

Called to Listen and Change

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Feast of Tabernacles Sermon

Welcome, brethren, to this Feast of Tabernacles for 2024 on the Roman calendar.

We understand the pretext of the beginning of the Millennium is that in Revelation 20 it talks about the very removal of Satan himself, therefore, we're going to move into a time that will be different than today. But there's an issue in and with humans, is that the nature that we have and that we've been given is Satan's nature.

So, even though you have the removal of Satan with that influence each individual still has that thinking, which is a problem, which is what this sermon is about in some ways.

So, before Christ's return also we understand there's going to be a massive war within mankind and millions will die. Now we (I know personally), thought about that, but the reality is we can't actually fully comprehend it. We don't really understand what it's like to see things destroyed around us, where the infrastructure collapses around us, where the Internet doesn't work, for example.

We might go a day where there is no internet and there is no ATM machine, and confusion, and we get upset. Yet, that's the future, where this is all going to collapse. The whole thing that's been built is going to collapse. And we think we're ready for it but emotionally deep down we're not. We're not able. Because you have to go through it, you have to experience it to know what it's like. And it won't be easy. It won't be easy. And our reliance on God is going to be challenged.

So, once Christ has returned to this earth with 144,000 and the Millennium has started, which is that thousand years, God will pour out His holy spirit in a progressive manner. It all won't happen at one instance. Because remember, we're going to see mankind in a position where they're going to be able to listen, to hear, because they're going to be humbled. They're going to be very dependent on society being rebuilt, and they will try to rebuild it. But not everybody is going to transform their thinking, which is what we're required to do.

Well, when this happens, and you see what's left mankind then is going to be given a choice. They've got a choice to make. And the sad part of all of it is not everyone will choose what we have chosen. That choice is the choice to listen to God. Because that's what God requires of us. That is actually the purpose of life that we understand.

And if we refuse to listen to God, what is going to be the outcome? We know. It's darkness forever. And in saying that, it's not about being conscious, "Oh, I wish I had done better." "If only I had done better." No, nothing. Absolutely nothing. No memory of a past being a human. Nothing. Like never existed.

Which is in itself hard to comprehend. But in reality, that's the purpose. Of those who want to choose this way of life, that is their choice, there'll be nothing.

So, a person will then have to choose to listen to God, which is to hear spiritual matters. Now, at the moment if we as the Body, those that have God's holy spirit, talk about the truth people can't comprehend it because it requires the gift of God's holy spirit to begin to comprehend it.

So, people are going to have to make a choice which is to listen to God, make the decision to implement it into their lives. Because just the listening is not enough. It's actually about the implementation of it. Now, that's when the challenge comes because we all have the same mind, we all have thoughts (some of them not good), and we have to choose to deny them, reject them, and to listen to what God says, but then to implement it.

So, a person can hear about the Sabbath, seventh-day Sabbath, and a person could choose to keep it without God's spirit, therefore, there's a big difference between transforming and conforming. So, there's going to be a lot of people that will transform, transform the way they think like what we've been asked to do, but there's going to be a lot that are going to be conforming, which means, go to the Sabbath, do all that, pay tithes, but not really change. Because it's about the mind.

So, when we conform to things we just do it, we go along. Now, the history of the Church since 31 AD is there's been many conform to the truth, not necessarily go under the process, a lifelong transition of transforming the way we think about a matter.

History shows that not everybody will make the right decision. Not everybody will yield and be transformed. That's just the fact. And it's sometimes hard to comprehend because we just think, "Oh, well, once the Millennium comes and Christ is here, the evidence is here, and 144,000 are there teaching, that people will choose to transform. Well, physical things mean nothing. Like, look at the Israelites. God opens the water, they walk through on dry land, and then soon later they're whinging and carrying on. So, they saw it. But the natural mind without God's spirit, what will they see? "Ah, yes, that's incredible!" but two days later it means nothing.

So, it's no different. Christ will return with 144,000 and justice will be implemented. And will everybody accept it? No. There will be people that will be upset because there are so many things that are in this society that's been built, and these people have lived through it, that they want that way of life. And when you turn around and say, "Well, you can't go out and get plastered. No longer. Two or three drinks is plenty over a period of time," and d-d-dit, all the different things, "just to keep a sound mind." And you tell people, "Sorry, you can't go out and sleep with ever who you want to." Will everyone accept it? They're not. Not in this society.

