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Earthly Wisdom vs Divine Wisdom, Part 2



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WE ARE CONTINUING ON THE SAME MESSAGE WE WERE ON LAST ISSUE, BUT WE ARE GOING INTO IT TO BRING OUT WHAT ALL THIS EARTHLY WISDOM DOES TO MODERN MAN. I HAVE ALL KINDS OF DATA HERE: I CAN BACK UP EVERYTHING I SAY THIS

MORNING. I AM ENDEAVORING TO SHOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MANS WISDOM AND GOD'S WISDOM. TECHNOLOGY HAS CAUSED MANKIND IN THIS HOUR OF TIME TO FEEL LIKE THE SKY IS THE LIMIT FOR WHAT THEY IMAGINE TO DO, BUT THEY FAIL TO CONSIDER WHAT THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS WILL ALLOW THEM TO DO. WE WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE WISDOM OF GOD AS COMPARED TO MANS WISDOM.

I will say to all young people, if you are going to seek a certain professional type job in this world, you have got to have an education that will enable you to fulfill that

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profession. But we have a world of people now that have taken over society and they do not want to allow you to stop with just a common school education: they insist that all go to college. I have said many times, If you are going to fly an airplane, then please get a good education, but if you are just going to fry hamburgers for McDonald’s, even though they want you to have a college education, we everyone know you

can do that without a college degree. I learned to fry eggs and bacon a long time ago. I am not saying I am the best, but I have never had to throw one out yet. When I think of these men that have worked for the city ordinances, like the water company and such, in cold weather like we have now, suddenly a main line breaks. No matter where he lives, it is an emergency. Do not tell me the man that gets down in that ditch with a pick and shovel, to dig, needs a college education to know how to do that. I would say to the man who says that, When you point your finger at me and say, oh but it is necessary, I will have to say, Your education has made you talk foolish. To demand any such is to display stupidity. Maybe you would not get in the ditch, but it is a shame the way the American public has been brainwashed. No wonder we have a society where little children are being starved in their own homes. Do you believe you have heard it on the News lately, have you not? That is a shame. I have to feel sorry for a lot of little children. Young people, we

are going to talk about children of light, and children of darkness, so please pay attention. You ought to be very thankful, that you have been given a privilege in your young life to know something about the grace of God. We are going to prove to you by the Bible, we are living in the end time. The Bible speaks for itself. I have data right here, but I will not read it all: I will only refer to some of it and then read certain paragraphs to let you know the hour we live in now is one of the darkest hours of human history. The Bible has told us it would be this way and now it is upon us.

EXAMINING RELIGION

I want to take my text today out of Matthew, chapter 4, starting with the 12th verse. We know that Jesus came upon the scene two thousand years ago. He came to a nation that was supposed to be a religious people, but as it turned out, religion was all most of them had: they knew nothing about God. Let us see what the Bible says about all of that, then let us look at our own nation and see what the Bible says about the way it is. Jesus had

already been baptized by John, and He has returned from the wilderness back to Nazareth and He hears about John. Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, He departed unto Galilee; And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, (That was a little town by the Sea of Galilee.) which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: (Notice) That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness (Think of that. This is areas of the Jews, but also an overlapping area of Gentiles. The people which sat in darkness...) saw great light; (What kind of light did they see?) and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. In other words, Jesus was the light of the world. No matter what modern man may say or what era of time you are looking at, your intellectual people of the hour might have been natural man, in all his technology and

wisdom, so we cannot refer to it that he is in the light. He is actually forecasting darkness. Just think, Jesus came at a strategic hour of time in the history of the Jewish nation, which boasted of their belief in the God of Abraham, but most were just following a ritual. After fifteen hundred years, they had deteriorated so far away from the true light that their revelation of what the Law was about, had come to the place they no longer looked forward to a change, or to what the scriptures or the prophets might have pointed to. If that be the case back then, turn with me into Romans the 1st chapter. The Holy Ghost fell approximately 33 A.D. in Jerusalem. By 54 A.D. it is now witnessed in Asia, and in the areas of Turkey and Greece. Paul, on his return to Jerusalem many months later, after he had been among Gentiles in Macedonia and that region wrote this letter to the Roman believers. His letter was actually written in 60 A.D. That is several years after the birth of the Church. As I read this, I would like for us all to take a good look at our Gentile, American society today. It

is getting very dark. I am going to prove to you by all these scriptures and accounts of today, that we are living, time wise, in the American society, in utter chaos and darkness. At the time Paul took occasion to write this, keep in mind, that which was the Roman society had not yet been converted. Rome, through the influence of Satan, had fought the Christians, especially in Asia. They martyred them, butchering them in almost inconceivable ways. Not much of the Roman society had been affected by the gospel yet. Some think that, but as I read here, I want you to take a good look at America today. We have missing, pregnant mothers, children starved to death, babies killed before or at birth, dead people found in city dumpsters and widespread evil. Then we have a governor that pardons them on death row, pardons them all. When I heard some of the things he said, I just thought, all of you politicians and all of your court systems, you have twisted the meaning of our laws until they are now hitting you back in the face. So you feel bad about it,

because you cannot even take a certain person that is known to have committed certain crimes, and run him or her through your judicial systems and wind up knowing whether he or she is guilty, because of your standards or principals. Somebody somewhere has become a victim of such stupidity. Some of you might say, Bro. Jackson, you are always using that word, stupid. I am going to read to you what the word stupid, means. Stupid, means to be marked by a lack of intelligence. Like maybe if someone had hit them in the head and knocked them cold, when they came to their senses, they cannot think properly. It also means dazed, lacking in understanding, slow willed or dull. So I have to say, due to a lack of light, everything else is nothing to them. You and I, to them, are considered stupid, we are fanatics, we are the outcasts of a modern society. Let me now get back to what Paul said in Romans 1, starting in verse 18. What I am going to read now, is not very well received by deceived people of the world, but it is God's Word.

LETTING THE SCRIPTURES SPEAK

As we read this, just remember that this was written by the apostle Paul, the apostle that wrote half of the New Testament scriptures. He was a faithful servant of God. Notice, For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; (We have them today with great degrees doing that same thing.) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him (God) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. Brothers and sisters, when we see the sun begin to come north, it begins to affect nature and plant life. You know that. It does not mean spring is fully here, but the bright sunlight and the warmth of it begins to affect nature. It lets me know God set certain laws in motion that are ruled by the universe in its cycle. But we have

an educated element of people today that close their eyes to all of that. Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, (America, through the last number of decades, has done just exactly that.) and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, (Now I am not the one saying this, it is Gods Word.) they became fools. (Paul said that.) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. (They are fools. In God's light, they are fools.) Wherefore God (Paul is writing about the old Roman world.) also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, (Look at America today, the lusts of their hearts, they cannot seek after things that are decent. Yet they say we need a better education. They are walking blind, ignorant, and totally stupid. God looks upon them as fools because He sees all of them for what they are. They have willfully turned

away from the knowledge of God that once was evident to mankind.) to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, (Now we let professors come along trying to tell people that we all came from evolution. Just like this cloning incident. This woman came along somewhere, saying there was a god that sent a space alien. Well, my God sent an angel, for He had said, Let us make man after our likeness and image.) and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, (The human body today, in the eyes of some, is more thought of than to say yes ma'am, yes sir, or to know how to be a decent human being as a neighbor.) who is blessed forever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: (He has given America up to these vile affections.) for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: (Look at women's rights today, and especially lesbians, they run the show, they run the banks, I can do what man can do. That is why I have to say, Let them take such women to a twelve foot ditch

