

We are a very unique people in a very unique time in human history and we've gone through a lot to be where we are today. As I was thinking about this particular sermon series, even in the last two years beginning with 2008 we've covered a lot of ground, we really have (and we're going to talk about some of those things in this series at some point), but much has happened, it truly has. As I was thinking about this sermon series I was struck by how much we've gone through in just two years time and how quickly it actually went by. And then, as I look forward and think about how much time we have remaining, we have less than that period of time in front of us as far as what we're looking to go through; to think that in less than 17 months now Jesus Christ will be on this earth is really almost impossible to fathom, to comprehend. It's why we're a very unique people in a very unique time in all human history. And yet, we think about where we are and what's taking place and it really is awesome.

It really is awesome to realize how blessed we are to live at this time; yet some within this time that is remaining will turn away from the truth. It's always been that way. Something that's a marvel to me, how that through time ever since I've been in the Church... and it was in that way in the beginning. Paul had to address some of those things in scripture that in some cases it didn't take too long before different ones turned away from the truth. You think at this late date now... How could that ever happen? And we're going to cover some of that in this specific series because you don't want that to happen to you. It's already happened since the Feast, and I *hate* seeing it happen, the decisions, the choices sometimes that people make; these things don't happen overnight. They don't just all of a sudden happen.

You have to understand there are certain things that you need to do and you need to be focused upon, and that brings us to the title of this particular sermon series. The title of this is *Vision – Part 1*.

I'm going to do a lot of reading in this particular portion of this series and probably in some other portions of this series as well as we go through this because we're going to have different sermons; kind of like the last series, we had certain things tied together as far as a flow and so forth but different sermon titles, and this is going to be very much like that.

There is a very basic and well known scripture to most of the older members here that when you talk about 'vision' there's one that a lot of people have heard the subject in past sermons, and it's over in the book of Proverbs. Proverbs 29: we're going to focus on this, especially in this particular sermon, in a very strong way. It's a very powerful verse. It simply says... **Proverbs 29:18 - Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he who keeps the law, happy is he.**

This is an incredibly important verse and the words say so very much. Although I've known this particular scripture from the beginning of my calling and have heard sermons given about this, or at least this has been included as a part of a theme of the sermon, and I'm pretty certain I've even heard sermons with that particular title as well, speaking of vision, the need for vision and the like. I've even included this in various sermons in times past, and although I've done that I haven't known the magnitude and the importance of what is being said here to the degree that I certainly do now in a stronger way. That's what's exciting about God's word anyway... it's amazing how we grow and we see certain verses, certain scriptures in the Bible and as we grow and mature then there are things in some of the same verses later on we'll read and we see something we didn't see before and it'll tie in with

other places in the Bible and make it come alive in a more powerful way. That, to me, is always an inspiring thing that takes place when you talk about scripture and talk about the Bible and God's way of life.

First let's look at this word for 'vision'. It's a word that's used much as we would use, in the same sense, of being able to look forward into time and future events - 'vision'; just as much as we would use some of the use of the word today. It's a matter of grasping current events in time and being able to more clearly see where something is headed because of past insight or even present insight into something. And so it's this ability to deal with things of our past, things of our present and looking forward. We make decisions like that in life. We desire to have a particular vision about things in our life, of where we might be headed. We want to see clearly the potential, the possibilities, and so we make choices according to those.

But when it comes to God's way of life this becomes even far more important as to what this is talking about and Biblically this word is often closely associated with the concept of prophecy, when you talk about vision, when you look at some of these words in the Old Testament especially. And this word comes from a word that is most often translated as 'see'; and can be literal in the sense of what you see, vision from your ability to physically see. But it's so often, as it is in the same in the New Testament in the usage of being able to 'see' we talk about something spiritual, the ability to 'see' God's Word, God's way of life and prophetic things; the ability to 'see' the things we do is something that is spiritual in the mind. And so this is how this word is used a great deal and translated oftentimes. It has to do with the ability to perceive what needs to be seen and what needs to be understood.

For us, just as in a literal dictionary definition of 'vision', this means 'the ability to anticipate possible future events and developments'. But for us it's a matter of far more than something that's just possible, future events, because they're absolute for us. We know, *God has told us* there are things that are coming and so much of what it is and so forth, and has given us a clearer 'vision' if you will – prophecies and prophetic vision of His Word, of His way of life, of where we are in time.

When I was putting this sermon together I couldn't help but think about the Seals and how God began to sharpen our vision, helping us to understand *why* things had just taken place within the Church, *why* we'd gone through an apostasy and beginning to understand what had to occur and how different areas of II Thessalonians 2 and things in Revelation and how God's word began to fit together there, things we weren't as sharp in, we weren't ready for before. We had been told about an apostasy in times past, but we had no comprehension; and then when it all started happening and the different things that began to happen as we came to understand that Seals had already been opened and God gave us vision then of things in the future, of what was coming. We knew that it was getting closer and closer because if you're already through the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Seal and then all of a sudden you come to a point in time and God shows you that you're in the 5th...and then all of a sudden the 6th – the vision get's sharper and sharper. It's prophetic. We begin to see a clearer picture of why things are happening, of why the focus was more upon the Church.

Going back in time in the Church, in Worldwide, and talking about some of these kinds of things and talking about the Seals... we had this concept that when the 1st Seal was opened we're talking about great war. By the time you get into the Seals a little bit farther, we're talking about *massive* war. And we never understood this was about the Church. We never comprehended that these things were about, and that the focus God was giving was about His people, it was about the Church and what had to happen in the end-time.

And so again, as we've gone along through this period of time (since the apostasy), God has sharpened our vision...but we've lost a lot of people. A lot of people have gone by the wayside because somewhere along the line they begin to lose the vision, they begin to lose the picture of what had transpired, why it had transpired, where we were at that moment in time, and what was coming fast upon us. And that's always frustrating when those things take place because you hate to see people go by the wayside for whatever reasons and whatever choices or whatever things happen in their life. But somewhere along the line the vision begins to be blurry and begins to be dimmed, if you will, and it isn't there anymore.

Because if your vision is strong, if it is *sharp, especially as it should be right now in understanding there is less than 17 months left...* and *realizing even though it's hard to grasp it, that Jesus Christ is almost here – He's going to be on this earth in a short time...* again, it's a *hard to grasp*, but we believe it, we see it, we know it and that's a very spiritual thing. But to be strong spiritually and that ability to remain that way...you can lose it. And from time to time I see things happening in people's lives and I realize at times that the vision isn't as sharp as it should be. I see, sometimes, backsliding that takes place and I hurt inside because I think to get it back on track something's going to happen in your life to shake you, to sober you – hopefully and prayerfully. Most of the time though, which is exciting too, is that especially since this last Feast of Tabernacles, I see more zeal and more enthusiasm and more excitement toward God's way of life. You don't want to lose that! But you can... some already have and some are backsliding...and that's extremely dangerous.

Just because there's only 17 months left – less than that – just because we are where we are in time doesn't give any guarantees that all of a sudden certain things can happen in your life and then all of a sudden you won't make a wrong choice to go in wrong directions or do wrong things or give in and quit the fight and quit the battle.

That's why we're focusing on this particular sermon subject in the beginning of going through many things having to do with where we've been, where we are in time and where we're rapidly heading...and putting it all together and keeping this vision in front of you because the sharper that is.... It's like in times past when I continued to encourage people to focus on the Truths you have, which is very much associate with that because it all comes together; because if you focus on the Truths that God has given to you – the 50 – 57 now, it is awesome. But you've got to keep focused on those things because that is what helps you to receive and have the kind of vision that God wants you to have. And where any of those points are weak in your life you've got to cry out to God to help you to see, to help you to be inspired, moved, and motivated, excited and be able to see a complete picture then that is strong, that's powerful. Because there are a lot of things, just as there always have been, that will pull at you. It's easy to turn away if you don't keep focused and don't have the kind of vision that God wants us to have.

And so again, how well can you see? How well can *you* 'see'? What kind of 'vision', in other words, do you have? What is your vision of where we are in time and what is in front of us?

And again, the strength of such vision, of such faith is what God has given us to see. It's something that God has to give. It's like agape, God's love. You can't just work it up. You can't decide in the morning when you get up that you're just going to have it in your life, if you just happen to think about it, if you happen to think about God's love that day. It just doesn't work that way. It's spiritual and it comes from God, the source is God. This, the ability to be stirred, to be moved, to be motivated, to be excited, that nothing's going to come along in any fashion or form that causes doubt, the ability to keep on that track

and keep focused, to have that vision of where we are and where we're going is a spiritual thing. It's very spiritual. It comes from God. You can't *work it up!* It's something that God has to give to us through the power of His holy spirit.

So doubts, lack of zeal, weakness in battle, confusion or inability to grasp doctrine, lack of unity, fear of the future and so forth most often reflect a lack of or a definite weakness in vision, it truly does. And it is, again, a very spiritual matter in life. **Where there is no vision, the people perish:** and for this verse, for us, this is very much about the ability, the strength, the clarity, the confidence in what we see prophetically for these end-times.

