

Today we're going to complete this present series we've been on, *Doing the Works of God*. This is going to be *Part 5*.

Again, one more time, this series has been stressing how no one can afford to coast, take it easy, or be idle in living the truths of God, in doing the work we're supposed to be doing, understanding that it is work.

So, let's go over those verses that we ended on last Sabbath. This needs to be deeply embedded in our thinking so we're going to go over this again here. Colossians 1, where we ended last Sabbath.

Colossians 1:21—Even you, who were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works... And so, we understand our calling. We understand what we're like before we're called and God begins to work with us. We learn that through time. That's a learning process as well, to come to grasp really just how deep this is in our thinking and in our minds, and to be able to acknowledge that, that our minds are a matter of selfishness, total selfishness. "Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, the pride of life," it's about us. That's what we have to fight. That's what we have to work on to conquer.

And yet, that's a process of growing in understanding of that as well. We have the knowledge of it, we think about it maybe from time to time when we hear a sermon, but to become convicted of it, to know it with all of your being this is where your battle is, this has a lot to do with our willingness then to fight that battle, which becomes then a matter of wisdom after it becomes a matter of just that's the way it is and that's what you do. That's where the word wisdom comes in. Before that, perhaps understanding because we begin to grasp what we're really like, what all human nature is like, and thankful that God has called us out of that process.

So, it says here, again, we were alienated and enemies in our mind. We have to come to say, yes, that's what we were, we were against God's way of life, we fought against God's way of life. That's just our nature. And not until God begins to draw us and call us can we begin to break away from that by the power of His holy spirit. That's what it takes. And that's a part of what these works are all about, yielding to God, crying out to God, wanting God to live in us, to work in us, constantly doing that day by day. Then not just praying about it and asking for the help, but making sure that we're striving to fight that during the day, whatever it is we're striving to fight and conquer and overcome.

So again, **Yet now has he reconciled**. So, we started the process of being reconciled. **...in the body of his flesh through death to present you holy, unblameable, and unreprouvable in his sight, if**—big IF—because again, this comes back to our choices as to what we're doing, how we're doing it— **if you continue**. It's just like dwelling in, continuing in God, dwelling in God, those words that we use regularly.

This is what it's talking about. We've got to continue in it and never cease. It's a daily fight; it's a daily battle.

...if you continue in the faith. What a beautiful thing that we understand that. God gives us the ability to believe what is true. It's our choice then to live it. We make choices as to what degree actually we're going to live it because sometimes we pick and choose parts of it. And that, again, goes back to our human nature if we can grasp that – and a lot of times we can't until God draws us even more so to be able to see certain things.

Then when we're presented with it because of perhaps a trial, some test we go through and we see self and what God wanted to bring to the surface in the sense so we could see it through the trial or test, then we have to make a choice what we're going to do. Are we going to address it? Are we going to fight it? Do we ask for forgiveness and seek to change? That's what faith is all about – living by God's way of life, of what He's given us the ability to believe.

...grounded. So, we want to be thoroughly grounded in this way of life. That means we have to go back over it from time to time, we have to go through the truths every once in a while, we have to think about various aspects. And from Sabbath to Sabbath, from week to week, month to month, God addresses various things that we're to address. **...and settled.** Settled in God's way of life. **...and not be moved away from the hope of the good news.** That's a battle to not be moved away from it. Because, again, that's a matter of our own choices; not anyone else's, just us.

...in hope of the good news—which is about truth—**which you have heard, which...** it says “**was**” here but **is/will be preached to all in creation.** Sometimes things have not been properly translated in that respect because they don't understand God's plan, they don't understand what God is doing. They don't understand the true context, if you will, of the truth. And when you do and you see various words, you know what it means.

This here, certainly in that respect then, is a matter of what God is going to fulfill, what God is going to accomplish because most assuredly this hasn't been preached – God's way of life, the truth – by any measure to all of His creation. God has a plan to address that though. Just like in the first six thousand years, it's going to be addressed in the last one hundred—awesome—as a whole.