Some societies may, but this one they're going to really struggle with rules, what they see as rules, commandments. "What do you mean I'm not allowed to work on Friday night, Saturday?" It's a rule and

that's the carnal mind. That's the way it sees it. So, it's a transformation of thinking that needs to take place.

So, God in time will pour out His holy spirit and then people will have to make a choice, listen and transform, implement it, do something about it, make the willing choice to do it, or not. There will be still many issues within the society in the Millennium.

Grew up in Worldwide days and part of that is it's like a ... It's not a Pollyanna; it's the wrong word. It's a, you know, utopia. It's not going to be like that. People are used to living a lifestyle and all of a sudden they're going to have to change it. Well, will everybody not sin? No, they're all going to sin. Will sin be open? Well, open sin won't be tolerated, but sin is up here, it's in the mind. And do we believe that everybody that's in the Millennium after twenty years, that everybody is not going to sin? No, sin will be still rampant in the mind because it takes time. We sin every day. Because the more that we are in the Body of Christ, the more we have of God's spirit, the more we realize that our intent (which is the spirit of the law), our intent is not always right.

So, a person can come, people can tithe, people can give offerings, people can go to Sabbath, people can go to the Holy Days and still sin. Because their intent is outward appearance, to be seen by the ministry to be doing the right thing, to be seen by others to be doing the right thing. Yet that intent is totally wrong, it's sin. So, in obeying, you still can obey and break the law, the intent of the law, the spirit of the law. Because it's not about that, it's about God. And it's not about self.

So, people will choose to live sin, but that choice is now going to be open to the whole of society to make a choice. Not everyone will do it.

Over time the truth will be preached throughout the world by the 144,000 and God's one true Church. The truth will come to mankind via one government, the government of God. That's where the truth is. So, this will take time, as we read in scripture where there are nations that refuse to come up to the Holy Days, and therefore, there's a penalty. Everything takes time.

No different than us. Our calling, when we start off, we're called, we're somewhat naïve about the reality of our self. Later on, if we get time, one of the things that we learn is that our nature (so, Satan's removed), our nature is still evil. Now, when people say, "Well, humans are evil." Not everyone will believe that. "I'm not evil." But the reality is we have a nature that is evil. By nature it's selfish. So, it's evil.

So, when people say about transforming the mind, it's about fighting evil. Now, one of the thing about evil is it's easy to see outward. When we look we go, "Evil. Look at all that evil!" But what's required with a calling, which is the same in the Millennium, is don't look out, look in. Because evil exists within.

Now, if someone said, “Well, what’s the Church about?” Well, the Church is about learning that evil exists here, and this is what “I” have to face. This is what everyone has to face, is that we by nature are evil and we come to loathe our self.

So, people say, “What happened at the Feast?” I remember when I first came into PKG, talked about go away for eight days and rejoice, and they said, “What happened.” You say, “I found out how bad I was!” And you’re excited. You want to go back next year.

Well, that’s exactly what happens. We learn each year more about ourselves, and when we come to the point where we see that we’re the problem, we’re the evil person, and we learn to hate evil within here. Not out there, here. I hate it, detest myself because I’m evil by nature! I’ve got to learn to overcome it.

So, it’s a difficult thing for the Millennium where people are going to have to come to that time. Now, how long does it take to get there? Doesn’t happen in the first year, second year, ten years. Takes time. Takes time to come to see that our nature is actually evil, and the problem is “me” and “I’m” the problem, and “I” hate what comes out of “my” mouth sometimes, and “I” hate the way “I” think sometimes. We have to learn to hate evil. And there’s a scripture that talks about “The fear of God is to hate evil.” It’s an individual thing. We learn to hate evil within here, what’s going on in here.

So, true knowledge with understanding and wisdom requires God’s holy spirit. And we understand that Leviticus 23 also covers this aspect of seven days of the Feast and then the Last Great Day and that people will read it and understand the intent of it. What’s that all about? Well, the seven days, we understand what all that means and why we have seven days during the Feast. It covers the seven thousand years of mankind, and the Last Great Day, of course, the last hundred years.

Well, we understand that during that seven thousand years of mankind, there is six thousand years where mankind has been left to himself. Now we enter this last thousand years where mankind has to learn to hate evil, learn to hate themselves.