with a sixteen inch main water break, and then we will see how she does down in that hole, when it is ten degrees above zero. How many understand what I am talking about? Oh no, we don't want to do that, but she wants to get in the office somewhere and run the computers and do the book work while men do the manual labor. For even their women, and I am saying women today, have changed the natural use of their bodies into that which is against nature.) And likewise also the men, (They are no better.) Leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. (Or deserving. Old Rome used to be like this and now it is everywhere. In an hour when all we hear is, we need to appropriate more money for education. They are not making it better: they are absolutely making things spiritually darker for modern mankind. Do you know what this Bible says God is going to do with this perverted mess? When Jesus

comes, He is going to destroy the sinners with the sword that goes out of His mouth. No matter what their degrees in the intellectual system are, He is going to look upon all of them as fools because they have willfully chosen the route of life they are now caught up in.) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, (A mind that is filled with evil. That is why I have to say they are stupid. They are stupid, because in actual principals, they do not know how to communicate with you in that respect.) to do those things which are not convenient; (or right, and here is our society of this hour following that same pattern.) Being filled with all unrighteousness, (You hardly hear a News program any more when anything good is spoken of. It goes from one story of evil, to another episode of evil.) fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; (I looked up that word in the dictionary. The main meaning of it is to hate, to do bodily harm. We have a society today that are

intimidators. They spend their life time trying to get even with you. They make a professional occupation out of it. Our judicial system has become ruled by a bunch of perverted crooks. Honesty is no longer in the picture. Whoever has the most money, is the one that is going to wind up on the right side of things, according to their crooked way of living.) whisperers, (They always have a story, a lie, have you heard the latest, or did you know? Their mind is constantly filled with everything that is negative.) Backbiters, haters of God, (We have a society of them today that do hate God. Just the word God alone, makes them want to take you to court. Yet on the other hand they will allow alien nations to come in here, build their mosques', and spend fabulous sums of money to do everything they can to convert young people of America, black and white, into this devilish religion that is solely bent on turning this world upside down. Being at that point, I want to remind you, I am not a politician, but when I hear the News and hear the Journalists and the News

commentators, how they talk about things, you know they do not want anyone talking to them about what the Bible says. That is a book that is out of their mind's. This is what makes the American society today, fulfill all this scripture the way Paul brought it out in his teaching. We are living in a nation that has literally sold our young generation to every kind of devil that can be brought out of hell and turned loose on our streets and in our institutions of learning. There is where it operates. The American people today think there is nothing wrong with it, because it has come on them so slowly. It has just gradually crept in. This is exactly what we read here.) spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, (I saw a News story the other day, a certain high school in New York, it told the percentage of high school students that every time they have some type of special get together, it shows them by the dozens in a beer joint, drinking. It told how a year ago, one school had planned a certain occasion for all the students to attend. It was going to be some

kind of dance, a get together, but when the occasion started and the doors were opened, every student that came was under the influence of alcohol, so they cancelled it. It was not like that sixty years ago. This certain man had the audacity to say, well it all starts in the home. No it did not start in the home Mr. Stupid. I will show you exactly where it started. Several years ago they stipulated a certain year to be the year of the child. The child has a right to speak his negative views. The institutions backed it up. A man called me, not from this area, that said his daughter was going to high school, but she was very much under the influence of the schools curriculum. When she would come home and he would try to correct her, try to show her the right way, she would go back to school and tell the authorities a negative story. He was sent word that he could be arrested, because he had not respected his daughter. He called and said, Bro. Jackson, I don't know what I am going to do. He said, the more you try to do right, the more public opinion is against you. Keep in mind, a lot of the

younger generation we now have in schools, their parents were the generation that started this nonsense. When they became brain-washed, became hoodwinked, do you think they had anything to pass on to their own children? No, nothing, because they learned every bit of that rotten stuff in the school system. That is when the doors were opened to hell itself. That is why I have to say, in forty five years, you have two generations of offspring now. It is a shame that public officials want to blame the parents for not doing a miracle. Notice....) Without understanding, covenant-breakers, (That is our society today.) without natural affection, (Give them a little kitty cat or a little dog to play with, and there is more love and affection shown to those little pets than a little baby. I am not against people having a pet, but when that pet becomes more important in a household than a little child that is to be cared for, there is something dreadfully wrong in that home. Without natural affection....) implacable, unmerciful: (That is the American society, kill, rape,

beat, torture. They run the roads that way.) Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things (This is what Paul says....) are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. That is an exact description of evil in our society today. They know that some of their evil deeds make them worthy of death, but they do them anyhow and have pleasure in knowing that others are doing likewise.

VERY TROUBLING CIRCUMSTANCES

I want to say this, When you read those scriptures in Romans, and then see them being fulfilled all around you it is very troubling. I have right here, a record of government investigation, so they call it. When President Bill Clinton was in office, there was a certain man by the name of Ron Brown, that was sent to the Orient to take care of some kind of agreement, some kind of trade or something. However when Ron Brown went over there, for some reason or other he could see what it was going to lead to. He purposed that he would

not lie and have anything to do with it. He did not want his own conscience to have to suffer for carrying out some crooked politician's plan. When he came back, he had a confrontation with Bill Clinton. Already there had been a man in the White House, by the name of Vince Foster. He was supposed to have been a secret lover of Hillary's. Somehow or other, he got in somebody's way. His body was found in a park, he had been shot. They tell that he committed suicide, but this concerns an investigation of both of them. He did not commit suicide. Somewhere, some government hit man in high places was hired to carry out a plan. You might think, oh Bro. Jackson, our government would not do such a thing. My answer to that is, You do not live in the days of George Washington, so wake up! We have men up there today whose honesty can be compared to the devil himself. Notice how I said that. That is why I say, When you study political science, it is none other than a study of how a politician can say yes, when you know he really means no.

Here in this article, the investigation was carried on until the men who were doing the investigating were threatened themselves. Ron Brown was on a government plane, flown by a government pilot. There were so many passengers on this plane. The plane was in route to a place in Bosnia, in that area. But in order to make this look like an accident, the man in charge of the radio frequencies that keep the plane on course, because he was to land in a certain terminal, it describes the weather, the direction of the wind, the sun was shining bright, but whoever was involved, this hit man drove a jeep to the foot of this certain mountain. He turned his radio signal on. The purpose was that the man on the mountain that was operating the regular incoming flight, had already been told, You will be a rich man if you will just turn off your signal. As he turned his signal off, the other one went into operation, which makes the plane coming from a certain direction veer a certain degree, and that plane hit the mountain. When they find the plane and find the

bodies, evidence proves there has been a bullet hole in his brain. There was one stewardess that survived the crash, but when the authorities found out about it, do you know what? She was never left alive to get to the hospital. She was killed. Young people, we are living in a world of darkness, sin and corruption. America, that used to be the beautiful, has become the home of crooks and gangsters. That is why I can say, We are living somewhere just before the coming of Jesus Christ. I have no doubt, all these problems in the Middle East, are about to reach a boiling point. I cannot help but believe, as we prepare to go to war with Iraq, that this is our politician's motive for some unannounced purpose, but I also believe that in the eyes of God, He is using this whole thing as a triggering device. We everyone know, that since the 9/11 attack, Islamic cells of terrorism have sprung up in many places, Pakistan, India, Philippines, Indonesia, Europe and who knows where else. I have to say there is no need for our president, or any other politician to think that we, as a