Notice how these words are used for 'vision' for people back here in Daniel; turn over to the book of Daniel just to see how this particular word is used. So much of this in the book of Daniel is about prophecy. Daniel 10:14 - This is the occasion where the angel came along to speak to Daniel to tell him certain things about the future. You go through different scriptures here and different times of things that have happened and battles, wars and so forth that are fought even in the spirit world and on this particular occasion he's talking to Daniel and he says (**Daniel 10:14**) - **Now I am come to make you understand**, in other words, 'to see' **what shall befall your people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days, or for the vision is yet for many days.** In other words, other translations talk about how that 'the vision is for a long time yet,' or a 'time yet to come in the future'. So again here, it's just the ability to 'see' and the understanding here that there are certain things that are given. The angel was sent to give more understanding or certain insight to Daniel to be able to see; but to let him know too, "This isn't for your time; this is for something that'll happen in the future." And the ability to give the people the ability to 'see' and have this 'vision' is for *their* time – it's for our time!

So many of the things that were even given in Daniel as you go on and we talk about, in chapter 12, it's for our time, so many things that had to do with the end-time and for people farther in time. So much of what is written in the prophets; I think of Ezekiel whose prophecies were toward Israel. He started prophesying to Israel about captivity and different things that were going to take place *after* it had already happened. So what's that all about? Made fun of... mocked and so forth – things that take place because people don't understand what God is doing. And yet they're about the future – a lot farther into the future of things that would happen in the Church – much of what Ezekiel has to say is about the Church. And much of what Ezekiel has to say has to do with specific nations that are going to happen at the very end-time and so forth.

All of this in Daniel has to do with, in this particular case here, prophetic events and the ability, the confidence if you will, to see the fulfillment – before the fulfillment actually happens. See, we believe! The ability to believe, the ability to *see*, to *know* these things are coming without doubt. Because what happens out here to people? ...and we're going to go into '2008 – God's Final Witness' because sometimes we read into, just as people have for a long, long time into this book [Bible], there are things that take place and so we read into it from our perspective, from our understanding at that moment in time or what we think we're reading. That's why we're going to go through this and talk about some of these things that are prophetic and what God gives, even there, and how things have happened and why they're happening the way they are and to have confidence in that and boldness in that.

I think of the one thing that God has given to help strengthen, if you will, even an ability to see where we are in time, because everything we've addressed through time if you look at it from the beginning has never happened like we thought it would, like what we had in our mind. If you go back in Worldwide and the things we had there – there were a lot of things we had to work through. It's very

difficult for people who are scattered out there when they begin to read certain truths or things that are even very basic; Petra for example. That's hard for some people! Because we had this concept: "It's a place over in Jordan. It's a place where people are going to flee in the last 3½ years. It's a place where God's going to take everyone in the Church and we're going to be protected from everything that takes place." There are some people who can't get past that. There are some people who just... it's hard to grasp... when you have a certain concept in your mind, you're *in* God's Church and you've proven certain things to yourself, then you have something happen and you're told that this is about God?! That God is your Petra?! It's all about God?! ...that He's your protection, your place of protection – it's not about a physical thing. That sometimes is hard for people.

I think of the 1st Seal. There are people out there waiting for the 1st Seal to be opened because they don't see world war yet, they don't see Europe doing what it's going to do in time; and yet to grasp and comprehend... that's why it's going to be so hard for some scattered ones out there. "You're saying that it's not going to be for 3½ more years?!" I mean, it's going to be very difficult because until Europe does what it does, until there's massive war it's going to be very difficult for people who are scattered to even address that one. And they don't know, "No, we're almost at the end now, it's almost over. Hold on! Hold fast!"

It's difficult, just like some of the concepts we've had in thinking regarding what would happen when the 7th Seal was opened. I have to address things in my mind because... I got past the 1st Seal and God showed what it was all about and He showed this was about the Church; this is about the apostasy and the man of sin and the son of perdition. And we were able to see those things then and come to say, "Yeah, I see; now I understand. I see what we already went through!" That was looking back having vision, what this is talking about is prophecy and finally seeing something that began to help us to start to look forward...the 2nd, 3rd seals... when are these? And then it wasn't until we were past some of those that we began to understand what they were. And so some things haven't happened exactly as we thought they might and when we thought they might.

I think of the 7th Seal when it was opening. I didn't know what to expect. I thought, "Is something going to happen?" And as we got closer to it God began to show and I began to see that no... and then I marvel! I think of how things have always fit together. I've marvelled at the timing of things on the calendar. I'm telling you these things because these things ought to help you marvel to where your vision is *strong*, to where you understand, mathematically even, talking about things that pictures Satan and a period of time of December 25th. What pictures a particular time here when things begin to happen and the 7th Seal was opened; and then 1335 days, 1290 days, and then to have the Feast of Trumpets fall where they do and Pentecost in May 27, 2012. And mathematically on a calendar, to *put all those together, is an awesome thing!* I don't know what the odds are, but they're *extremely* low. Go out and get a lottery ticket! What are the odds of winning this last lottery with all of the millions upon millions of tickets that were bought, incredibly small! To put a few of those dates together, to put one or two of the dates together is one thing – but to put it all together?! It blows the mind! But sometimes we lose '*sight*' of those things that should be *inspiring* to us, that should *move* us to help us to keep *focused* and to be *excited* about what God is doing in our life and to *know we know and know that we know what is true!*

Doubt should never enter in, but sometimes it does. If you have people harassing you, you have a certain diet of certain things in your life, of certain people who are harassing you because...family or whatever it might be and they're saying various things and you begin to... "I wonder..." and you get weaker and weaker because of that possibly plus other things perhaps in your life, battles you're

fighting. And after a while, if you're not careful, the vision begins to leave you. What kind of *boldness*? What kind of vision do we have of where we are?

That's why I'm ultra-excited, if you will, about God revealing a very powerful thing to us; and that is about marching around the city until finally on the last day – 7 times, and all that took place *finally* on that particular day and things seem to be moving in that particular direction. We look at the time periods we're in. God gave us understanding of what 'Time, Times and a Half a Time' were prophetically, what this is all about. A period of time that was shorter, but yet fits within a period of time of 1260 days, if you will, and yet it's separate and it's different in what it teaches and what it gives. And that's going to become even more important for us as time goes forward – each period of time. And sometimes I have to go back and look at the chart; 280 days, you look at a 'Time' and then you realize the *last one* -- it says '*a Half a Time*'. Time... sometimes we just want time to get by! Sometimes we want time... "I wish we were there!" But that isn't the way it works and it isn't the way you grow, and isn't the way others grow out here.

God is preparing so many things out here to take place. That's why I marvel at the power of God; when you think about the Universe, and the more you delve into it and you see what's out there, you see what God has created, and it's so vast and so awesome...and that God Almighty sustains it all – everything! Just like the walls in this room – they are moving! We can't see them moving, but they're *moving* so fast you can't even comprehend it! And most of it's filled with space if you only could see it and know it! That's awesome! I can't see through it; but it's mostly filled with space, because of little electrons, protons and neutrons... whatever. I get lost and I have to go back and look at the textbook. And to realize just like in space, most of it... the *space* that's out there is *far greater* than what is in it! And things we can't comprehend about the power of God to sustain every bit of it – and to grasp what He's getting ready to do in the lives of so many people that He's preparing.

Just like at the funeral that was held today, I know there are going to be people who are going to be brought along who were there, who are not in this room, but people who were there that are going to be awakened, some for the first time in their life to see what is true, others who have known certain things in the past. I'm looking forward to that. It was hard today; close to giving my first speech – *hard*! I *hate* speaking in that kind of an environment, but I couldn't help but keep thinking about different ones out there and looking forward to a time, whenever it is, whether it be soon or whether it be later; but I really look forward to the ones who are soon. It's exciting! When people are reawakened from the past or awakened for the first time – it's inspiring!

And so things are fitting together so powerfully, so mighty that we're going to talk about within this series here; and the ability to see it all and to have such great confidence in it and boldness in it because it's coming together more powerfully all the time. Because you see, I fear for some, that the farther we go through time here – by the time we get to the Feast...will someone else have left? Because I believe some will. I believe some of you who are new... I don't know that you can make it to the Feast of Tabernacles because this is a great spiritual war! It is for you and what you're fighting in your life! Don't underestimate it! Don't think it can't happen to you! Don't *ever* think that certain things and certain warnings can't happen to you! Just like Peter when he said, "I'll not deny You!" Don't *ever think that something CAN'T HAPPEN TO YOU – because it CAN!* All the more *important* that you do what we're going to be covering in this sermon series here, about staying close to God, of keeping focused, of seeking that vision to be strong in your life, to be able to 'see' with great inspiration! But you've got to work at it and you've got to want it with all your being and you've got to fight for it *to the end*, whatever

that end is! This is not a time to let down! This is not a time because we know, “Oh well, we know we have 17 more months, we’ll kind of wait around for it to happen.” It’s not a time for that!

It’s not a time for thinking, “Well, now we can make it!” Don’t do that! Don’t get into a frame of mind that because we’re so close that you know that even if you got a little weaker that all of a sudden when certain things happen in the world you’re going to be right there on the spot, *right here in the Church of God – PKG!* That’s no guarantee, because by that time you may be so weak that you’ll latch onto something else or something will be so strong in your life, or sin can become so strong because of being cut off from God, or being so weak spiritually you can’t resist. *Just EXACTLY as we were told about an apostasy – the entire Church of God...and look what happened to every one of us!* Because I would have said, “That can’t happen to me.” If I would have been told, I’d said that, “Not going to happen to me! Not going to get sleepy.” I had a hard enough time after it was all over with admitting it – because it talks about slumbering and sleeping – because in my mind slumbering means you’re kind of drifting off a little bit but you’re not asleep yet. “*I wasn’t asleep yet!*” I couldn’t... it took me a little while to get to the point where I could say, “I fell asleep! It was more than slumbering and kind of dozing off here.” We all did! Amazing!