Now, if you went up to somebody in the world and said, “You’ve got to learn to hate yourself,” they’d think you’re crazy. But that’s the reality. We have to learn to hate what goes on in here sometimes. Nobody sees it. It’s a thought that we have, and we can dwell on it and let it run, but that’s where we have to learn to think “Ah, I hate doing that! I want to cut it off.” And that’s talking about repentance, wanting to get rid of it.

The purpose of this sermon is to look at what God requires of those who live in the Millennium who are called by Him. So, when people are given a calling—because it’s not everybody, instantly everybody is going to respond—but when God decides to open up to a person the opportunity to think differently (which is about repentance) well, the choice has to be made. And unfortunately, not everyone will make it.

The title of today’s sermon is *Called to Listen and Change*.

So, people will be called to listen and change. Because a person can listen but not implement what they hear and not change the way that is required. In the Millennium and the last hundred years, there will only be one religion allowed on the earth over that time period. So, there is only going to be one Church. Which I think is exciting.

There is a spiritual principle that everybody that is called in that thousand years and the hundred years will have to come to see, and it's found in **Luke 9:23—Then he**, talking about Christ, **said to them all, if anyone desires**, which is it's about choice once they're called, **to come after me**, which is to follow Christ in the truth, God's way of life, **let him deny himself**. Now, that is "to disown; to disown one's interests." So, that's about denying self. So, the self has a thought, we are to learn to deny it, fight self, which is all about the inner man. We have to learn to deny our selfish thinking.

...and takes up his stake daily, which is from that point of calling. It's a daily thing. It's every second of a person's life while consciousness is there. So, it's to take it up daily, which is to fight self daily.

...and follow me, follow after what Christ did. Now, we understand Christ had the mind of God, therefore, we have to follow the instructions God gives us.

Verse 24—For whoever desires to save his life... Now, this is about staying focused on the physical. So, about gaining wealth and just simply looking after self, not fighting self internally. **...who desires to save his life**—in other words, focus on the physical, nothing spiritual—**will lose it**, in other words, destroy it. So, if we are not willing to fight what we're really doing is destroying ourselves because we won't exist.

...but whoever loses (which is destroys) **his life**. So, how do we destroy our life? Which is fight self, fight this satanic mind that we have "lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." We have to be in that fight. Now, if we're not willing to fight we will lose our life. But if we lose our life the way God says, which is deny it, fight it, learn to hate it, what we really are, **for my sake, will save it**. It'll be delivered from destruction.

Now, isn't that an incredible thing? That's the choice. Destruction or life. That's the choice. Now, that's the choice we have every day, we in the Body of Christ now. Well, in the Millennium that's going to be given to them and they will come to see what they really have been blessed with. And I say "blessed with" because it's actually a blessing. To be given the mind that is against God, there's a blessing connected to it, because if we are willing and choose to fight against it the blessing is life everlasting.

So, what an incredible plan. What an incredible plan God has for mankind – is that we've been given this nature so that we can receive an enormous blessing. Because if we don't have this nature we can't have the blessing. This is the way it is. It's what we've got. So, it's a blessing that we can gain if we're willing to fight for it.

Verse 25—For what profit (advantage) **is it to a man if he gains the whole world?** Talking about something physical, become a billionaire. What profit is it really? **...and is himself destroyed or lost?**

Well, it's a question mark. What is the advantage of that? None. We're not willing to fight self and just live a life, a physical life, well, what's the outcome? Nothing. There will be nothing there. There is nothing. All waste of time.

The physical is worthless and it's temporary. And often we forget that because when we get involved in physical things we tend to put so much effort into that, the physical focus, rather than the spiritual focus which is the fighting of self.

To enter Elohim everyone must learn to fight self. Everyone called must put the spiritual first. Spiritual comes first, physical after. Spiritual – God first no matter what.

Ephesians 4:1. Everyone would know this particular scripture in the Church. This will be taught to the world because there are billions of people alive today that know none of this, what we're talking about today. But in the Millennium they'll be given the opportunity progressively to come to this understanding. And everyone will be at different levels over time.

I was thinking before maybe say get thirty or forty years into the Millennium and you have all these people that knew about Satan's existence, and then a child is born and there is no Satan. And the person gets to eighteen, nineteen years of age, whatever, and the parent says, "Ah, yes, you know, Satan used to be around and broadcast to us." And they know nothing about it. They'll go, "What do you mean 'broadcast' to you?"