nation, can take the leadership and do away with this terrorism stuff, as though it is nothing. I cannot help but believe God has allowed this thing to maneuver things to a certain point, because, if they try to eliminate it the way man would eliminate it, it is a war here, a war there; and time could go on another twenty five or thirty years. We do not have that long. According to the scriptures and the prophecies in them, somewhere God is going to meet this Islamic spirit. He is going to meet it head on, and He will use that little nation of Israel to do the clean up. He will put His angelic powers in the battle situation with Israel. With a stroke of His mighty hand, He is going to kill this Islamic spirit around the world. With a stroke of His mighty hand in a miraculous way, He will let Israel be used as a means to bring about the devastation. I have to say, these Islamic terrorists could go to sleep some night with a big plan to do something the next day, but by the time God shows His power in what He is going to do, their mind's can be changed in a matter of a few short hours. If we read the

scriptures right, He can do it that way. I can say this, Eventually the gospel spread into the European world. As it did, I am thankful that the gospel, as it traveled through Europe and the different nations, it did affect European societies. It did not always stay pure as it had been in the beginning, but at least it did affect certain elements of the European society. For two thousand years the gospel, as it left Jerusalem, it went around the world. It has not only come through Europe, it has come into the new world also. It has made an impact here for two hundred years. From here it went to the Far East. Time wise it is on its way back home. In this article, from the desk of the executive director, Ronald W. Wilcox, this did not come off the internet. To prove to you, that for the past forty years America has slowly had the light shut out, I am not going to read everything here, but I want to read enough to let you know you are living in the hour of the greatest ability for man to have an education. The devil has also used this opportunity to brainwash our young generation of people. I

get that from what I have here, I have had these articles for quite awhile, so I want to read some of it to you.

READING FROM PRINTED ARTICLES

As I read this, I will be making comments .Citizens: Nightmarish textbooks await your kids. (This was from September 17, 1990) Thousands of public and private school children, first through sixth grades, will be taught how to cast spells. (Since when was that important for a student to learn in order to make a living for himself? Then you say, You have no right to call them stupid. I do too. They prove it by their actions. They have been hit in the head by the devil.) They will be told about hungry creatures that attach themselves to children's bodies, or lust for their flesh. They will be asked which horrible death they would prefer. There is more. This fellow they have over there in Afghanistan, that had been American, I believe he had been raised in the state of Washington somewhere, I forget what his name had been changed to. I remember on the news one

morning they were interviewing his parents, where he went to school and everything. But on top of that, they interviewed another man that lived in that area. He went to the same school that fellow did. He testified that morning, that he was a heathen. He said he worshipped devils. I just thought, When America opened up our institutions to this kind of teaching, this nonsense, What has gone wrong with America? They want to make America a model of something. They sure have opened it up to the devil, to come in a have a heyday. I have another chapter to read. This is why I read what Paul wrote there in Romans 1. Indiana Planned Parenthood is training to teach kids about sex. Young people, my dad taught me all I ever needed to know about it, but he did it in a way, that when he was done, he said, now you keep your mouth shut about this. He thumped me on the head. I have looked back to that ever since then. One thing is sure, nobody needed to pay taxes to pay my teachers to teach me about sex. My dad was my teacher. That is the way it should always be. Let me

read a paragraph of this. This is not in Harrison County, this is above Indianapolis. Meet Jenny, she is sixteen, a good student and active in many school activities. She just received her driver's license and is trying to teach young children about the facts of life. Welcome to Planned Parenthood's newest attempt to teach children all they ever need to know about the facts of life. No wonder we have a society now, with babies born out of wedlock, left in an alley, or left at fire stations. They find them in dumpsters. We didn't need this kind of education sixty or seventy years ago. Those who claim not to believe there is a devil let him in and gave him control. Since they do not believe there is a devil, they just look at everything as being normal. Last night being Saturday night, only God knows how many people are crying today, over the affects of something negative that went on last night. When the sun goes down again tonight, the same thing will be repeated somewhere. It is very evident that eleven and twelve year olds are already becoming sexually active. Now when they started that,

here came the devil with AIDS. When you open the door for one thing that is perverted, you only open it for two other things to come in also. This articles goes on down through here and gets very gruesome, because of what is being taught in our schools under the guise of Planned Parenthood. I heard one person say years ago, when they first started this sex education in schools, I don't want my kids to learn all about it behind the barn through jokes. I would like to look him in the face and say, You are an ornery rat. The people who did say certain things behind the barn had more principals in their mind, because they did not come out in public and carry it out in every day living. I am trying to say this without using some of these graphic words. We build these schools of better knowledge, but then turn students out with their brains warped, never to grow up to be an honest father, or a mother that knows how to be a mother. I know we have a society today where our standard of living has been so twisted and changed, that it is hard for some people to live without

both having to work for a living. You can see how the overall leadership in the nation began to twist it that way. If we were to have a depression that would take it back like it was in 1929 through 1934, you would see a lot of people committing suicide. When you see a new house, with payments anywhere from six hundred to more than a thousand a month, what kind of standard of living do you think the two have, to make payments like that? Then they have their utilities on top of that. I have heard that a certain airline is going to have to cut their salaries down to a certain amount. I saw last night that a certain industry is going to cut off four thousand employees. The unemployed figure keeps rising. I am not standing here trying to push something at you to cause anyone to go home with your head hanging down. That is not my point. I do want to say, All this education we have had going on for the last twenty five or thirty years, has brought to us an era of darkness. The way things are going there is no future to look forward to. Unless God takes it over and changes the

flow of things, some are going to wind up in death. Right in this article, in certain schools, they study how to commit suicide. I never had such junk fed into my mind when I was going to school. Why do we need it now? Do you know the statistics of suicide among teenagers is climbing to an all time high, simply because they are teaching a bunch of junk in our institutions that does not give that young person a stable mind or environment that would enable him or her to think properly? I subscribe to an independent magazine in which there was a short story about a man and his wife that had raised all their children with home schooling. They have done their best to teach them certain principals. The children have always done well and been good, but one daughter wanted to go take a course in college, so they sent her. She was not there but a short time, when in the dorm where all these girls were sleeping, she was exposed to pornography magazines and pictures. When she did come home she began to complain about how she began to feel

psychologically. There was not a thing she could do about it. She could not walk in there blindfolded, and go to bed blindfolded, walk out blindfolded and try to find her way to the kitchen. She did not even get through one semester until she committed suicide. Those same kind of teachers would not want a young person coming here, oh no, they would not want them to be brainwashed with religion. Well I am against religion also, but I am strong for salvation and true Christianity.