So don’t think that it can’t happen to *you*, because it can; and to some it will. Not everyone who is in PKG will be there at the end. And some choices, especially for those who are new, God has called you for a purpose! To give you the opportunity to go through it and be there on the other side, to have an awesome life in a new age... awesome beyond anything you can comprehend, truly!

So again, some, and thankfully only a very few, have already lost the ability to see, they’ve lost the vision that God first gave to them. I made a comment about how many more half a times. Because you see, this thing about ‘Half a Time’ is going to be very important before it’s over with. ‘Time, Times and a Half a Time’ – because a lot of things are going to happen in ‘a Half a Time’. And the vast majority of things are going to happen toward the end of ‘a Half a Time’. As a matter of fact, the greatest of things that happen ... *if you can keep in your mind sermons we went through during Passover period* – and if you can keep in your mind about the life of Jesus Christ and what He went through. *Do we grasp and comprehend how much is written there that HAPPENED IN THE LAST 2½ to 3 weeks time? It is ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE what happened over the last two weeks of His life.* His ministry was 3½ years, but what happened in the last two weeks was awesome! And so even if the period of time we call ‘a Half a Time’ at the end, the vast majority of what’s going to take place, the vast majority of *my job*, the vast majority of *her job*, doesn’t happen until the last ‘Half a Time’ and a lot of it doesn’t happen until we’re well into it! That’s an awesome thing to understand! There are people who wanted it to begin on the first day! “Well, I haven’t heard anything from her...” (chuckle, chuckle, chuckle). You know how people are. And you think, “Well, wait around if you’re able to.”

And so it’s awesome how God has moulded and fashioned and prepared everything that’s in front of us and it is awesomely exciting – if you will hold fast, if you’ll hold onto what He’s given. To understand the importance of that last ‘Half a Time’, and I’m getting way ahead in this series here so we’ll come back to that. But it’s an awesomely important time, just as it was in marching around that city with the example of Jericho. Every day they had to go through a process, but it wasn’t until the last *time* that everything came together very powerfully so. If you take nothing else from this sermon, spiritually take that with you.

I think of a few, thankfully a very few, who have already lost the ability to see and lost the vision that God gave to them. When that happens, where does one stand? Will God draw such a person back after

He's given them so much? The reason I mention that is because a church fell asleep, a lot of people, after they'd been given so much. And when you read prophecies in the Bible sometimes I am struck by things that are said about Israel and what they did and what they did in the wilderness for forty years – but they didn't have God's spirit. *We did! OURS is the far GREATER SIN and condemnation* than what the Israelites in the wilderness *ever* did. And if you grasp that you grasp something on a spiritual plane that is so needful and so important. Our sin was *far, far greater* than what the Israelites did in the wilderness, it truly was. Do we grasp that? Because we had God's spirit within us, dwelling in us - *they didn't*. Our sin was far greater if you understand.

And so, if you're one of a *very few on this earth* who have had the opportunity to be called *at the very end, after the 1st Seal* has been opened, after the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Seals were opened during a period of the 6th Seal... if you had the ability to be enlightened and God drawing you to become a part of the Body of Christ – if you have been given *such TREASURE, so much in your life, SUCH OPPORTUNITY* to live into an awesome age in a very short time from now... and if you turn your back on it, or you don't hold it up for the value that it is, for what God has given to you... Do you think that God *owes* it in any fashion or form to make sure you're on the other side if you turn away from it now? Because you see, those who turn away from it have done some horribly, horribly, horrifying things and I think probably that some who are listening today, if they are, who have done that, think that, "Well, once I *see*... once I see Europe do what they're going to do...once I *see that* I'll be back... if it proves to be true." No you won't. That is no guarantee in any fashion or form because the time between now and then your life will become so much weaker on a spiritual plane, and just as with the Church, there aren't many out of 96,000 people who were baptized who are going to have opportunity to live into the next age, to be reawakened again, awakened out of sleep. There aren't many... so *most* who sinned have to wait a thousand years.

I hate to think that there are some listening today who are waiting... How many of you are out there? We know there are a lot of people that listen out there that aren't a part of us. Every once in a while we have someone that comes along and lets us know how long they were out there listening. How long are you going to wait? How long? Like I said one time in a sermon, "How long are you going to stay on the pot?" Over in the Netherlands, over in Europe they had a hard time understanding what that meant because all they could think of was the usage of it in that part of the world, something smoked. No, we're not talking about that kind. And so how many of you are straddling the fence? Do you think you can straddle the fence and at some point in time make the jump and jump into it? Do you think God's just going to leave it an open door forever? What's holding you back? Only you can answer that.

I have hope; I have desire for people that as soon as they see the truth that they embrace it. And there's great wisdom in that – to hold onto it with all of your being because there's your opportunity. How long will you have that opportunity? So I hope after today's sermon and after a few other sermons here that there'll be some of you who are just listening with a wait and see attitude, to understand *it doesn't work that way*. *It doesn't work that way!*

As I said, repeating it again – thankfully only a very few have lost the ability to see; they have lost the vision that God *first* gave to them. And I asked then, "What happens? Where does one stand?" It's not a good place to stand. It's a very dangerous state to be in.

So again, **Proverbs 29:18 - Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he who keeps the law, happy is he.** Interesting the word 'keeps' – it's exactly what it means but translations in the meaning of this word include 'to observe, to guard, to watch.' Sound like things we have heard out of the New

Testament, Matthew 24, and other places? This is how it's used here in Proverbs, 'to keep, to observe, to watch, to be on guard', to understand what that means spiritually. It's even used as 'a guard or a watchman'. And God gives each person that responsibility in their life – just like the New Testament usage.

Then tie in with that this particular word here, the word for 'law' and how it's used throughout the Old Testament in different places, especially when it's connected to something like the word 'vision' and being able to 'see', because so often that has to do with prophecy and prophetic things. Because things about the law are not just about the Ten Commandments. It has to do with what God has *told you*, what God has *instructed you*, what God has *given you*. And a lot of those things have to do with things that are prophetic. And so you'll find priestly laws or like the Ten Commandments and the principles there and so forth, and you find 'law' has to do with that which has to do with what is prophetic in nature because it's the Word of God, it comes from God, God tells us how to do various things, what we should be doing in our life, where we should be focused in our life; and if we refuse that or disobey that...just like many of the Truths we have that are truths. It's a matter of obedience to those things; it truly is, because it affects our life. How do we live our life? You live your life in a completely different way than others are living it out there when you believe all that you believe and how you function each day and how you look forward in time and what you're doing as you're preparing for what's coming and how you think about those things. It affects you mightily in your life!

And so the 'law' includes the teaching and instruction that God has given in the written law of how mankind is to live and what we're to obey; and it's used in the law given to the priesthood, as I mentioned, in their duties, and includes the usage, especially here 'of a body of prophetic teachings' including those having to do with the Messianic age and it's coming to this earth, the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God, it's about the Kingdom of God and what God has said, things that have to do with law, with things He has set in motion that will come to pass according to His Word, the way He says it.

So it all goes back to faith, it goes back to believing. All these things having to do with such things as this – faith, obedience to God, again, is not just a matter of the laws, as I've mentioned in times past in the Ten Commandments. When we talk about faith and living by faith; faith, again, is how you live your life because of what you believe. And so when it comes to the law, when it comes to some of the sermons we've heard recently about relationships and about husbands and wives and about family. Those things there, or about the ministry in the Church and how God's law is administered in life and how we live toward each other and so forth – it has to do with our believing those things and then living by it – faith. We believe what God says. Our ability to believe comes from God and our ability to live by it, to do it in our lives comes from God. We need God's help, His holy spirit in us to be able to live agape toward one another, and on and on it goes.

And so it is here when it comes to things prophetically. I think of times past when I've referred to this in sermons about Abraham and different ones. You think of different ones through time, Noah as an example, and how they were judged. It wasn't just a matter of something to do with relationships, it wasn't just a matter of the Ten Commandments, it wasn't just a matter of the Sabbath, the Holy Days and people's relationship with one another – that's a given! To live by those things that God has given. But when God comes along, as He has in the last 6,000 years and the people He's worked with in different ways at different times to do and accomplish different things – as much as Abraham was told, "Abraham, now is the time to leave your home, your homeland, your relatives, and go to a land that I'll show you." And he went. He obeyed. He did what God gave to him.

And He gave him many other promises and blessings having to do with prophetic things that were going to be done in his family. I think of the different sons and when they blessed – they put their hands upon because they believed God and what God said because of things that were going to come to pass – because they had this ‘vision’ – not fully clear yet, but of something that God said He was going to do through them. A nation, a mighty nation! That’s awesome to think, here you’re a family, two people, and God’s going to make a nation out of you and from you a special ‘Seed’ is going to come, it’s going to rule the earth, going to rule over all mankind. Awesome! Had to do with ‘vision’. Had to do with belief in that. That’s why he kind of jumped the gun, Sarah and himself, and they decided... “Getting a little old here... and so for God’s Word to come to pass we’re going to have to work something out. Ah, Sarah’s handmaiden...” and it didn’t work. It isn’t what God had in mind. But they lived their life according to the things that were being worked out, of the things that they were told – that it wasn’t just a matter of the Ten Commandments.