How do we explain to somebody what it's like to live in this world? Because someone who grows up without Satan and all the influence they'll see a totally different world. How? We're going to have to explain it. People are going to go, "Yeah, no, this is what it was like." And they'll go, "Really?" "Really, people used to call themselves what?" Nowadays not male and female, they're all sorts of things, non-binary, you know. "Why did they do that? What was all...?" They're not going to understand it. They're not going to understand this world. They'll say, "Yes, and the internet was full of pornography." "What's that?" Because they're... It's not going to exist. In the Millennium it's all going to be shut down. It's not going to be there.

So, it's we'll see over time, and there'll be a whole society after a hundred-odd years, that won't have experienced any of what's going on today. And will they believe when you turn around and say, "Ah, this is what it was like."

Well, it's the same with an apostasy. How do you explain an apostasy to people who haven't been through it? Because there is so much to learn by going through it physically to understand it more. And yes, people can believe and say, "Oh, this is what happened," but never experienced it. Difficult thing. Well, it's going to be the same with a lot of things in the world.

Ephesians 4:1—I (Paul) **therefore, the prisoner (bondservant) of the Lord beseech you**, which is exhort you **to walk worthy**, which is to live in a worthy manner, **the calling with which you were called**. So,

we've been called to walk a particular way of life. And it's not about the way we think we should walk, it's the way God says to walk. We're to respond to God by obedience to His word. And that's the key to it. To respond by obedience.

...**with all lowliness** in the mind, **humility, gentleness**, which is meekness, having a teachable spirit. So, in other words, there's a level of humility where we're willing to be taught. ...**longsuffering, forbearing, or bearing**. We're to suffer. We're to sacrifice self. ...**with one another in love**. We're to learn to sacrifice self to benefit someone else, the brethren.

...**endeavoring**, which is having diligence, **to keep**. So, we have to be very diligent to watch about how we live our life. So, we've got to give all diligence to it.

...**the unity or oneness of the spirit in the bond of peace. In one Body**. So, there's only one Body called the Church of God. That's all that'll exist. To be in the Body of Christ, which requires of course, baptism—the repentance, baptism—and then the laying of hands by a true minister of God to receive the gift of the holy spirit.

So then that one truth comes out, truth comes out (all the different truths). But truth comes from one place. It doesn't come from someone's opinion.

...**in one body and one spirit**, God's spirit, **just as you were called in one hope of your calling**. So, what's the hope of a calling? Salvation. That's the hope we have. We want to be changed to spirit at a point in time. That's our hope. That's why we fight self. That's why we deny self, so that we can inherit what has been promised to us.

...**one Lord** (Joshua), **one faith**. So there's going to be one faith. So, there's going to be one belief system. Not all these other different belief systems that are out there now, there's only going to be one belief system. Which is exciting! When you think about the confusion that's out there now there won't be confusion. No, there's one truth system and it comes from one Church, one government.

...**one baptism**. Saw a program the other day and (*Poldark* it was), and a baby is born, and they take it there and they're sprinkling water on the head and now it's going to be saved. Knows nothing. It's just water on the head by a man dressed in a robe. You realize that'll all go. And when someone fifty years into the Millennium or more that people will turn around and say, ah, baptism. They'll know what a baptism means. Baptism is immersion in water. It's immersion, full immersion by a true minister of God, not just random. It's got to be about from repentance. So, there's got to be a repentance involved then baptism.

Verse 6—One God and Father of all. When you look at it, previously we believed differently than this, but this scripture makes it very clear. "One God and one Father of all." You know, like it's one. There's not two. It's one.

...who is above all. God the Father is above all. **...and through or with all and in you all.** Talking about the Church. So, we have that incredible blessing that we know the one God, the Father of all.

So, once called and we have received God's holy spirit in the mind we now have a battle which is ongoing in our life for the rest of our life.

One of the hardest things for any human being to do is to listen carefully. We can listen, but to listen carefully and then implement it is a totally different thing. So, in the beginning, there's going to be people that'll listen, and they will conform. It's not hard.

If you look at a lot of areas, if you look at various governments around the world in communism, people listen, and they'll conform. They don't necessarily agree with what's being said but they'll conform because if you don't you'll lose your life. So, people will just conform because they know they have to be seen to be conforming. Because if you're not conforming there is obviously something wrong with you.

So, one of the hardest things is for the human to listen carefully to any instruction let alone implement that instruction. It's hard.