DEGRADED BY CHOICE

America has willfully chosen the very downward trend she is going in today. Our freedom of speech and choice has taken a toll on our liberty. I have another magazine article that tells about five Arabs, or Islamic's that have entered the country illegally. They began to look for them and our different security systems have finally gone to work. Now there is an alert at the customs places between Canada and the United States, because young mid-east people are leaving America because they have been here beyond their legal stay. One

man from Pakistan has been living here seven years, working, while his visa has already expired. He showed up at the customs and wants Canada to allow him to pass through because he is going home. It tells they are flocking through these custom places trying to find a sanctuary, because they are afraid the United States is going to rise up and kick them out. All that lets you know somebody in America has gone to sleep on their job. We were going to show the world what a model nation is like, but we are getting ready to pay a huge bill, a costly bill for just doing this. Let me take you to the writing of Zechariah. I cannot even tell you how many times I heard Bro. Branham refer to this passage of scripture. I can now see what it really speaks of. Now is when it really has a deep meaning. Zechariah prophesied this just a little under 500 B.C. We will start with the 6th verse of chapter 14. Zechariah was looking down through time and saw our day. And it shall come to pass in that day, (That is a period of time.) that the light (Notice, the light, that means

the light of truth.) shall not be clear, nor dark: (That is a picture of our religious, denominational realm since WW2 came to a close. Each system has become so set in their theology and their particular beliefs, you could not change them if your life depended on it.) But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, (Yes, it will stand out.) not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. That means just before the sun sets on that era of time, which we will say is a semi-state, there will be light shine through. I have to say to you, That light was not brought on by A.A. Allen, nor Oral Roberts, nor Tommy Osborne. It was brought by a little man raised right here in this area. He did not have a high degree of education as the world thinks, only a sixth grade education. God mightily used him for a few short years to preach certain things out of the scriptures, and to demonstrate the power of God to a lot of people. To me, it opened up and let light shine through, and hit the hearts of a lot of people, light that you could not see in the denominational realm

of religion. Sooner or later you would hear something that let you know, God has sent that man to give us a little glimpse of true light just before the sun sets completely. I can see exactly, why Daniel 12 prophesied like it did. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. But the wise, that does not mean wise in worldly knowledge. It is spiritual wisdom. It says they will shine as the stars of the firmament. If you ever look into the heavens at night, when you have a semi light, you have light of the moon. The only stars you can see are the real big ones and bright ones. Then let that moon rotate to where it is on the other side of the globe, you have darkness, the dark of the moon. The darker the night, the brighter the stars shine. You can see them right down to the minutest speck. Saints, young and older people, thank God for what He has given you, which is the privilege of walking in the true light that we share and cherish. You might look at the world right now and say,

Well they make fun of us. That is true, but there is another hour coming, an hour when God is going to make a bunch of those hypocrites say, What do you people have? Tell me about it. I see here in Revelation, chapter 10, that John was told to go to the angel and take the scroll and eat it up. When the angel told him, eat it up, it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey, but in thy belly it will be bitter, meaning it will set up a bad case of heartburn. Then John was told, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. John is not going to do it, you know that. That means that same anointing is going to come back. It will not be somebody coming along that has a college degree of human learning. It is somebody that has a revelation of truth and an inspiration to be able to open their mouth and say something that is going to make politicians sit up and take notice. They will not listen to you now, but just wait until God turns the tables in the Middle East. I will say to all the students listening from universities, Keep listening to us all

you want to. I just pray you will listen enough to cause you to spend the rest of your time there at that place learning something that will be worthwhile later on, when God opens up and begins to do the things we have been talking about. Not too long from now, God is going to shake this planet earth, psychologically, domestically, economically, and militarily. He is going to shake it to the point that when He is done, there is going to be an element of people from one end of this planet to the other, that are going to be able to say, Regardless of what my god was until now, I can certainly see that there is only one true God. Saints, that is God's purpose in all of this, to cause some to recognize, there is only one God. There is no such thing as a God of the Christians and a god of Islam, and a god of Buddha, nor any of the other gods that are talked about. The ONE and ONLY TRUE God is going to get rid of all the others. Every man will worship God in his own place, not his own god: he will worship the God he has been permitted to see, as His miracle working hand

accomplishes all the Bible tells us about. Right now they can listen to us and say, That guy is just blowing his lid. No, I am not. I am looking at some scripture, that sometimes I just cannot contain myself when I think about how just and honest God is, how wonderful He is. I am glad He woke me up one day and let me see, He is still the same yesterday, today, and forever. I have a lot more to read to you, but right now I want to show you what kind of light the religions of the world are shining. Bro. Nelson brought me this article last Sunday morning. Here is your big men of the denominational world, as they minister what is supposed to be prophecy on the TV. Tim LaHue, Revelation Unveiled, The antichrist will be Roman, Greek, and Jewish. (My, he is going to be a hybrid critter.) Also Babylon will be rebuilt. (Well, Saddam Hussein started that several years ago.) Dave Hunt, The pope will be the false prophet. Philip Morrell, Jesus will make a covenant and be cut off from it in the middle of the week. (They don't realize what actually took place two thousand years

ago.) Grant Jeffery, Babylon will be rebuilt. Jesus created Satan and the daughters of men got pregnant by fallen angels. (They tell such as this and call it Holy Ghost revelation.) The antichrist will come from the tribe of Dan. He will be killed and come back alive again. The pope will step down and the antichrist will take his place. (How scripturally ignorant can carnal thinking mankind be?) A man named Perry Stone, God showed him the antichrist will be a Muslim. Listen to me brothers and sisters, That Muslim spirit is going to get the tar beat out of all who have it before that time comes. I just say, Thank God for His light. I am thankful for what God sent that little man, years ago, to guide us into. We do not know everything yet, but we have not had to walk in spiritual darkness and confusion these last so many years.

EARTHLY WISDOM V/S **DIVINE WISDOM**

Turn with me to a very familiar passage of scripture, John 3:16. We will not stop with this verse. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, (I have

heard so much lately about how peaceful this Islamic religion is. Well it does not teach a religion of salvation. It is just a religion of belief.) that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light (We are talking about spiritual light.) is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” When you look at America tonight, that is exactly the picture we get. Every News broadcast that comes on, there is nothing ever said about God, His sovereignty, or His Word, nothing at all. It is all the lips of politicians, educators, philosophers and such. Men love darkness rather than light. I have a lot of books at home that have some of the prayers and speeches that our founding fathers made in the days they were alive and in a position of leadership in America. Hardly a speech was ever made, without

them referred to God or Jesus as being the central object. Their faith was in the fact, if America was going to be great, it would have to put its confidence and trust in the One that made it possible for us to have light. I have thought of this scripture many times, where Jesus was speaking to His disciples. “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these other things will be added unto you.” What was He talking about? When we think of Europe and how it went through a long era of what we call the Dark Ages, in those Dark Ages, the Roman Catholic Church frowned on education. Well, Bro. Jackson, you feel the same way? You have not heard me right. I do not frown on a decent education. It is what they have made out of it that I speak about. Because of that, the world went into that Dark Age period. It was dark in every way, and just think, that historians would write of it in history as a dark age, and for this reason, there was no progress, no achievement whatsoever during that time. Whatever the style was when they went into it, a thousand years later they came out the same way. I have to say, that is darkness. We can say this, when the