...which was preached to all or will be preached to all in creation, which is under heaven, whereof I, Paul, am made a minister. So, he's been made a minister, he understands his job. He understands he's to go to the gentiles and so it's in that context that during his time period, just as Herbert Armstrong, his time period, our time period now, there are certain things we have to focus on that we are to do which is a part of fulfilling this to all creation through time.

So, in the first six thousand years, God has pulled, drawn if you will, 144,000 to work with. Awesome! He drew a lot more than that. He worked with a whole lot more than that. But because of choices and so forth? Just like it says, “Don’t let anyone take your crown,” and yet that’s happened over and over again.

Let’s continue on by going over to Matthew 7. So, we are to actively be doing the works of God. I love the way that this has been given in the sense of understanding there is work that God does, and yet that primary work is about what? Elohim. Joshua is about Elohim. It’s about God’s plan and purpose. The 144,000, it’s about Elohim. Those who are resurrected later on into God’s Family, it’s all about preparing and molding and fashioning and bringing people into God’s Family.

And so, that’s God’s focus. That’s what the creation at this time is all about, those ongoing things of creation. We have to be actively doing those things, whatever it requires that God has given to us that we’re supposed to do. God is working, He wants to work in us, but He won’t if we don’t seek Him, if we don’t want Him, if we’re not crying out for Him, if we don’t grasp that we need Him every day of our life.

Matthew 7:15—Beware of false prophets. Now, people get various things in their minds about what these things are about. They think of Old Testament prophets and so forth. It’s kind of interesting how some of these words are used as well. But this word that’s translated as “false prophets” in the Greek language and how it’s used in context in scripture is one that seems to be a bit more difficult sometimes in the Church for people to grasp. It certainly was in the Worldwide Church of God, to grasp and understand what this was all about.

So, this is, again, a warning that Christ gave for the Church because it wasn’t given to the world. People can’t grasp and understand those things, and until God gives understanding of what Christ was teaching, what he was telling people to beware of, and so forth, of things that would happen as far as the Church was concerned in the first two thousand years.

This word in the book of Revelation is used to describe Satan who bears this title among others, obviously, but as he is the one who originally began teaching different ways than God’s. It’s used in the New Testament to describe those who come along acting as though they are in the Body of Christ, but at some point, they take on the role to themselves being the interpreters (which is what this is all about when it comes to the word “prophet” and how it’s used in the New Testament), taking on themselves being interpreters of God’s will, of God’s purpose, of God’s plan, everything that comes from God, which can include matters of prophecy. But as a whole, that’s not what it’s addressing. It’s about the truth.

So again here, God gives that spirit to His Church. When it speaks in different places about the “spirit of prophecy” or the ability to do this, too often people think of Old Testament prophets. Well, as a whole, they wrote things that were to happen, yes, in the future that God inspired them to see, to grasp.

Just like Daniel as an example, and he wrote about things that were going to happen at the very end that he didn’t grasp and comprehend. He wanted to know what it was all about and God said, “Just shut the

books, Daniel, because it's not for you." (Or the scrolls.) "It's not for you to know and to understand. It's for the end." Not even during the time of Christ. Not even during the beginning of the Church. It was for the end. That's when God began to reveal them through His apostle, Herbert Armstrong. Awesome!

But again, these things here are matters of understanding that then, of when it's given to understand. It was given to Herbert Armstrong in that respect; many things were given to him. Not a matter of prophecy or being a prophet but of being able to interpret the things of God, God's will, and God's word which had to do with things in the Old Testament, yes, but it's God's word. It's what it's about, the ability to interpret those things, the ability to talk about those things. We have that ability amongst ourselves. We understand, we grasp, we comprehend because God has placed it in our minds and we can share that.

But when someone else comes along – this is where the warning is – be careful of those who are false in that. Because we've had many in God's Church who come along with different ideas, preaching something different, interpreting God's word, interpreting things for themselves, of what they think they see that we need to, or you need to understand. And those who have given ear to some of those things, if it doesn't agree with what has been given to God Sabbath by Sabbath, then we're to understand they're false.