And so it’s been through time. Noah and his family; and he was to build an ark. Why? Because he believed what God was going to do and He’s going to start the earth all over again through his family – he believed that! He had to act upon things that God told him that was going to come to pass. Amazing! We are acting upon things we believe are about to come to pass! We keep moving forward! We’re unique! No one else believes what we do about May 27, 2012 that I know of. I think somebody else did throw that number out there at one time... A lot of people are throwing numbers out there right now; I guess there are a couple dates in 2011 now that some are saying and so forth and there’s going to be a whole lot more getting on the bandwagon as time goes along about different times and there’s a being that works out there to do that anyway. But it’s incredible! We live according to what we believe. You’re here in *this particular group* because of those things you believe; so it’s not just a matter of the Ten Commandments – goes way beyond that. That has to do with ‘vision,’ the truth; and where you see the truth that God has given it. Awesome when you understand it all, truly it’s incredible!

So how well, when you understand these words, how well are you guarding what God has given to you? Because, you see, you can have someone behind you chirping away and working away at you – chirping, chirping, chirping. “Well, did you hear about this, did you hear what they did?! Did you hear about where they had this meeting?! How could anyone in the Church do that?” And all these little things that work away at people. God allows those things for a purpose and a reason in life and why there are those little chatty things behind the scenes constantly – chat, chat, chat – to wear people away, to wear at people. And the only way you can withstand all the barrage of things that are in the world, whether it be things that are in a spirit world, or things just in a physical, carnal, sick world... it’s by God’s spirit, by keeping focused, by staying close to God; because those things are out there and they’ll be out there until it’s over with.

You think, “How could that happen? When Europe does what it’s going to do – surely... *surely it’s going to be clear to everyone!*” No it’s not. You’re going to be dumbfounded by some of the reasoning you’re going to hear later on.

So again, how well are you guarding what God has given to you? How real do these things affect your life? What unity do you have with God’s Word? Only you can answer that. Unity with God’s Word, unity with all that God has given.

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he who keeps the law, happy is he. ‘He who keeps the law’ – yes, God’s law, God’s Ten Commandments, but if you keep the Word, the law, the things that

affect your life at this time – happiness comes from that, confidence, boldness, vision... *vision*. When you have the kind of vision it's talking about here and you obey what God is giving to you, your life is deeply involved in everything because you know where we're going, you *know* how much time we have, you *know it*, and because of that and because you're *obedient* to those truths that God has given. It affects your life and how you live and what you do and the motivation you receive from it. It's an *awesome thing*, it truly is, and you can't separate it...**happy is he**.

It gives a happiness and a contentment. And if we don't have happiness and contentment; if you're bothered, if you're troubled, if you're doubting – *ASK GOD FOR HELP*. Ask God and understand the spiritual state that is there because at moments like that it's a dangerous time and you've got to cry out for God for help to be stirred up in spirit, to be able to be focused, to be able to *see* clearly *with confidence and boldness* what He has there! Truly! You can't work it up, you've got to ask God for it and to let Him know you *want it*, you *desire it* with all of your being! You're willing to *fight* for it, whatever it takes! Truly!

To fight against the pulls of human nature, to fight against those who are fighting against you, to fight against a spirit world that wants you to stumble; because they're going to nag at you and harass you until they're put away! They truly are! That's the way they are. And they would *far rather*... their greatest goal, their greatest desire is to destroy what is God's. *YOU are God's* – they know where God's spirit is, they know where God's spirit dwells, and they want *you* more than anything else, they truly do! That's the way they've worked for 6,000 years; perverted, distorted, sick minds that think they can mess with God's plan and purpose.

God's purpose is going to be accomplished and our ability to be a part of it... that is to a very large part in our hands and our response to God on a spiritual plane, it truly is. Somebody was talking about a scripture the other day about 'called, chosen and faithful'; whether you're chosen, and whether you're faithful is in very large part in *your* hands. God gives the calling, but our response to Him determines whether we're chosen at whatever period of time it is – whether we complete the journey. Whether we're faithful is in our hands, isn't it? Whether we're faithful to what God has given to us is up to no one else but ourselves.

Not only are we to have vision for what is coming, and directly in front of us over the next 17 months, but we are to be observing, watching what is right now currently being fulfilled. Do you realize by watching, by being alert to various things that it ties together with being watchful? It has to do with that which is spiritual in your life. It's an awesome thing! It's like prayer – there's a strength you receive in your prayer life in a relationship with God. There is a unique benefit that God gives through times in our life when we fast, when we have a desire and a need to draw closer to God and to fight against pride and to seek humility and there are times in our life when we do those things that there's something at work on a spiritual plane that is unique that God will bless and give help to; and there's something unique in things of this nature here when we are able to, because of the times we live in, because what God has said is going to take place, what is going to happen, and if we *believe* those things and if you're *focused* upon those things as they have happened in the past...

That's why I think of the Seals that are already behind us – *gives me strength!* *Because I KNOW what happened in the Church of God in the Seals that were opened!* I *KNOW* what took place! I *know, I've lived it!* So many of you have lived it from the very beginning of it! You went through the apostasy! You *know!* And with everything that we've been given... we've been given so much and as we've gone through everything we have, just in the last two years; we're going to go back and look at some. You

know why? Because it's important! It's *important* that you be able to see clearly those things that God gave that are prophetic that you have the vision to look forward; but to have the vision to look forward you've got to understand *the past*, the recent past, as well as the present in order to be able to have spiritual vision ahead! It's how God works! Because they have to do with prophetic things that He is doing! And when He does them and they're there He gives you confidence and boldness; just like I mentioned about those dates and the times and the statistical probability for those things to come together! Impossible! But they're possible with God – things that God has given to us, the timely way things are given when they are, the building upon sermons and the way they come and what God has given us.

I think of this upcoming Feast. I'm a little scared of it... yes and no. I know that God always gives what we're to have and I think, "What more can we be given?" I know there's a lot more, but I think so many of those things surely aren't going to be given until after Jesus Christ returns?! What is going to be at this Feast of Tabernacles? I feel drained, sometimes! ...and yet I don't. Sometimes I think, "What more?!" but I know it didn't come out of here [Ron] but that it comes from God. And so when the time is right then God gives it. Awesome! Awesome when you look back and think about what we've been given. I think, "*FOUR TRUTHS* at one Feast of Tabernacles that are *so profound* and maybe, I don't know, just maybe there may be more that comes from some of that that is given at this Feast of Tabernacles." if we're so blessed to be able to have one. Because there's so much there that we're just barely touching that is so dumbfounding.

There are things about the life of Jesus Christ that as God gives them, there are certain things out there that I see to a degree but they're not together for me until God gives them. And that's how so many things have worked. But when they come together there's so much more out there about His life and things that we don't even begin to grasp, of His being our High Priest, of where He's been for 2,000 years, what He's done, how He's done it, God's purpose and how He's worked through Him in a unique way that there could only be *one* Son of God that fulfills what He fulfills. It is so *dumbfounding* and so exciting and so inspiring.

And so, sometimes my fear at the Feast was how are we going to be as excited and inspired and enthused by what I was being blessed to give? Because not too many months before that I didn't know those things, I didn't see those things. I didn't know what they were and all of a sudden they're there and God gives them; and yet I saw it in varying degrees and I knew it would be in varying degrees depending on where we are in our lives – because we're not all in the same place. Because when you start your journey, we start out very much like what it shows physically – when you're a baby, you're a baby and it takes time to learn, it takes time to begin to learn things of life. When you're 8,9,10 years old you are far from being a baby, but far from being a teenager; and *far away* from being an adult! And that's the way it is spiritually in God's Church! It takes time to grow and so we receive things according to where we are in our lives and that's just the way it is. And so I've experienced that from the Feast of Tabernacles. I've seen an excitement in all the Church, as a whole, after the Feast and that which is continuing to move out there – an excitement – especially because the vast majority have never been able to experience a full eight days together in a sponsored site and area together with so many people and experienced the full eight days. The impact that had on people's lives was awesome! Incredibly inspiring!

We have experienced a lot and we have much more to experience in front of us. We live in incredible times and God gives us much to see and understand. And so we're going to look at those things, and the more clearly you can see them – just like if you have a clearer vision, even if it's looking back, because it

has to do with vision, because it's about prophecy fulfilled. If you can see things; if you can see things of how God has worked in your life or worked in the Church over the last 2 years alone, it's dumbfounding! If you go back to January two years ago – it's dumbfounding the short journey in that length of time that we've had, it truly is. And the clearer you see that and put it all together the stronger you're going to be...happy are you, happier. The stronger it is in your mind the more contentment, the more confidence, the more boldness, the stronger you will be about the vision for the future.

See, *I believe* with all my being that Jesus Christ is going to be here on May the 27th of 2012, but I think about the reality of it, I think that's beyond human comprehension. I believe it with all my being, but to fathom that? To fathom the Feast of Tabernacles that will follow afterwards, the one held in 2012? I think about it a little bit and it just blows my mind because I can't comprehend how things are going to be done and what's going to take place and how it's going to happen; but it's inspiring! And I see it...to a point; it's a *vision* that motivates my life and if motivates your life to the same degree of what you see about where we have been, where we are, and indeed where we're going.

So we're going to take some time to look at some of the Thunders right now that continue to grow in power and strength as well as those things that are shaping up for what is ahead. We're going to do this, as I mentioned in the very beginning of the sermon series, with different sermon titles at times. I don't know how many sermons in each section, but very much like the many different sermon series we've just gone through over the subject matter that we have about men and women, about what God is doing concerning the very beginning 6,000 years ago in that relationship and what's getting ready to change on this earth. And we're going to do some of the similar things here, to be able to have a greater vision of everything that God is doing in our lives; and that can be and will be, to the vast majority, a great strength; and hopefully it is to everyone.