Reformation did start, it did not just come all of a sudden. It was God gradually opening up the light of the word of truth. After God allowed America to be discovered, the people in Europe eventually began to leave and come to the new world, a new continent, to start their faith on new grounds. When we look back upon the history of America we have to say, America did not reach this point of greatness because of her scientific knowledge. It was because of how she trusted in God and God led her leaders. As I have said before, when Daniel the prophet, back five hundred years before the advent of Christ, wrote what we read in the 12th chapter of his writing, you have to know he was led by the Spirit of God. Just think how, at the time of the end knowledge would be increased. We have to say, there is not one nation on the face of this earth that God has blessed any more with material knowledge of things like He has America. I am not trying to be a know-it-all, but it is sensible when we think of the telephone and all these other things that the world today enjoys, you must agree. That is the knowledge that Daniel was talking about. It has come about in the last one hundred

years. It gives me great joy to think of those people that are called the wise, while the wicked will do wickedly, the wise will understand. Young people, please do not get discouraged because you feel things are not going right for you. You are the one and only element of people on this planet that have an opportunity to shine anything that is really sensible, which is a true revelation of the truth that has been presented to you. We are blessed to know that we are in the truth. I have to believe God is going to let His children, the wise ones, shine very soon. Since Daniel wrote about it, that the wise will shine as the stars of the firmament, then you and I know as I said before, stars do not shine unless you have the darkness of the moon. The blacker the sky gets, the greater those little twinkling stars become. The fact that you can see them shine in the darkness, ought to bring great joy to your heart as you look at the darkness of the world around you. When the moon is shining brightly you cannot see the stars, except the big ones. So when we think of this world today and how dark it has become in our society we think, what a shame! Well it is almost time for bride saints to shine. At

one time, John 3:16 was a well accepted verse of scripture to be read in any classroom, especially in the early grades, but today men love darkness rather than light, lest their evil deeds be reprov'd. I want to take this word "light" and go a little further with it. As I read the different things this morning about these various men and what they are teaching, like who or what the antichrist is, where he will come from, this and that, I do not mean to say this arrogantly, but in a way I pity those men, because they are all so confused. I have to say to you, Are they really servants of light? Are they really preaching light? Do they even know what light is? I want to talk about the difference between spiritual light and spiritual darkness.

LETTING THE SCRIPTURES SPEAK

Turn with me to 1st Thessalonians. Let us notice how the apostle Paul spoke of the children of God back then. There came a time when Paul felt it necessary to preach something about the resurrection and how the saints of God would be benefitted by it. In the 4th chapter, starting with the 13th verse, let us

read, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, (Paul said that two thousand years ago, but I ask you, If he were still alive tonight, would he not say the same thing? Bro. Nelson was telling me last Sunday morning, that he had been talking to some person at work. The man was quite open to talk about the scriptures, but when it came to something being said about the rapture, the man said, well I don't believe it is necessary that we know when it is going to take place. We do not have to know right now, exactly when it will take place, but I just have to ask, is that man a child of light? Or is he just a man that has religion? I believe you everyone could answer that question. I have to believe there are a lot of people that have religion, but religion is not Christianity and it does not make you happy. It is just a belief without any of the promised blessings to those that love God. You can carry it in your pocket, but it is just a belief. You can argue about it, or you can just keep still about it. Salvation is something altogether different than religion. Salvation gives you a

feeling inside, that religion can never give. When you have true salvation you can say, I know what I believe, and I know in whom I believe, and I know why I believe what I believe. I am going to hold to it until that day comes. Paul had a reason to write like he did, something had been asked, that he felt it necessary to inform the Christian people there in the Thessalonian Church, in 54 A.D., when he said, but I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren...) concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, (Brothers and sisters, this is a divine revelation. He did not get this out of the Old Testament. God has given this to him by inspiration.) that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (or hinder) them which are asleep. (That is true. It does not matter what this intellectual world wants to say, there is no hope for

them, they were alive yesterday, but they are gone and we will never see them again. I have to say those that went in the ground, in the Lord, the day is coming that we are going to see them first.) For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, (These little words stand out so vividly, yet the religious world today does not seem to be interested in those particular words at all. It is just so many words to read.) with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: (There are three things there that stand out.) and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. There are many tonight saying, oh but the saints go through the tribulation. We know better, but they do not know how to read this. I have to say, They talk like that because they are not children of light. God is not going to let voices of darkness feed children of light. That is just common sense. Notice these words.) Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

Well if somebody just said, it does not matter when, that goes to show that kind of people are not even interested in when it is going to be: they are not even concerned when it is going to take place, so they are not even talking about it. I ask you, How can they comfort one another? With what? The reason I am bringing this out is to ask, Where are these children of light? What is the light? We are not finished here yet, so let us see what Paul talks about in the 5th chapter: it just comes right on down the line. "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh, as a thief in the night. (It is like that to the world, because they love darkness rather than light, and have pleasure in unrighteousness.) For when they (the world) shall say, Peace and safety; (they have it all figured out) then sudden destruction (On the children of light? No, it is on the children of darkness. Let us see how he wrote this.) cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; (The world, as a whole, does

not know what tomorrow will bring to this world. Neither do our politicians and educators know what is just about to take place in the Middle East. But what we are looking at and what we have been reading about in the last two years, lets you and I know, that fuse is not going to set there simmering forever. I have thought about this much of late: it is not only that this Islamic spirit is in the Middle East, because for the last number of years that Islamic spirit has been planted all over the world. There is no need of me standing here and naming it all to you. I have to say this, Since the 9/11 attack on our nation our leaders have said, we have to do something to get rid of this terrorism in the world. We want a new world order, but with this in the way, we have to get rid of it first. Well you and I know the politicians are not going to get rid of terrorism in a short time: it is going to involve several years of time, a lot of money, which means going deep in debt. However if we believe the scriptures, which gives us light and understanding of the situation, then I am compelled to

believe God has planned this whole thing to suddenly explode by surprise. It is not going to catch the children of light by surprise, they are looking for it. In fact, I am hoping for it. Do you know why? I want an opportunity to tell some of those broadcasters a few things. I want to send them a little e-mail note saying, If I had sent you this last week, you would have laughed at it, but now, come on, give me an answer. We have known for a long time that this was coming, but you would not have wanted to listen to anyone talking about it. Well let us go on here with our reading. Sudden destruction will come upon them, the world, not the children of light.) and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, (He is talking to you and me now. The ones he was writing the letter to at that time are dead, but these words still ring on down through the years of time. He is now talking to you and me.) are not in darkness.” Oh, I like that part. Men love darkness rather than light. Preacher, don’t preach that stuff to me, they will say: I don’t believe in that. Well, come around maybe a year and half from now

and tell me that same thing. I have to say brothers and sisters, When we look at the Bible the way the Bible portrays this picture of things, you and I know, when God does show His power in the Middle East to bring this whole thing to a picture the way He wants it, it is not something that is going to dwindle on and on and on with politicians bickering and fussing over it. It is going to be the conclusion of something that God has ordained and He is going to get glory out of it. Today, while the terrorists are planning their jihad here and there, ready to tear up things, we just know that God is still in control. When He gets through showing His power in the Middle East, it is going to cause young men all over this planet to change their former beliefs. That is why I say, especially to Christian young people, be faithful, you are children of light. You do not have to look at this thing with a big question in your mind. God is going to do this to let you know His Word is absolutely true. See verse 5, “Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of

the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, (As do those in the denominational structures. Well why don't you leave me alone, I don't know if I want to go to church today or not. Saints, I find it a great joy to go to the house of worship where my brothers and sisters are assembled to worship together and learn more about the coming of our Lord that has been so good to us.) but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in night; (How true. They sleep and snore. If you wake them up they say, Well I don't believe like you.) and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, (tribulation) but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." Let me word it like this, We are to see the light and walk in the light of our Lord Jesus Christ. When this miracle war begins to unfold in the Middle East, I believe the Spirit of God is going to start dealing with the heart's of His Bride people. He

