gone. Think of that on a national scale, and this is where our problem is. We lost the Bible in 1900, and now we have raised four or five generations of young men and women without God, without the Bible, without any understanding. Now they are susceptible. All of this starts in the colleges. You find the definition of these kids in Job chapter 21 and 22. They say, "Who is the Lord? Who is the Almighty that we should serve Him?" There it is.

- Freedom isn't Free

In our early country, our founding father, one of the great ones, was a man by the name of Patrick Henry. He made one of the greatest speeches during the Revolutionary War when he stood up and he said, "Give me liberty or give me death." He knew there was a price to pay for that liberty. We moved forward to the 1860s, to the 1945s and maybe 50s. We saw the price of being free. Hundreds and thousands of our boys died in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. World War I, we lost 116,000 boys. World War II, 405,000. Korea, over 36,000. Vietnam, over 58,000. They learned. The cry back then was, "Give me liberty." And they fought for it. Today, 1980 to 2026, four or five generations of kids now who have grown up with no Bible, no God, no understanding, no churches, no nothing. The slogan started with "Give me liberty or give me death." And then, "Give me liberty." And now it is just "Give me". The entitlement of four or five generations that do not know the price of anything and what it costs.

VII. Summary

You will watch the Academy Awards. Some guy will come up and get a gold little statue. The crowd breaks up into cheering and applauding. You watch "Dancing with the Stars." The favorite two people win, and everybody across America screams and claps. You go to a concert. When they finish the song, the crowd erupts into a round of applause and yelling and screaming. When the President of the United States, Democrat or Republican, gets up to give his State of the

Union address before Congress, when he makes his key points, his party gives him a standing ovation. But my dear friend, after all I said today, here is understanding. **The greatest round of applause and clapping in history has yet to come**. Because when it is all over and the Lord comes back and He walks through that Eastern Gate and sits down on the throne in Jerusalem and He is crowned King of Kings, the Lord of Lords. You are going to hear a thunder of applause and shouting and clapping that has never been heard down in history. The whole world will rise to its feet. Look at Isaiah chapter 55:12. Oh, you have got to see this.

*Isaiah 55:12. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: t**he mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing**, and **all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.***

It is not just man. It is the whole creation. You say, "Well, how can trees clap their hands?" That is why God gave them limbs. I don't know, but I believe it! Turn over to Psalm 98:6.

*Psalms 98:6-8. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, **the King**. 7. **Let the sea roar**, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 8. **Let the floods clap their hands**; **let the hills be joyful together**.*

You talk about a standing roaring ovation of clapping. No wonder Psalm 47 says, "***O clap your hands, all ye people***." When He comes back, the thunderous roar of God's righteousness that's going to permeate this earth. You'd better get understanding and find out where you're at today up against that day. The trees clap their hands, the floods clap their hands, the animals are restored. Psalms 47:1 says, "***Shout unto God with the voice of triumph***." That is the greatest applause in history. The day the Lord, the King comes back to planet earth. Get understanding.

- Our Mandate in the Present Age – Occupy Till He Comes

Now, where are we at with all this? This country is on a downhill slide. This country is not going to get any better; however, when you have understanding, that means nothing. I don't care that the Democrats are in power. Hey, if the Democrats and the liberals taking over this country hasten the Rapture of the Church, put them in tomorrow. I do not care about any of that. **My mandate is in Luke chapter 19:13**. In the midst of everything that is going around, it does not affect me. It does not bother me. I couldn't care less. I have been told to **occupy till He comes**. I stay in the fight. We win as many people to Christ as we can. I do not know how much time we have got left, but I know we need to make the right investments. I know 20 young men over there in a country that is dying for the Word of God, that want to pastor churches. All they need is somebody to say, "I believe in you, son. Here is the money you need. Go get it done." Occupy till He comes. Stay in the fight. Stay in the battle. Do not let somebody take you off point at this point in time. Do everything you can to stay in fellowship because it means everything. Because He is coming. He is coming.