So if we're guarding what God has given us as in the fulfillment of Thunders then we'll watch and observe those things with deep interest. They'll *strengthen* you just as much as, in that respect, of things that happen in your life when you pray. They strengthen you. When you don't pray you get weaker. Same sort of thing, it works together – the power of God's spirit and how it works in your life. And so it does in things like this, *especially* because of what we're going through and where we are and where we're going.

So again, as you see some of the fulfillment of Thunders, then we'll see and observe those things with deep interest and they'll help keep us focused and they help strengthen your vision; they truly do. They strengthen you spiritually. So how well are you watching and observing prophetic fulfillment? There are things happening all around us. Do you *see* the things that are all part of a vision for this end-time? Do we grasp? How deeply do we really grasp the things that are happening? ...that we see that this indeed is very powerfully so, the end-time and we see where we are in the scheme of things with 505 days left I believe. I saw a sign up here earlier for the whole room to see – 505. The only reason I know what that was... I thought, "What is that all about?" Oh, there it is. What is that all about? I wouldn't have known that if somebody hadn't talked about it here somewhere on the way down today on the telephone. So, yeah! Fantastic! Keep *focused* on what's happening in the world and why it's happening and so forth.

Sometimes it's hard to find the truth of what is happening with current events, you have to do some digging; and sometimes people communicate well within the Church and share some of the things that they see out here and that's good! It's *inspiring* to see that! There are things that can motivate you and give you strength! So you see something in a particular day and "Oh yeah..." and it gives you strength to

fight some of the battles you're fighting out there because you *know* where we are, you *see* it, you see a particular thing being accomplished, you *see* how rapidly certain things are taking place or the repeat of certain things and how quick those things are taking place...and yet, if we're not careful, like the world, they're becoming so oblivious to things it's like they don't even want to address certain things. And some things happen so much anymore it's like it's the way it's always been. No it's not! You get to a point in time where, this is not the way it's always been! That's what's unique about where we are; but there's so much that happens sometimes that people begin to think this is the way it's always been. No, it's not.

I think of economic things. I see things out there, I hear things on a continual basis and it's so clear to see where it's headed. And there are people in the world who see it clearly, who warn, who are crying out. I'm going to go through one in some series, whether it be this one here or the next one, about an individual that talks about all these things. He sees very clearly what we have done as far as the economy is in this country and a global economy. He sees it, but at the back of it all he sees a way through it and what you need to do to get through it and to plan for the future. Amazing! Because they don't understand; no, no, no, there is no future for what you're planning. You *can't* plan! You *can't* plan what you're going to do with your dollars two years from now. There won't be any! They're not going to exist! Well, they might be out there, kind of like confederate money – that's what it's going to be like, confederate money. Have you ever seen kids that like to play with confederate or monopoly money, or adults who like to play with confederate money, some of those things, and coins of times past. The coins may have certain metals in them that's worth more than the coin's face value at least. Incredible what's going on in the world!

INCREDIBLE what's happening in Asia! *INCREDIBLE* what's happening with governments and what they're doing and what they're saying. And here in this country it reminds me of what happened after the apostasy and the prophecies that talk about this bird that sticks its head down in the sand – it doesn't want to see, everything's going along okay. When your head is in the sand everything's going pretty good you can think. And it isn't.

So what Thunders do you see sounding loudly and growing in strength? I was dumbfounded today. I'm going to be talking about some things here in this particular sermon we heard this morning as we were eating breakfast, two people close to us, talking about these things – they were a little dumbfounded by some of these things that are taking place and they were talking about them. What does all this mean? What's happening? Hmmm, amazing!

So let's take time to consider a few, and remember, in many of these examples it isn't that such things have never happened before, or that a record is always broken, but it's a combination of the intensity of events, the speed of repetition, the extremes from one condition to another, and the worldwide *scale* of these events that have continued to go forward and are going to continue to grow as we go forward in greater magnitude. And these things, as horrible as they are sometimes, are the very things because you see them taking place because God says they will and that they are and so forth and what's going to take place yet; when they do take place there is a strength in that because you see prophetically, you have *vision* and it gives you greater boldness in the vision of what's ahead. Because what is ahead is not pretty, but it's something in an awesome way, in an incredible way because you see what's beyond it, you know *why* it's happening.

I marvel at the book *2008 - God's Final Witness*. It was written in large part to show, to help people to understand why, so they can deal with the whys. Why it has to be this way – not to find fault with God,

but to understand *why* mankind is the way he is and *why* it has to happen this way. And it couldn't happen any other way. And that gives great boldness and strength then to people when they begin to see; and help, especially when they see how quickly it's going to be over with. I am so thankful that when the worst part starts we don't have 3½ years remaining. That's awesome and an awesomely merciful, merciful, merciful God. Truly!

This past week, perhaps you've heard of some birds falling out of the sky? ...or some dead fish on the shore? Yes, these things happen periodically, just as earthquakes, bad weather...these things happen periodically as they do in the world – but what is changing, again, is the rapid repetition, the intensity, the worldwide scale and so forth of events occurring in the world.

When considering all of these things I'm going to go through here – this is fulfilling parts of the 3rd and 4th Thunders.

Falling birds likely died from massive trauma

By the **CNN Wire Staff**

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(CNN) -- The thousands of birds [approximately 5,000] that fell from the sky just before midnight New Year's Eve in Arkansas likely died from massive trauma,

I love some of these new reports that come across as they reach for explanations like fireworks being the cause. What's amazing is when I go through this I'm going to tell you about things happening all over the world. And when you read it from their perspective – see, we can use cold weather up here, but down there when you talk about the Philippines or Vietnam or Brazil; you've got to talk about something different because it's not the cold weather down there. It's *hot* down there so they're going to find different things happening in different parts of the world and it's a combination of different things anyway, it's really immaterial. It's happening and maybe they're all 'right on' in their areas.

...likely died from massive trauma....

Yeah, it was a trauma for *them*... it was massive – 5,000. You wouldn't want to be one of them. Anyway, some of the stupid things people come up with sometimes – yeah, well, what's massive trauma? It's just like certain illnesses out there. You go into a hospital looking for specifics and sometimes there are certain things where there are two or three things that everything has to fit into in life because they don't know exactly what it is.

...died from massive trauma, according to a preliminary report released Monday.

The birds, most of which were dead when they were found, were red-winged blackbirds and starlings...¹

Another one here...

Mass La. bird deaths puzzle investigators

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¹ http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/01/03/arkansas.falling.birds/index.html?eref=ie8slice_topstories

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LABARRE — Hundreds of dead and dying birds littered a quarter-mile stretch of highway in Pointe Coupee Parish on Monday as motorists drove over and around them.

State biologists are trying to determine what led to the deaths of the estimated 500 red-winged blackbirds and starlings...²

And I think about all the other places besides these that are out in the country where there are no people to discover all of the dead birds.

Then a couple days later a report came out from Kentucky about dying birds and a few here and a few there – and there are reports about small amounts in Texas and Florida, Italy, Sweden and other spots. And then popping up, again, on too large a scale in a region, in Japan 24 birds with H5N1 flu³... so it's always there in the background, and little things starting to pop up again here and come back at us again. It isn't time yet. It's just like what China, just like what Europe is doing – it's building to a particular time.

It's like the bad weather; think of two or three people I've heard over the last couple of weeks talking about this prophecy where it talks about 'all this snow that God has reserved for the world,' and it's not this winter – it's for later on. There are things that God has saved up and things in store and so forth as it talks about there (and some of you have heard that, seen that prophecy) anyway; we're not there at that point yet. We're going through 'Half a Times' one day at a time, marching around prophetically just like with Jericho. One day at a time! And that's the way you have to see it in your life, that this is what you're doing. One day at a time because it's not time yet for it to come crashing down. And so there are certain things you're going through in your life and you've got to pace yourself one day at a time, just the way God told you to do it, just as He told them to do it and how to do it...and you do it and you go through that time as God moulds and fashions certain things around you until it's time.

Then on a much bigger scale right at the same time in Arkansas again is this report....

Dead fish cover 20-miles of Arkansas River

Katherina-Marie Yancy – 6 days ago

Arkansas Game & Fish is trying to figure out why 100,000 drum fish in Northwest Arkansas turned up dead. ...along a 20-mile stretch along the Arkansas River...⁴

Another one....

Thousands Of Dead Fish Wash Onto Bay Shores

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² <http://www.2theadvocate.com/news/112843019.html>

³ http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/04/health/04global.html?_r=1

⁴ <http://www.todaysthv.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=136401&catid=2>

KENT ISLAND, Md. -- The Maryland Department of the Environment said that tens of thousands of small fish have died in the Chesapeake Bay due to the stress of the cold water.⁵

And now last night I had a report it's over two million dead fish alone, what's called the spot fish, in that area of Chesapeake Bay.

Dead fish turn up in Cocoa
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COCOA -- The cold weather isn't just killing crops....

You look at some of the things happening; sugar, sugar cane – any of you seen those reports? What's happening with commodities and different things in the world and what's happening is what's coming – it's *VISION!* It's not because it's all right now – it is about things being put into place! It's things being positioned, that when the time is there, just like domino's, they go. But we're not there yet. You must see everything as a point of being *positioned* – getting ready, being put in a proper place at a proper time so that when it's God's time it's going to be *so awesomely massive* that indeed it will help bring people to repentance. This being spread out over 3½ years would not have had the same impact upon carnal human beings who think even in the worst of war that they're going to get through this.