is going to let you see how you are really going to stand out in an hour like this, when the world has been talking about everything but spiritual reality. You are going to say in your heart, Oh thank God, I know where I stand, I know what I believe, I know where we are and what we are waiting for. When this thing really does begin to fulfill the scriptures to the point that young men will come and tell the Jewish nation, I want to help you, what is that going to cause you and me to say? We are going to be able to say, Thank God: we have been right all along. Does that mean we are personally right? No, it is the grace of God that has made us able to receive revelation. He has called us to be children of light. I am grateful for this light. It is not something you play with: it is something you cherish. Any kind of light that you have, you and I know, from whatever means is used to cause that light to reflect and to be beneficial, you have to cherish it and take care of it, whether it is a lamp of kerosene or a candle. You have to be careful how you handle that light, lest you end up without

it. Light can be beneficial to you, but if it is tossed around any old way, then there comes a time the light can go out because of our ignorance and carelessness or indifference. I have read these scriptures to show you, we are the generation of children of light. It is going to be important for you, and me, to understand that there are some people in these end time days, that are going to have the picture right. Yes, foolish virgins are going through the tribulation period and there is going to be a bloodbath. They will be martyred because of their belief in God. Let me say this, The people that the world looks upon right now, as totally foolish and fanatical, (saying, Stay away from them: you don't want what they are promoting).... all have something inside of them that rings a bell loud and clear. They know truth when they hear it. When you hear those denominational preachers, regardless of how much they are acclaimed in the News Media, when they come out with some of these outlandish interpretations of the scriptures, it lets us know they are not sent to be

ministers to the Bride of Christ at any time. They are not ministering light. They are not a voice for light. They just have religion. I have to say, God did not have to choose us, He did not have to choose me, but I am so thankful that He did.

DAVID KORESH **WACO TEXAS AFFAIR**

What I want to say now is a little off the subject, but I will get back to it. Last Sunday I mentioned something about us having a president and some of the evil he did to the Waco people. I will say this; they were not children of light. First off, if they had been children of light, they never would have cultivated the concept of belief they had. What I have to say though, is what right did our president and/or Janet Reno have to destroy those people? Like I said last Sunday, why do they not destroy some of these Muslim terrorist? Right now Saudi Arabia is spending millions of dollars to educate their religious leaders in these mosques, to teach American people, both black and white, to become converted to that

belief. They are training some of these to be agents to carry on jihad as well. In the magazine I have, it tells that our intelligence sources know this, because they have spied on them, and they have found out that some of these agents are being trained to shoot certain people on the street corner, and to watch golf courses where predominant world figures, politicians and such, like to play golf, and assassinate the public figures. I just thought, if that one man, and that young boy, had the nation half way paralyzed through thirteen shootings, what do you think would go on if something like that happened in about thirty places across the nation? You would have society standing on their toes not knowing what to do. Listen to me, and do not think those who are planning these things are ignorant. They know why they are here. They know exactly why they have been sent here. I just want to say this; Thank God we are not part of that. I have here documents of investigation, what went on concerning Waco. When you read some of this, it makes you say down inside, this evil did not come

from the little man down on the street level. It was not even designed by him. I have to say, this never would have happened forty years ago, because we did not have public figures back then that thought evil about a cult or anything. Their idea was, they will run their course. But now our nation has chosen to walk in darkness, the politicians and educators cannot help but come up with devious ideas like this. I do not have enough time to read all these documents to you, but it shows over a hundred and some people, some little children, all were burned alive. Not by John Dillinger and his kind of gangster people, but by government agents who are carrying on a front that claims to be protecting our national security. Those people were not bringing the nation into any kind of danger whatsoever. Then at Ruby Ridge, they sent more of our agents in there to put an end to some people they thought were nuts. I do not approve of what they believe, but when they shot a baby in its mother's arms, I have to say that is as bad as what Hitler did. I cannot

commend the government for such atrocities, in a country that has turned itself over to darkness and evil. They are so scared that the wrong thing will get in the door; they fail to act on the real danger to our society. Just think, here we are later, when there really is danger at our doorstep, and I ask, why do they not do something now? Watch, I have said this before, God will make every one of these officials pay for this, what they did at Waco. I refer to that only to establish the point, we are a nation that is no longer a nation of light. They shut the light out. They boast of our technology, our science and so forth, but to me science is not worth a dime if it cannot benefit the little man down on the street level, who does the work and pays the tax bill. We open our borders to these illegal elements of international immigrants that do not come here like the old immigrants of years gone by. They come here because they want the icing off the cake. Our welfare agency, our Medicare, our Medicaid treasuries are being pumped dry to give them access to what a lot of our citizens need.

Those people are allowed to come into our country and siphon benefits, while the native people of America, both black and white that have been born and raised here, work hard, pay their taxes, then when something happens to them health-wise, they have to go through a long process of paperwork, trying to get a little help. Our nation is so wound up in technicalities; it is just about ready to snap at the heart strings.

GOING BEYOND COMMON SENSE

We are living in a time of foolishness and desperation. Why do I say that? I am thinking now of how quick so many are to sue someone. Common sense tells me there is a point of over suing for anything. I heard a couple months ago, concerning someone who was suffering from asbestos insulation problems that those industries in the past have been sued so much that those small industries are now bankrupt. (That type of insulation is not produced by any particular industry anymore.) They told the number of hundreds of thousands of dollars they were going to sue

for, and I just thought, America has become a nation of people that have lost their common sense. When I heard last week, that in Pennsylvania and Virginia both, in certain localities, doctors have already said they can no longer afford to keep malpractice insurance, the cost is so great. The reason I bring this out tonight is because our leadership has lost sight of reality, of decency, of principals and common sense. No man or woman was ever forced to smoke. If those who do smoke, now have cancer of the lungs, no one compelled them to smoke. Common sense will tell you that. Now they are suing tobacco companies because they produced the product that has made these people sick. To me, that entire idea is sick, because they were not forced to use the product and they have been constantly warned of the danger of smoking. We spend millions of dollars to try to educate people, telling them, don't smoke, it could cause lung cancer, yet they ignore the warning and smoke anyhow. I have to say, you bunch of educated hypocrites, why do you

not sue the liquor industry? I have never known of a home being broken up because of a man or woman smoking. I have heard of men stopping at a beer joint and spending their entire week's earning to get drunk before they get home from work on Friday. They then come home to a wife and children who need a livelihood, but he has already spent it on liquor. To me, common sense is common sense. Let us be sensible about what we are doing. The sad truth is, we have become a nation of darkness. When you live in darkness, your brain runs wild. We have people that just look for a means to sue something or someone for enough money that they can sit back on easy street the rest of their life. Common sense has gone down the drain. It has been flushed down the gutter of ignorance and stupidity. You cannot read such articles without getting angry. America, why have we become a nation that is so mean and unreasonable in certain things? Truck loads of money are spent to evade these certain issues. What a shame! Our leadership is walking

in utter darkness and it can only get worse.