So, we face that every day where we hear things and different things are revealed by God. From experience, I know that no matter how long you're in the Church there are certain aspects of your personality or certain things that you may say or do that you never thought they were a problem until God reveals it. And then you realize, I should never have said that. I should never have done it that way. But sometimes you can be around the Church forty, fifty years, wouldn't make any difference, God reveals progressively what we're really like as individuals. And we're all different and we're all at different levels and we all have different battles. And what one person's battle is is different than someone else's battle because they may not have that proclivity within their nature.

We as humans naturally resist God's instruction. We're going to look at why. We understand the scripture. Romans 8:7. So, mankind during this millennial period are going to have this very same issue in life that we have. They're going to be called to do something about it, which is what's happened to us.

Romans 8:7—Because the carnal mind... So, this mind that we have, this selfish mind that we have, **is hostile**, which is enmity, **hostile against God**. So, this natural mind does not want to listen to God. It just doesn't. It wants to do it its way, its own way.

...for it is not subject, in other words, it won't yield **to the law of God**. So, if it won't yield to the basic principle of the law let alone its intent, **nor indeed can be**. So, somebody cannot see their own intent with a natural carnal mind. Because it's selfish it doesn't see selfishness as an issue. Looking after self, loving self is not an issue to the natural mind. It only becomes an issue when God calls us to see that it's an issue. Then God wants to see what choice we'll make. And we often fail in making that choice.

God created us selfish for a purpose and that, of course, is about we resist God by nature. That's what we do. And once we're called and we receive God's holy spirit we then enter into this battle. And it's going to take a lifetime. And even though we think we've overcome something God will reveal to us a little bit deeper than we see, no, the intent wasn't there. We might keep a Sabbath for example, or we might tithe, but God lets us see our intent. "Oh, I did that or said that because..." what was the intent of saying that "was exalt self." So, even though it could be right it's still vanity, it's still sin.

What we said could have been right but why we said it is the issue, the motive behind why we said what we said.

Verse 8—So then, those who are in the flesh, which means the natural, selfish mind will love itself first. That's natural. We love self first. We put self first. We look after self. ...**and it cannot please God.** It's not subject to God, it won't yield to God. It will always resist. The natural carnal mind will always resist.

Now, there are scriptures, of course, when God says, "Come up to the Feast," which is not everybody of course, but the group comes up to the Feast and they won't come up out of Egypt at that time. Well, this is exactly what it is. People are going to resist. In the beginning of the Millennium, people will resist. And then once they stop resisting and start listening and then have to make a choice to implement it then things are different. Things are different in life that way. So, this is not just about listening, it's about implementing.

When we understand why we were created the way we are, which is natural mind of selfishness, we come to see why it's an incredible plan that God has. When we really stop and think about it, it's just amazing that God is so patient that He'll allow this to happen, and now when Christ returns that everyone that's left alive in that period and then all the children that are born and grow up through that period of a thousand years, what an incredible opportunity mankind has. Now mankind will have the ability to see, know, and understand the truth about their own thinking.

Now, it takes a bit of time to come to realize that we are the problem, we are the evil, the evil is here. It takes time to see it. Because when we're first called we're all excited about this, and keeping the Sabbath and unclean foods is highly important, and tithing and offering, it's all exciting. It's brilliant! And we get excited by it, and we want to tell other people how exciting all this is. But the reality is evil still dwells here, and that's the battle. And when we go longer and longer in the Church we begin to see, "Ah, I'm the problem and I have to learn to hate evil here." That's what it's about. "It's me. I've got to learn to hate myself."

You don't tell anybody that in today's society, would you? You go up to someone and say, "Oh, you've got to learn to hate yourself." Today's society is you've got to love yourself; you know, you go and find yourself. I don't know where they lose themselves but go and find yourself. "Going to take two years off and I'm going to find myself." It's a load of rubbish. No, what we're called in the Church for is to learn

how to hate evil. And deep down in here, the mind is evil. Because that's what God created it that way, that we would have evil, and we've got to learn to fight against it.

We understand why we were created this way, which is incredible, really, and that this is an incredible plan that God has for all mankind. Everybody that was created, it's incredible that we even have existence.

Now mankind will have the ability to see, know, and understand their own thinking. The most important part in human life once called is to stay in the fight against selfishness within the mind. So, the most important thing in our life that we can do now, right now, as of now, is to learn to fight self and fight our own evil. Because that's where it exists. We have to learn to hate sin, hate evil. "Fear of God is to hate evil" within self.