That's why on the very last day... don't ever forget the very last day – *after* Jesus Christ has returned and it talks about those 3 Woes. The 3rd one is *powerful!* Powerful in what God Almighty Himself does with 7 last Plagues on that *last day* of that last Trumpet, because it's all done in one day. After Jesus Christ and the 144,000 have already been resurrected – on that last day the world is brought to its knees. Most will happen in that day alone as far as destruction on this earth because of the massive destruction that's going to take place in Asia and in Europe that God Himself will be a head of and do. He says He does it. It won't be something that man does to himself, it'll be something that God Almighty does; and it's awesome and powerful beyond belief – it truly is!

Cocoa Beach, Florida for this story. It says....

...The cold weather isn't just killing crops, it's also taking a toll on marine life. Dead fish at the Marina in Cocoa Village are washing ashore in numbers too large to count.

In New Zealand....

Hundreds of snapper dead on beaches

By [Vaimoana Tapaleao](#)

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Fisheries officials are investigating the death of hundreds of snapper washed up on Coromandel Peninsula beaches.⁶

Another report on the same area said....

⁵ <http://www.wbaltv.com/news/26357581/detail.html>

⁶ http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10697906

Dead fish 'as far as the eye can see'

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Holidaymakers in the Coromandel Peninsula have been horrified by hundreds of dead fish washing up on beaches. Charlotte Pearsall says since yesterday, dead fish have been turning up at Little Bay and Waikawau Bay. "There are dead fish as far as the eye can see," she says. "When we spoke to the boaties and kayakers they told us that there was a carpet of floating fish further out to sea all along the coast."⁷

They've had some problems with some nets that have come off ships and stuff out there, different areas, and so there are just freakish things happening all over the world at the same time, freakish things. This could be something man made, another one happens because of the weather, because of the cold temperatures, another something else as we're reading through them. But they're happening all over the world at the same time in the same period of a couple of weeks. It's an incredible thing! And that's the way a lot of these things are unfolding; cycles of things are taking place as you watch them.

Brazil....

Jan. 4 – Mysterious killing of fish in Coastal Parana.

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The Federation of Fishermen's Colony of Parana indicate that at least 100 tonnes of fish have turned up dead since Thursday on the coast.⁸

Now, in their tonnes (our ton/their tonne); in their tonne this is a little over 220,000 pounds of fish. That's *a lot of fish* at one time; and it affects people's livelihood, it affects economies. All these different things that are happening all over the world – it's affecting the economy, it's affecting the stability of the world, of the global economy. It's just putting everything in place all over the world. Vision, the ability to see it, the ability, the confidence, the boldness you have because you *know* where you are in time and you know what's taking place and you see it coming together.

Australia...two areas of the country when it talks about some of this. This one here says....

Barramundi found dead after flood

Amy Formosa | 13th December 2010

It might look like something fishy is going on, but thousands of fish, including 1000 barramundi, were found dead as a natural result of the floods.⁹ [in the Queensland area.]

And then in the Victoria area....

Dirty water leads to fish deaths

From: [Herald Sun](#)

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⁷ <http://www.3news.co.nz/Dead-fish-as-far-as-the-eye-can-see/tabid/1160/articleID/193199/Default.aspx>

⁸ <http://www.parana-online.com.br/editoria/cidades/news/502434/?noticia=MORTANDADE+MISTERIOSA+DE+PEIXES+NO+LITORAL>

⁹ <http://www.themorningbulletin.com.au/story/2010/12/13/barramundi-found-dead-after-flood/>

The smell of hundreds of rotting Murray cod hangs over the banks of the Murray River.

[... Mark Bailey, of Goulburn Murray River Water, said the black water was caused by the rapid decay of leaves and twigs accumulated during floods. The decay caused low oxygen levels in the water and suffocated fish and other aquatic life.]¹⁰

More dead fish as a result of the black water problems and because of floods and what happens with fish. But again, different things happening in different parts of the world but all happening at the same time. Incredible!

Dong Thap, Vietnam....

Tonnes of farm fish found dead

Friday, Dec. 31, 2010

Viet Nam News/Asia News Netowrk (sp)

DONG THAP – More than 150 tonnes of red tilapias have died en masse in the past week in Cao Lahn District in the southern province of Dong Thap, [that's about 330,000 pounds of fish] ...resulting in losses of VND35 Billion (\$2.2 million) for aquaculture farmers.

..."Tests on the fish and water samples ... reveal the deaths were caused by frequent ebb tides and the high densities of fish kept caged in pens,"¹¹

Less oxygen and too many fish in some areas they say and so there's less oxygen. Have these things happened before? Things like this have happened before, yes. But all these things happening in different parts of the world over a two week period of time?

Philippians...a report of large numbers of dead fish and people eating them who became ill. It was officially stated that the problem was because of low tide causing low oxygen levels in the water.

Residents gather, eat dead fish floating in barangay Ibo

By Jucell Marie Cuyos, Doris C. Bongcac

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... He said islets in Lapu-Lapu also had reports of fishkills during low tide.

During low tide, he explained, there is low supply of oxygen in the water, causing the fishes to weaken or die.¹²

¹⁰ <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/dirty-water-leads-to-fish-kill/story-e6frf7kx-1225983825252>

¹¹ <http://business.asiaone.com/Business/News/Story/A1Story20101231-255737.html>

¹² <http://globalnation.inquirer.net/cebudailynews/news/view/20101218-309667/Residents-gather-eat-dead-fish-floating-in-barangay-lbo>

Other reports during this period... another one here include large numbers of dead fish...one section was reported in Ontario, Canada.¹³

Wales, Peterborough, Liverpool areas of the UK, in a lake in Haiti... all these numbers of strange things occurring and dead fish popping up all over. Different reasons, some cold... yeah, we can understand that, the sudden... the great warmth of the waters and all of a sudden the cold and yeah, things like that happen. If you've ever had a fish tank you know. If your light goes out and the water turns cold and it's the winter time and your house temperature is turned down you know the fish can die quickly. If they're not kept at a stable, particular temperature, or they don't have time to get to the certain temperatures that they might normally have time to get to.¹⁴

Yesterday was this report that was giving an update on all this, a summary of these things in earlier news items that we've just read here. It says....

Mystery of mass animal death epidemic deepens after 8,000 turtle doves fall dead in Italy with strange blue stain on their beaks

WIL LONGBOTTOM
UK Daily Mail
Jan 7, 2011

It's just reporting here, it says....

...blue stain could have been caused by poisoning or hypoxia. [lack of oxygen] ... precursor to altitude sickness....

Anyway, it goes on to say – another one here...cold weather and over breeding blamed for deaths of over 2 million fish in Chesapeake Bay

Another one here... disease behind deaths of 100,000 fish in the Arkansas River.

Another one...at least 9 incidents of mass animal deaths across the globe.

So they're just giving a summary to people to see what's been happening, all these strange mysterious things happening all at the same time.

Another one... hundreds of confused birds plummeted to their deaths in multiple locations in the U.S.

Another one... "Rapid movement of the magnetic north pole towards Russia may have caused bird deaths." I'll get to that in a moment about that magnetic thing. Interesting. Crazy things happening in this earth, in this world.

Then the article goes on to say....

¹³ <http://www.torontosun.com/news/canada/2011/01/04/16757321.html>

¹⁴ <http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=214033381917754770249.00049914669207a782c3e&z=3>

Thousands of dead turtle doves rained down on roofs and cars in an Italian town in the growing spat of mass animal deaths across the globe.

Residents in Faenza describe the birds falling to the ground like little 'little Christmas balls' with strange blue stains on their beaks.

Initial tests on up to 1,000 of the doves indicated that the blue stain could have been caused by poisoning or hypoxia.

A witness told the examiner we have no idea why this happened all of a sudden. The doves just started falling one by one, then in groups, then tens and twenties.

Hypoxia, a lack of oxygen, is known to cause confusion and illness in animals. It is also a common precursor to altitude sickness.

Some of these things sound strange. They fly all the time... altitude sickness?!

Experts said results from tests of the doves will not be available for at least a week. They said that the cold weather could have caused the birds death as the flock was swept into high altitude wind storms before falling to the earth.

It comes after 2 million dead fish were found to have washed up on the shores of Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.¹⁵

Then here's this one about....

Shift of Earth's Magnetic North Pole Impacts Tampa Airport

Wed, 05 Jan 2011 19:47 CST

Weird stuff... kill birds?

Scientists say the magnetic north pole is moving toward Russia and the fallout has reached -- of all places -- Tampa International Airport.

The airport has closed its primary runway until Jan. 13 to repaint the numeric designators at each end and change taxiway signage to account for the shift in location of the Earth's magnetic north.

The closure of the west parallel runway will result in more activity on the east parallel runway and more noise for residential areas of south Tampa.

The busiest runway will be re-designated 19R/1L on aviation charts. It's been 18R/36L, indicating its alignment along the 180-degree approach from the north and the 360-degree approach from the south.

This is some dumbfounding stuff. You've got to change your signage, your approach to a runway? Well, you definitely want to hit the right runway!

¹⁵ <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1344913/Animal-death-mystery-8k-turtle-doves-fall-dead-Italy-blue-stain-beaks.html>

Later this month, the airport's east parallel runway and the seldom used east-west runway will be closed to change signage to their new designations.