THE SCRIPTURAL VIEWPOINT ON LIFE

I want to take you to Romans 13, verse 10, and let you hear how the apostle Paul taught his listeners in that period of time. He starts like this, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: (We have a lot of American people today, that grow up watching every step someone makes, and when you make a wrong one, they are ready to sue you, because it has become a habit in this hour of time. Suing has become a pattern of life for a certain element of people in our day. I remember a time when we did not have a lot of lawyers advertizing on TV all the time. We now have them coming out our ears. They pop up every little bit, if you have had an accident call me, if you have had this disease, call me, really encouraging people to sue.) Therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (I have to say this, Regardless of whether your neighbor is a Catholic or professes nothing, live by him and conduct yourself right. I had a phone call the

other day, from a character that calls me once in awhile. I do not get a chance to say anything. He talks all the time. What has God showed you of late, Bro. Jackson? Oh I tell you, he is so great isn't He? He showed me this the other day. He said, my wife and I were going to Sodom-Wall, you know what that is, don't you? I said, what is it? He said, it is Wal-Mart. I thought, you poor character, what did you go for? That is stupidity. While you are in the world, you do not have to act like the world. While you are here you make the best of it, you do not have to fellowship with all of those you meet up with. Only God knows when you might be out on the highway and have a flat tire, and you left the jack at home. Along comes one of those old hypocrites that you snubbed your nose at last week in Wal-Mart, and pulls up behind you and asks, Can I help you? Love worketh no ill.) And that, knowing the time that now it is high time (Yes, now it is time.) to awake out of sleep: (stop snoring) for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand:

let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, (Let us not live like them, let us not talk like they do.) and let us put on the armor of light.” I like that, if we get our senses right and we know who we are and what we believe, we can walk through the filthiest place on the face of this earth and it does not have to contaminate us. I do not say that you choose to, but if you are compelled by circumstances to walk through there, then just walk through there and say, God give me grace that none of this hangs on to me. “Let us walk honestly, as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.” I would have to say, in the light of what is going on right now in America, young people, prepare yourselves, so you will not be caught up in deeds of darkness. Let us always be thankful for what we do know and what God has done for us. There are a lot of things you can see in this generation that just simply disgusts you, but that does not mean you

have to open your mouth and say something that makes you a spectacle in a public place. That is what some of these “holier than thou” types of religious characters do. They are so holy, they cannot go here, and they cannot go there, because it is all Sodom. Concerning them, I would have to say, Maybe the Lord should just shut them up in a cave somewhere, and let them live in the darkness that way. I am thankful, that a few years back I met a little man, and all I had to do was watch that man, how he lived and taught. It did not matter what kind of man he came in contact with, a farmer that maybe did not believe in anything, but Bro. Branham was not a man that would make another man feel out of place. He made him feel at ease. Yes, he was a prophet, but he was not all the time preaching to a stranger. I remember when he first came down to my home. My father-in-law always went to the Methodist Church, but you never heard him talking about salvation or anything. Bro. Branham made my father-in-law feel at ease. Every time he would come around it was,

Mr. Funk, how are the cattle doing, how are the crops doing? He would talk on your level whoever you were. I have to say, while in this world, though not of the world, we can let our light shine. Did not Jesus say, "Ye are the light of the world" What else did He say? "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. That was not just idle talk: we are to do that in our every day life.

A PREVIEW OF THE END TIME

I will now ask you to open your Bibles to Isaiah 60: I want to use this scripture to finish our subject. As we see the world tonight, Europe is in darkness. I believe it was Friday night they announced in the World News, that there is a wave of anti-Semitism going through France right now. Many of the Jews are leaving and heading back to the land of Israel. Some are going other places. I can see where a lot of them will wind up. They will wind up in America. My point in saying that is to show you, when the nations of Europe no longer

uphold a religious standard of anything about Jesus Christ, you can see why the nations as a whole go under spiritual darkness. Then when we see America like it is tonight, it just lets us know we are moving fast toward the ending of time. I am not going into details about the war in the Middle East, but it is going to take place not too far in front of us. God is going to use it to open the eyes of people who sit in darkness. It is not to give them salvation. Listen carefully. It will not give people salvation, but it will be a means that God will use to cause them to change their attitude, and they will open their eyes and have a respect for the knowledge of God. It is God's way of separating them from the midst of the filth, that one day when Jesus does come; He will destroy all that filth with the sword that goes out of His mouth. I hope you have understood my statement. He does it, not to give them salvation, but to preserve them, so that He can carry them on through into the Millennium. Something has to happen to a lot of these people so that there can be some people out

of every nation, that He will see fit to rule and reign over. You are not going to reign over people that have salvation. Mortals that have salvation will not be carried over into the Millennium. How many understand that? You, as the bride of Christ are going to reign over people who are still mortal in their flesh. It is not because they have salvation, it is because their mind has been turned away from heathenism, atheism, demonism, to believe and respect God. Therefore when we see the world like it is right now, I have to say God is setting the stage. The stage is the Middle East. When He pulls the curtain back, all actors will be in place. The greatest biblical story that has unfolded in a long time is going to transpire right before the eyes of the world. From the Far East to the Middle East, the world is going to be able to see it all on their television screen. When I read that prophecy of Micah, how it says the heathen will come crawling out of their holes, when they behold, which means see, how the hand of God has been manifested right before their eyes, it lets me know

that prophet knew what to say, and how to say it, just in the right place, to fit a precise time. We have a lot of religion around today, the Amish, the Mennonites, Pilgrim Holiness; they would not have a TV in their house. They know how to dress holy, but they are as spiritually blind as the Church of Christ. Do not ever think that just having a holy look is going to cause you to escape the wrath of God. There were a lot of Pharisees in the days when Jesus walked among them, that were as holy looking as anyone could be. Do you know what Jesus called them? He called them a generation of vipers, whited walls. I say to everyone, do not hide behind religion. If you do not have an understanding burning in your heart, that is causing you to be happy as a child of God should be, then a holy look may be all you have, just religion, no salvation. The Hindu's have religion, and so do the Buddhists. God is going to let this war in the Middle East be conducted so they will all see it. When you can see a young Buddhist going to some institution of learning over there, to learn how

to be a construction engineer, when he sees the Middle East through the TV screen, what the Jewish God has done, then I can say, Every Islam, whether in Indonesia, the Philippines, India, Pakistan, or where, God is going to make them get in front of that TV and watch the scene. When they have to sit there with their mouth gapped open, and they shudder to see the reality of a Great God, I will say to the News Media, shame on you, you will print it then or you will die from a heart attack. We have an element of educated philosophers today, that are nothing but hypocrites, because they think like the devil and act like him. Oh they can crow now, but one of these days they will be biting their fingernails. It is going to happen at a time when the whole world is in darkness; even when the Jewish nation is in darkness. Let us see, here in this 60th chapter of Isaiah, something that he saw a long time ago. There came a time when Isaiah picked up the binoculars of prophecy and looked down through the span of time and saw this very day and hour we are living in. The

words that came from his mouth are recorded. “Arise, shine; (he is talking to Israel) for thy light is come, (For two thousand years the devil has dragged you from nation to nation, from pig pen to slaughter house, butchered, and made fun of those left alive. You have been spit upon and enslaved. As Ezekiel said, the day will come when you will say, I would to God it was evening, and when evening comes, you would say, would to God it was morning. Why? Because every day you will be filled with frustration, confusion, doubt and fear. Well that is just about to be changed.) and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. (Oh Brothers and sisters, I do not know what I will be preaching when those days come, I might just stand here, jump up and down and shout Hallelujah! When God sets this thing on fast forward in the Middle East, the Christian people in different nations, that have lived in a constant state of hostility and fear because the devil has shut them up, are going to look up. When the news of that light beginning to shine on Israel comes and shows God’s divine favor,