Proverbs 12:15—The way of the fool—now, a fool is something who is self-reliant—is **right in his own eyes**. Which is his human reasonings and opinions. Which we all give, and we all have opinions about everything.

But he who heeds counsel, which is heeds counsel from God, **is wise**. Someone who uses God's word to guide their life is wise because God is wise, God is wisdom. So, if we are to be wise, which would be foolishness to mankind – by keeping a Sabbath, for example, not working Friday night, Saturday is foolishness to mankind. But to God, it's a reflection of being wise. That we choose to obey God is wisdom. We're living wisdom by choosing that.

God will call people in the Millennium to listen to what He tells them, which is wisdom. So, what God tells them is actually wisdom. Then they will have to choose to change the way they think and stay in the fight against self until their change comes. Just like us.

So, everyone in the Millennium is going to be having this same fight. Some choose not to fight. They'll just live a natural carnal mind.

So, will selfishness and sin exist in the Millennium? Hundred percent! Because we've all got the same mind which is selfishness and sin. And it'll exist and it'll come out and there'll be problems.

Will there be marriage problems in the Millennium? Guaranteed. Will there be other issues with sexual immortality in the Millennium? Guaranteed. Because we're human and not everyone is going to, you know, change and be more perfect. No, there's going to be lots of issues, issues we probably don't even fully understand yet that are going to come out by having a society that is Sabbath keepers only, and all the other religions are not going to be allowed, and therefore, going to be problems? Huge problems. Because that's man. Man is a problem. We're problems. I'm a problem. Because that's the way we are.

So, the choice in the end is pretty simple. The choice is obedience equals life. Obedience, listen to God and obey, implement it, is life. Disobedience and personal opinions equals death. Life and death. And

God says, "Choose!" Life and death. "Listen to Me or don't listen to Me. Just do one or the other." And that's what happens in life.

And that's the future in the Millennium and the hundred years. Obedience/disobedience. Life and death. Straight forward, really. It's simple. It's really quite black and white. Not as simple to implement obedience as what you first think.

People will be called to repentance, which is a wonderful thing, to think differently. So, people are going to be called, granted the gift of spiritual repentance, not just physical repentance, spiritual repentance, and therefore, they'll have the ability to think differently, which is an incredible thing.

They will have to choose to change. They will have to learn to fight themselves, fight and examine themselves, and to look at their intent, their real motive. Now, it's going to be very difficult because a lot of people have grown up in political systems and once they're called to be a politician your intent is votes, exaltation of self. That is be known, market yourself, posters, banners. That's what it's all about. "Everyone's got to know about me so that they can vote for me because I'm going to get in. That's what I'm going to do... I'm going to beat everybody." Beat everybody. Well, all that's got to go. All that's got to go.

And one person will say, "Well, I think that person should be in the ministry." And that person gets put in the ministry and another person gets put in over them or that person doesn't get put in the ministry that they thought should have been in there. Do you think that's going to go down well? "What do you mean you can't vote?"

There is so much change to come it's going to be staggering, absolutely staggering. And not everyone will accept it.

So, people will be called to transform their thinking from selfishness to one of spiritual thinking, sacrificing self, and believing the truth. Now, if you look at the history of the Church since 31 AD there's been many that have been called but only a few chosen, as God says. But many have been called and few have chosen. That's the reality. Because it's a choice, it's a personal choice you have to make. And we have to make it, true? We have to make the choice every day to fight self.

We have to choose from the "get" way, which is inward, love self to the "give" way, which is outward, love others, love God. And that's the choice. It's reasonably simple. By nature we choose self. With God's holy spirit, we have to learn and choose to love God and love the brethren. So, we've been called to change the way we think, but not everyone will choose that way.

Proverbs 1:20—Wisdom calls aloud outside; she raises her voice in the open squares. She cries out in the chief concourses. At the openings of the gate of the city, she speaks her words. How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? Well, the natural carnal mind loves simplicity in the sense of foolishness, man's ways. We love ourselves so we love Satan's ways. And there's a lot of people in the

world and will be in the future, will love a different way of thinking than God's. So, that person who loves simplicity has little or a very naïve...they have no spiritual judgment of self, making a judgment about anything, really. They're quite naïve about the outcome. Cause and effect.