The Federal Aviation Administration required the runway designation change to account for what a National Geographic News report described as a gradual shift of the Earth's magnetic pole at nearly 40 miles a year toward Russia because of magnetic changes in the core of the planet.¹⁶

So there are all kinds of things... global warming? Ooooo – anyway, there are crazy things that just continue to go on. It's because of where we are in time and because of God's purpose and because of what God's going to work out as time goes along. I've been dumbfounded by things with earthquakes for a long time. The patterns have been so different over the last two years. I've watched it for ages, just seeing things that are happening in the world and so forth and being abreast of it; watching, as people watch news events and certain things happen. It's healthy for you because of where you are, because of the world you live in and it's healthy to keep abreast of what's happening around you, to be alert, to understand that things continue to be fulfilled in an incredibly alarming way. And those are the very kinds of things that help you to keep focused. You've got to see what's taking place. You've got to be able to see and understand what's being accomplished, why it is, *why* certain things are happening and the timeliness of all that as well.

As stated earlier, when you consider all this, this to is part of a fulfilling of the 3rd and 4th Thunders. The 3rd Thunder is the growing destruction from weather. The 4th Thunder is global economic upheaval and these are *minor* compared to what's coming. Even the Thunders continue on right along with everything else. It's just like the 1st Seal; the effects of the 1st Seal are still happening. The 2nd Seal, the 3rd Seal – they're still happening out here! Everything doesn't happen at a single 'moment' like the 1st Seal or the 2nd, or the 3rd, or the 4th, or the 5th, or the 6th, or the 7th; they just continue on through as Trumpets will, as Thunders do, and so forth. And the 5th is going to follow this matter just in the shift of the magnetic pole alone as time goes on.

Things are being put into place even in the earth, to happen at specific times for a specific purpose in God's time. It's an awesome thing as you watch that to understand those things. Everything you look at in the news, everything you look at of what's taking place – it doesn't matter whether it be things between nations, whether it be things in the economy, things between currencies, things to do with commodities, things to do with the weather – if you keep watching these things you are going to be *dumbfounded* by everything that's coming together and what it pictures for what's ahead. It's being positioned and all put into place so that when it's ready it'll all be there. But you've got to have the vision, you've got to keep abreast, you've got to watch, you've got to be alert.

Again...**Where there is no vision the people perish; but he who keeps the law, happy is he.**

Let's turn over to Hosea 4. I marvel going through different prophecies, different things in the Old Testament, things in the minor prophets, things in the major prophets; but here, one of the minor prophets Hosea – couldn't help but think about some of this, things that apply to God's people, some things that apply to the world, some things that apply to Israel, some things to the Israel of God.

Hosea 4:1 - Hear the word of the Eternal, you children of Israel: for the Eternal has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land: Because there is no truth, and this word is a unique word because it has to

¹⁶ <http://www.sott.net/articles/show/221015-Shift-of-Earth-s-Magnetic-North-Pole-Impacts-Tampa-Airport>

do more with the faithfulness to the truth. It's one thing to have truth, but to be faithful to the truth, whatever truth God gives, whether it be about the law, whether it be about the Sabbath, whether it be about the Holy Days, whether it be about whatever, or truth about things prophetic, whatever it is that God gives that is His truth, that is His Word – the concern here is about the faithfulness to what is true because that's in our choices and our decisions that each one of us individually makes as we go along, as we go through life.

And so it says here in this particular case that **...GOD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land: Because there is no truth, no faithfulness to the truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.** You think about the world; you read a scripture like this and you think about society today and Israel in particular, the scattered nations where they are, where they're located, and with what they have carried with them from the past that has been passed along, a mixture of Judaism, a mixture of Traditional Christianity, but a mixture in this book [Bible] here on a very physical plane, but it's there. There are certain things that are there and people who do strive... the more you strive to live by, even by certain of God's laws, and certain principles the better off you are, the better society is, the better the community is, the better the world is, the better family can be. The more a person obeys what's in here the better their life's going to be. It's just a fact. There are laws. And the more people will apply those things.... And so even though they're not called, even though a person doesn't grasp and see things on a spiritual plane, the more they obey what is here... all you have to do is look at certain times for Israel and Judah and different kings and what happened and how they responded to what they understood that *was* here. And the more that people respond to those things the better their life is.

That's why I sometimes think about different laws and different things that are in here and if man would just live by them – for example, not to take someone else's life. It's a very, very physical, very basic concept. There are cities in this country that are so much more dangerous than putting entire nations together in Europe when it comes to murder. Entire nations don't have what some cities – Detroit or St. Louis or New York City or Chicago, by themselves, have in crime. There are whole nations in Europe that you can put them all together and they don't have the kinds of things we have happening in just one major city here! And this country, Manasseh, is the epitome of it all, of society and the way the world is today.

I am so sick of this world! I'm so sick of hypocrisy! I'm so sick of politics! I hope you are too because all these things are a part of it too. I'm so sick of what's happening along our borders and the lies and the filth that's going on of what *we know* and what *we allow* when we could stop drug traffic overnight if we really put our hearts to it as a nation! And we lie and play these games! It's disgusting what's going on! And who's the biggest buyer of all this junk? *We are!* This country! *We're the biggest buyer! We keep the drug cartels in business; we keep the murderers in business!* ...and they want it all, as much as they can get of it. Do you see the hypocrisy and the evil in all that?

I hope you *hurt* inside because of that! Think of Lot living in Gomorrah, Sodom and Gomorrah. Think of Lot! Think of what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah and here he is living in the midst of it all and it says 'he vexed his righteous soul day by day.' Because he saw his family in it! He saw what it was doing to them! He saw what they were living in! He saw how it *affected* their minds!

I listen to politicians, I listen to the people, I listen to things in the news sometimes and I can't take too much of it because I see the lying they do to themselves and the hypocrisy that takes place! I think, how evil! *Why* make some of the choices you do? It reminds me of what happened in the Church. *Where* is the principle of things? When do you stand up and do something because it's right? ...and you don't

vary from it? Who will *speak out* in this country? ...in the Senate or in the House of Representatives? Very few do! Why? Because they lose power, they lose the ability to help their own districts, their own areas. The ability to be re-elected – that's what it's all about!

It reminds me of the very beginning right after the apostasy (I'm going to take time to tell this); blows my mind! When we first got started after the apostasy people were hurting. Ministers phone bills were horrendous, \$4-5-600 dollars in a month was very common (of course back then bills were a lot higher than what they are today because of what they charged per minute), and we were trying to keep in touch, some of us, with each other of what was going on and let's get something going to help people because they're hurting, they need something, they need to see stability and so forth. This goes a little beyond that, doesn't it? Then we finally got started. It was hard to get people to stand up for principle, to feel for the suffering of what was going on in the Church. And then we went on for a while, we finally got together and a lot of that was because of politics and because of concern about losing power – power, prestige, money – it's even affected God's Church – and it's what's happening in the world today. It's what affects people in power – you don't want to lose it – prestige, notoriety, money – all these things that affect the way people think. Finding people who will stand for principle, for what is right, it's not there as a whole. Every once in a while you'll hear of people who will cry out and call out, but it's very rare.

And so as time went along we finally came to a point in time where we saw we had problems in the organization we were in. It was called 'United'. And as we were going along we finally came to a point in time where some things were not being done right, where about \$4.5 million dollars had been misappropriated, and because of bylaws there were certain things that had to be followed in a certain way – and they weren't being followed. And so it finally came out that this money wasn't there – it'd been used for other things that weren't allowed. And so we wanted to let the council know that this wasn't right, that the two individuals primarily that were responsible for this, they needed to be dealt with because this is wrong. If this was a corporation they would not only have been fired, they'd been sent to jail for what they did. And so some of us in the ministry, different ministers started calling up different ones in the ministry to sign a petition to show that "we are *behind you* to take action against these individuals who are responsible. We want you to do this!"

The reason I'm going into this story is because I called up one minister and I told him about the petition and asked if he would sign it. And here is just about a year into the church, into the time-period we had, and he told me, "There's probably no other minister out here who..." and it kind of shocked me what he had to say, but basically had to do with terms that were kind of like the word 'hate', despises a particular individual who had misappropriated this money more than him. And I'm not going to go into reasons why. He said, "But tell you what," he said, "once you have a hundred ministers on there come back to me and I'll sign it." Blew my mind!

"So you'll stand up for principle, you'll stand up for what is best for the church, you'll stand up for what is right only after a hundred ministers sign the petition." Blew my mind! Well, that was the beginning of the end for me.

But that's the way the world is, that's the way things are in government. If enough people will do it then people might stand up, they might take a stand if others will first. And so there's always this cronyism and there's always this making decisions and choices based on the wrong reasons – not because you believe something, not because you're convicted of it.

I go back to things in Mexico. I *hope* you see enough in the news that you're vexing your soul day by day as you see people, knowing of people being murdered. I hope you vex your soul day by day when you realize how much is coming into this country that could be stopped, of people's lives who are being destroyed because of drugs! It's *horrifying* the numbers of people out here who are on heroin and crack or whatever all this stuff is that comes in from these places; marijuana by the boatloads. You think we could stop that? You think we have the ability? Do you think if people really wanted to put an end to it they could? Do you think that some benefit by evil? It's a sick world! It's a *sick, sick, sick world!*

I think of homeless people; think of what I wrote in the book one time about homeless people. If I weren't doing what I was doing today, if I had some things to do over again, if I were not called in the Church of God, if I knew some of the things I do now, that's where my heart would go more today because of what's happening to this country and people. They're just lost, they're forgotten. And people get all excited once a year as a whole; around December 25th they'll get more excited about helping to feed people who need food.