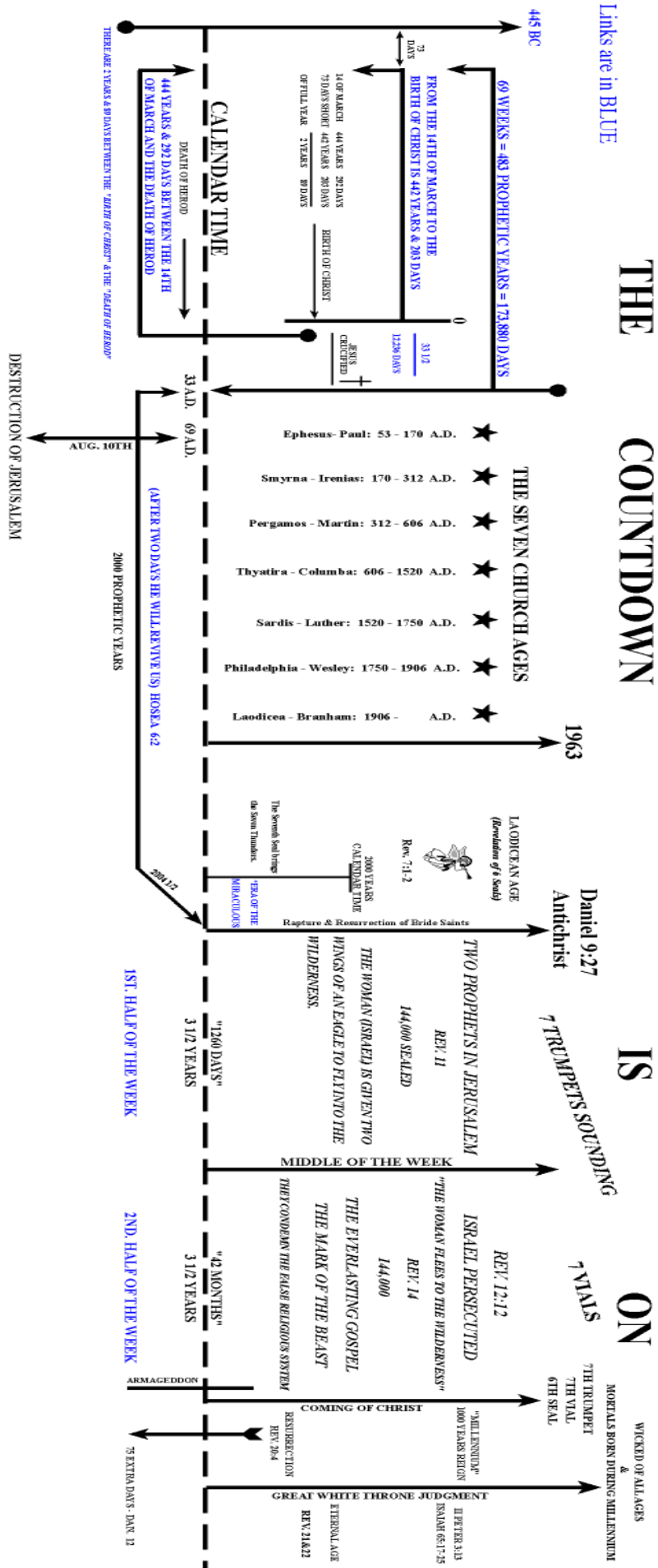
arise and shine, thy light has come. God's favor is going to shine on the apple of His eye. The glory of the Lord has risen upon thee, while the rest of the world has gone to sleep, the light is shining on Israel. It is shining so bright that not even the News Media can shut it out.) For, behold, the darkness (spiritual darkness, atheism) shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: (You cannot tell them anything now.) but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light." That lets me know, right now there are nations, some little, some big, that are standing at the crossroads of political decision making, not knowing which way to go. But when this thing is all over, they are going to know which way to cast their vote.

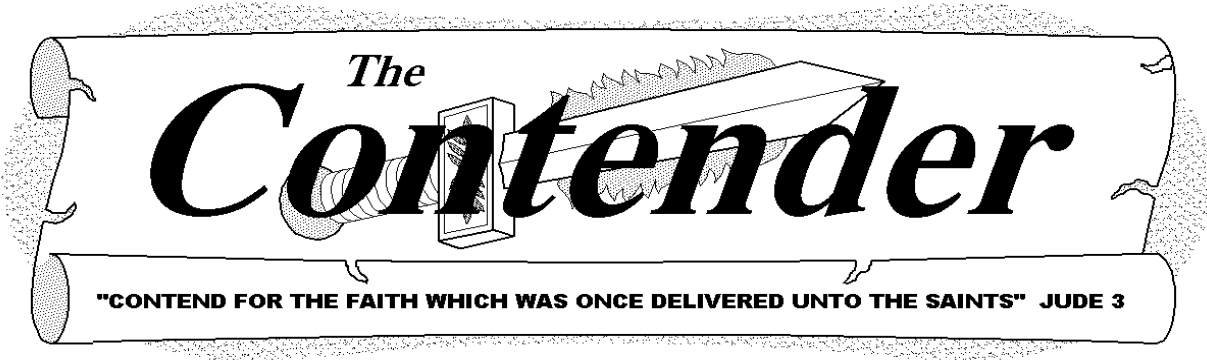
THE OUTCOME OF GOD'S INTERVENTION

When you read on down through Isaiah 60, and read the outcome, the Gentiles will come, and God said He would milk the breasts of kings. That means He will cause politicians, and no, they are not

going to take up an offering, God is going to cause the heart of kings to say, we will give you so many billion dollars to help you in this reconstruction. God said, the nation that will not minister unto thee in that day, I will waste them, or bankrupt them. They will either come to God's light and serve Him in it, or they will live on in darkness and walk off into oblivion. I hope you can see that when this does happen the whole world has been living in spiritual darkness. America tonight, what a shame, a nation that has been so blessed of God, turning into almost total darkness. I am thankful tonight, that we are children of light and we can be wise. It is not how much education we have that makes us wise. It is the light of truth that has put something in our hearts that changed us from children of darkness to children of light. I am so thankful. I would not trade what I know tonight about God, for the best theological degree anyone can have. If they would just give it to me, I would reject it. I heard a preacher one time say this, out in Illinois in a dean's office, in a certain university, where there is a plaque hanging on the wall with a picture of a bumble bee on it. Under

that is the these words written, due to the law of aerodynamics and the law of relativity, it is scientifically proven that a bumble bee, due to his wing span and the weight of his body, is unable to fly, but the bumblebee doesn't know that, so he goes ahead and flies anyway. He said, that says it all. So young people, if you go to get a job now, maybe just to flip hamburgers, you do not have to know how many pints are in half a gallon, just as long as you have a diploma to hang on the wall. It is a shame. We have become a nation walking in darkness. What an hour. It is sad, but God knows exactly how to take the veil off of some of those mortal people out there, so I say to you, Hold on to the light, cherish it, let it shine wherever you are. You cannot hang this light in a tree: it is made to shine in you and from you. Did not Jesus say, Ye are the light of the world? That is worthy of repeating. Again He said in so many words, you are like a city sitting on a hill. In other words, seen from every direction. May God help us; and may His blessings abide on those who walk in His light. Amen.





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