For scorers delight in their scorning. Which is to make light of it. They resist it. So, the correction will come from God and people will still have to make a choice about whether they're going to receive that correction. And sometimes if we have pride and we receive correction from the ministry, for example, it's not that easy. It might sound easy, "Oh, I'd just do it." No, the mind will wander. The mind goes off into all different areas about what it believes is truth and "No, I'm not like that, really." And the reality is, that's the way we are.

Romans 12:1—I beseech you (urge you) therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you yield (present) your bodies a living sacrifice. So, that's what we've been called to do and that's what people in the Millennium will be called to do. ...**holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable (logical) service. And do not be conformed...** Now, that word "conformed" is "to blend in" **to this world**, present evil age. But mankind in the future will have the same issues going on because of this mind that they'll have. They might be able to conform in to a world and fit in but not be transforming, which is totally different.

Do not be conformed (blend in) to this world (talking about now of course) but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Now, that word "renewing" is "renovated." So, our minds have to be renovated. And when you renovate – I don't know whether you enjoy... I enjoy renovations. But renovating is you rip everything out and you build something new. Well, that's what's got to happen to our minds.

Exactly the same in the Millennium. People are going to have to renovate selfishness out of their minds and hate evil in the mind, in the self, and overcome it, fight it, and resist it. Once a person is called to listen to God they now have to make a choice – obedience or disobedience. Fight selfishness or give into selfishness, in other words, don't hate self. And that's the battle. We have to learn to actually hate ourselves.

Now, how many of us can really say on an ongoing basis we hate ourselves. Well, we normally don't because our natural mind we think we're justified in everything we do. But as we spend longer in God's Church we will come to learn to hate ourselves. And when we learn to hate ourselves and our thinking and our words we say and think, "Ugh." When we learn to hate ourselves we're actually demonstrating that we fear God. Because to fear God is to hate evil in self. Not out in the world, which we hate, but here is more important at the moment because we've been called to hate it.

Once a person is called and listens to God they now have to make a choice, obedience or disobedience, fight selfishness or not. The truth is that the Church will teach the truth, and a person is going to have to make a choice.

One can only see the truth, which is see it spiritually as God opens the mind to see it, to see spiritual matters. Mankind will be taught the truths of God that have been given to His Church at that time. So, we have 57 Truths, more truths are given, they'll be given, and people will then begin to see it. And they'll be excited when they hear the truth, just like we're excited when we hear the truth. We're real excited and think, "That's incredible!" They're going to be the same. They're going to go through that and think, "Wow! This is amazing! All these truths and these people that lived in that time, in the year 2024 in the Roman calendar, and they had all these truths? Incredible, what was going on." Meanwhile, they were just all living their life and going on worried about housing, car prices, and all the other things, food prices, etcetera.

So, when Joshua returns as the Messiah to this earth mankind will be given the ability to hear and understand the truths, whereas they don't have it at the moment. We do. More truth will be given to mankind. They will need to choose to listen to the truth or reject it. Just like now, when a truth comes out we're given a choice – it came from God, or it didn't. Choice.

We'll close with John 12:35. So, not everybody called by God will respond, which is the same today. And it'll be the same in the Millennium, the same in the hundred years. Not everybody is going to accept what God has to say. They don't see the promises clearly. Because if we really saw the promises, if we understand who we really are, and what we're really like, and we saw the promises that God has offered us we would fight a lot harder. Because they're incredible promises.

John 12:35—He who loves his life, talking about physical, loves that way of life and focusing on the physical, **will lose it**. In other words, it will be destroyed. It's a fact. If we love our physical life and are not willing to hate evil and fight self we're going to lose our life – as if we never existed.

...and he who hates his life... Now, that "hating life" is really to love less, and that is to he who hates. That's what I was talking about, "To love God is to hate evil." We have to hate self. We've got to hate selfishness, the things we do.

I know things that happen and just hang your head and "How stupid can I be when I say these things or do these things?" That's hating self. Because that's what does it. It's self that does it. Because God's spirit doesn't sin. We do – that mind.

...he who hates his life, in other words, destroys it. So we have to learn to destroy "lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." We have to destroy it within ourselves. That's what we have to do. That's the battle. If we learn to do it in this world (physical), **will keep it for everlasting life**.

What an incredible scripture. That if we're willing to fight the fight, once we've been called, and we're willing to deny self, which is learn to hate self, the selfishness in us, learn to hate it, which is sin, we learn to hate it, we are guaranteed a promise – everlasting life.