Because this is the spirit and the mind of Satan. He was the first that came along and began to teach something different to the angelic realm. This is mind-boggling, really, what happened in the angelic realm. Spirit beings, spirit-composed beings who never questioned anything about God. We don't know how long, millennia after millennia after millennia, millions of years even. We don't know how long, but it was a long time, things we can't even begin to grasp.

Just the fact of what happened to this earth and the length of time before God came along and began to remold and refashion and then put mankind upon it. Awesome! The evidence is out there. It's in the rocks and all over the world of something that happened long, long, long ago that people are still trying to figure out and understand. But we know that it was there. And so, things of creation that we don't even begin to understand.

But here in the angelic realm, one came along, began to introduce different thinking, things that they'd never heard before. Then they began to question because they were more influenced by him because of where he was and those who were more directly, if you will, under him.

This is the same ole' thing that's happened in the Church. You take a particular area – I mentioned Washington, DC — recently, a region pastor out there who was over a lot of churches on the East Coast. He came along and began to teach something different to the ministry out there. They began to listen and then they began to teach things that were different from what God had given through His apostle, Herbert Armstrong. And then after a while, entire churches went by the wayside because they listened to it, and they believed it, and they didn't hold on to what they were first given. If they'd understood that

we're to remember where we hear the truth. Then it came along in time that ministers themselves began to say, "Well, he was a good teacher." There were a lot that didn't even believe that.

If we don't see God in the picture from the beginning of our calling to the end of it we have really gone off course, and it's not hard to do. So, we're to learn from that.

This may be, to the end here, more of a learning process for us. I was thinking about that this morning. What an incredible thing if we could go through a year and someone doesn't leave the Church. That would be awesome. That's becoming better and better, fewer and fewer. Of course, we're getting fewer and fewer too. No, we have about the same for the Feast as we've had for several years, but it stays about the same. Incredible! But what an awesome thing if we didn't have to go through that anymore.

And so, why are we going over things that may not affect us? Well, because we have to be on guard. That's what we're taught. We have to be on guard. We have to be alert. We have to do the things we're being told in the series here that God has given to us, that we're not to be lax, we're not to take it easy, we're not to become lethargic, we're not to become lukewarm and just waiting around for something to happen in the world, waiting until this event, whenever it begins.

We're to keep alert, and by looking at world events – just like right now, what's happening in Syria. It sounds like Assad has fled the country finally. His whole family was taken out of the country last week because insurgents are making it in, they took over Aleppo, they took over another town, I can't think of the name of it now, another one very large, and now they're up to Damascus. And so, it sounds like even Assad has left the country. They're not real sure.

Basically, Russia is kind of denying certain things, that they're not going to really help him, and they're a little upset and perturbed that his forces aren't standing back and fighting like they should be. Well, the Russians can't do much about it now. They're weak, and this other group coming in and sees it.

Incredible, what's happening in the world! You look at different things that are happening right now, just like today, the coming up president who isn't president yet is meeting with Macron and with Zelensky. Unheard of, things that are taking place. And so, what's going to happen there? Well? Then you think about Russia. Anyway, if we have time we might go through some news. But we probably won't get there at the rate I'm going.

But those are the kinds of things, if we're alert to them, if you will, the sounds of the Thunder, those are the things that are supposed to keep us stronger in the sense that we see it there and so we're moved by that. We realize, "I've got to keep on my toes." I don't care if you go all the way back to a tsunami that took place, what, twenty years ago now, whatever it was when it took place, that one that went into the Indonesia area. Mind-boggling. But that was a Thunder! Different things that have happened at different times.

Those are the kinds of things we look at and realize we are in the end-time, but it's not like we count time, or we want time to happen in. We want it to be fast. This December is going to be thirty years – thirty years since the Apostasy. This December. We're in December, but it's the 17th. You think, incredible, thirty years has gone by! I'm a lot older. I didn't plan being this old. We go through these things, but every event that happens it's for us in the sense of being able to see, that we're to hear, we're to watch these events. God doesn't prevent them from happening, but He allows various things to happen that are getting stirred up more and more in this world, different events of things happening and taking place.