Do you vex your righteous soul by day day because you hurt, because you know how deep we are into this end-time, because you see *why* everything in every nation has to end, *why* God's Government has to be established? Because this is a part of vision as well. Your ability to see how bad things are, your ability to understand *why this* is the end-time, your ability to comprehend *why* all nations must be brought to an end now – that *thank God it is* because of where we are in time and because of what's taking place.

I'm so frustrated by this world, I'm so anxious for God's Kingdom to be here! How anxious are you? How much do you hurt inside? Do you hurt for people? You know, sometimes if we're not careful we get into selfish lives; and for us if we're not careful in God's Church we just want time to pass by so we can get there because we're thinking about ourselves. And I understand that to a degree, to a point, in the sense of wanting to be there – yeah, I want to see God's Kingdom here, but we don't want to have the selfish reasons for it, because it's hard right now and because it's hard to wait. Do we see it because of our heart and our desire toward others that we see around us in the world, when you're at a gas station getting gas, or people in a restaurant when you're there, and people you see at different times and your heart goes out to them because.... Almost everywhere I go I think of people at different times – especially if there's any time there at all, any conversation that takes place. Your heart goes out to people, you see a lot of people you just hope could get through this, come through this and live on the other side – to be on the other side of all that must take place.

How do we think? How do we feel inside? Don't ever let it be selfish. It's all a part of why God is bringing His Kingdom to this earth and we're a part of it. It's not about us, it's about them. We're blessed to be a part of it, we're blessed to share, we have it made as far as God is concerned, we truly do. We just hold on with all of our being, hold fast, ask God for zeal, ask God to be stirred up in spirit, ask God to help us to be watchful and alert continually in everything we're doing and we'll be there. He's guaranteed it. It's absolute with God; it's just *up to us* to respond to Him accordingly. But we have to see it in the picture of everything that's out there – *vision* of what it's all about, where we are in time, why God is letting us see all these things coming to pass and seeing things coming together in this world.

So again, says there is...**no mercy, no knowledge of God in the land.** The world just rejects the truth. We can't afford to; and yet since the Feast some have. I can sigh when it happens, I feel so sorry for people – once you've seen the truth, once you know the truth. **By swearing, and lying,** think about the society around you, everywhere you go – swearing. People don't care about taking God's name in vain.

They're far more concerned about rating a movie by the 'F' word than they are the 'God' word. You can use God's name in vain and Christ's name in vain all you want, but don't ever use that... GASP!! THE 'F' WORD! Hypocritical, lying society in this world! Sick! I hope you see that! I hope you understand that. Nothing about that word that's different from others except the slang of what people put into it, if you understand what I'm saying. And that's raised up to an elevation like an idol *higher* than God Almighty! How *sick* is this world?! I'm in awe of the mercy of God, truly.

So man rejects the truth. He doesn't want to hear the truth. How many friends do you have because of the truth? The ones who believe the truth; the rest of them probably aren't as close anymore. Those of you who are new? Some of the ones you used to be around, some of the ones you used to visit with more often? Things change quickly, don't they? Isn't that amazing? Your life changes quickly! *This* is your Family, *this* is where the truth is and you see how the world enjoys it, how they like it.

It's like today when I was preaching what I was preaching, I knew how some felt. It wasn't comfortable. It wasn't pleasant, because I know how some think – rather be anywhere else and especially as time goes on – there's going to be a lot of times I'm going to kind of feel that way. "Wish I was someplace else." And some think they want to do this, that they want my job.

...by swearing, and lying, and killing, I was moved by another thing I thought of today; war, fighting, glamorizing why people die, why people fight and do the things they do...and I was sickened inside. I thought, "There's nothing glamorous about that, it's ugly, it's *sick* what man has done." I think of wars where people prayed to the same god in the Catholic Church on both sides and then went out to kill each other. And like football teams – "God bless our team." You know? ...that's how people prayed, that's how people think. "God, we want you on *our* side!" Isn't that sick? You ever seen that in football games, or baseball games and different things that happen out there? Why should God pick your side? Do you love God? Do you live by His laws? Then you hear some of the things some of them do... hmmm.

...by lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, it's the way of this world today; just the way people live. They don't think anything of it. **...they breakout in blood upon blood. Therefore shall the land mourn,** you think this hasn't reached at this time because it is the end of 6,000 years and because it is God's plan; that God looks forward to that last day because of what has to take place to usher in His Kingdom, that His Son become King of kings and Lord of lords. God can resurrect again. Life and death is nothing with God. He can give you life again any time He chooses.

Therefore shall the land mourn, and everyone who dwells therein shall languish, become weak. When I read this I think about where we are in time. When I think about something, especially like this, I think about people today, health conditions, cancers, things in our water, things in our food – it doesn't matter where you get it this world has become so polluted because of what man has done to it. I think of all kinds of health issues. *We're sick!* Our bodies, things that are in us, things we have to deal with, and so many chemicals in foods – everything that's out there. God never intended that man should live like this and it's hurting us. *We're languishing, become weak* because of greed.

I think of grains that are planted today. I probably bore you to death on some of these things... but I think of some of these hybrids that are out there. You can double, triple the amount that you can grow in an area growing wheat, growing corn today in some regions, compared to when I was younger, because of how they've changed the structure of it all. And the food, the grain from it all is that many times worse, unhealthy, un-nourishing for the body, if I can use that word. It's not nourishing to the

body because of what we've done to it. Oh whoop tee-doo, you can grow three times as much, or *ten times* as much because of what you've done to it – and made man sicker. There are some areas where farmers won't even buy it – send it overseas. Greed of mankind! Sick, sick perverted greed!

...shall languish, become weak, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yes, the fishes of the sea shall also be taken away. We're just seeing a little bit over a short period of time and it is incredible; but it's nothing compared to what's coming. It's for farther away. It's all a part of things that are fitting into place all over the world and it's for later on.

Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for your people are as those who strive with the priests. And so it goes on in talking about the way mankind is and how they'd rather argue things that they don't do toward each other that they should. People won't stand for principle, like I was talking about there, this cronyism and things that take place and things that are done for political reasons and so forth. But when it comes to something about God's way or whatever...oh yeah, then they'll stand there and then they'll take a stand – against it.

Therefore shall you fall in the day, and the prophet shall also fall with you in the night, speaking of those things that are *false*, those things that are *wrong*, those things that are *not right*; **and I will destroy your mother. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:** so this is whether it be what's happening to literal physical peoples in nations, or whether it be us – because the same thing can happen to us on a spiritual plane. It's already happened since the Feast of Tabernacles. Don't think it can't happen to you.

...because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, it's not a small thing. It's the truth, it's an absolute truth. That when God gives us such riches... only because of His plan, only because of His mercy, only because of a remnant that God had as a part of His plan am I here...or I wouldn't be here and neither would you.

He says **I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to Me:** God has called us. When He calls us into the Church... this is very much about the Church here, because when God calls us you know what He calls us? We're called to be a royal priesthood, before God, it's a holy priesthood if you will, a royal people before God. We are special on this earth above all peoples when God calls us and gives us His holy spirit. How awesome! How mighty! So few people in 6,000 years! Sometimes we don't grasp what we've been given; we don't grasp the *magnitude of what God has given us!* We live it from day to day and after a time we're so wrapped up in our own personal lives and because of our nature the way it is we don't tend to think in those terms – how incredible it is that God would dwell in us.

He says, **I will reject you, that you shall be no priest to Me, seeing that you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.** And I hurt more for those kinds of things when something like that happens because people don't know what they can do to their families even sometimes, the power that if you'll obey God, if you stay close to God what that can mean for *your family*. There's a lot of power there! Sanctification, things that take place, and the blessings of God and how God wants to work in people's lives.

That's why I mentioned in the book and talked about some of those things. You respond to God, the best thing you can do in your life, those of you who are listening – the best thing you can do in your life is not to sit on the fencepost, on one side or the other, not to just sit on the *pot* and stay there, but to get off and *do something*, and get on with your life and what that can mean for your family. *If you really*

love your family, no matter if they don't WANT THIS, no matter if they REJECT THIS – because that's happened. It's happened over and over again in people's lives, because a mate doesn't want this, or children don't want this, or a parent doesn't want this that another will succumb to that pressure and not stand firm, not understanding by your standing firm that you can be a great blessing in their life later on. Those things pain me the most sometimes when I see them, of what it can mean for others.

As they were increased, so they sinned against Me: sometimes the more we have, if we're not careful, we become accustomed to it and we don't grasp how much we have and we can turn from God. I think of David when he, basically paraphrasing a part of this, 'don't give me so little that I'll steal, or so much that I'll turn from you.' That he'll take it to himself, in other words. Let me be on your allowance. My wife and I talk about that because that's where our life has been. God gives us what we need when we need it, for whatever purpose He's working out. It's incredible when He moulds and fashions our life. Your life is in God's hands and He'll take care of it all.

As they were increased they sinned against Me: therefore will I change their glory into shame. I think of those who were a part who can't be a part again until the thousand years are over, and it says 'there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth' when they come to understand what they did, what they gave up. **They eat of the sin of My people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.** Yes, we're to be steadfast in obeying the laws and the truths, believing the truths, including the prophecy, with vision, genuine insight into *why* all this is happening that is taking place and where it's all going; why these things are coming upon the world and what is about to come.

Seek vision! Seek being able to see where we are, where we've been, and where we're going.

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