It wasn't a big thing that happened, but it's still pretty big, a 7.0 earthquake off the coast of California. I have an earthquake map. I don't know how many of you use that thing. Anyway, I've gone in there and looked at that thing. There have been so many earthquakes it looks like an area where a volcano has gone off. That's what it looks like right now. I mean, yesterday I couldn't believe all the numbers of earthquakes all the way through there, all the way on to land as well as from that major one happened, and it honestly just looks like some maps you take a look at when there's a volcano ready to erupt. You're like, man, this is crazy what's going on.

I don't know the last time I've seen that many earthquakes. They're not as big, obviously, the smaller ones, but there are huge masses of them. It's another Thunder, one of those things that we hear, we see, and it should affect us. You can't afford to let down! You can't afford to coast! You've got to understand the seriousness of the time we live in, whether it's this year, whether it's this month or next month, we don't know, or whether, as I have said, whether it is ten years from now. It really doesn't matter! We need that kind of mind that understands where we are and to be thankful that God has pulled us out of this world, given us the ability to see what we see, and we're not deluded like the world is. We understand what's going to happen. That gives a real peace of mind. We should have great peace because we understand it's going to be horrible, but we know what it is, we see what it is.

So, people come along and make themselves interpreters of God's ways, God's word, again, which might include something about prophecy, but generally, it's not. Generally, it's other things that just disagree doctrinally or some weird idea of conspiracy thing, whatever it might be, all the different kinds of things that begin to push in on people. We have to be alert to that because too often people have listened, and they're gone. You've got to be on your toes.

This thing that it's talking about here, about being a false prophet, it's a warning about those who set themselves up to know, to think they know. That's what they're doing. They're setting themselves up as a prophet, but they're false because they're not teaching according to the truth that was given in the Church. It doesn't work that way. God doesn't work that way.

This is a matter of setting oneself up, if you will, as knowing God's will and trying to sell. That's where the word merchandise, the merchandise. If you understand merchandising, that route, and that way, and

what God said about Satan, that's what he did when he started blabbing and teaching something different from God. This is a part of what he's accused of. He began to sell something that was different than what God had given, trying to sell the angelic realm on it, to follow him.

Simply put, if they do not speak, teach that which is the truth then they're false. It's a very simple thing and they have taken on themselves the role of a teacher or a prophet, if you will.

Verse 15 again. So, his warning to us, to the Church was **beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing**. Isn't that what happens within the Church, has happened in the last two thousand years? You think they're in the Church, but they're out in the courtyard or they've gone farther away, they've gone on a trip. Then it's easier to recognize, well, they're not in the Church.

These things have happened to us so that we can learn from this process. God has allowed those things to exist in the Church so we can learn from it. I think of some conversations within the past week, even of things of the past, and you think of all the things that happened that were wrong and done wrong by different ones in the ministry as well. We should learn from that. That's wrong, it's not right. This is for our learning.

I was saying earlier, what an awesome thing if we're like in more of a classroom environment now in the sense that we're to be growing and understanding more, learning in knowledge, yes, but for ourselves growing in understanding that God is giving to us. And if no one leaves over the next year what an incredible thing if that happens because we're becoming so much more refined. That's what's happening to us. I hope we see that. We're becoming more refined, more sound, and that's up to each one of us to keep up that battle. We need each other. We need to be a strong Body.

So again here, it goes on to say, **but inwardly they are ravenous wolves**. I think of people, who because of what they started, but everyone had a choice whether or not to listen. It's their fault too. But that's a dangerous thing. A little leaven can leaven the whole lump. That's why it's so important to be close to God all the time.

You shall know them by their fruits. In time, that's how God reveals things, by the fruits. Things come to the surface that aren't from God. It becomes obvious, well, this isn't of God. You can't do that if you have God's spirit working in you. You can't live that way, you can't think that way, you can't do such things if you have God's spirit living in you. Now, if you repent, great! But if you don't, it'll be taken care of. That's the way God works with us.

You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns and figs or thistles? Even so, every good tree brings forth... (makes; produces by what they work, by what amount of work they put into it). That's how it works. So simple. But how often is it done regularly, continually in people's lives in the past? It hasn't been a good record. **...every good tree then brings forth good fruit. But a corrupt tree**

brings forth evil fruit. It's evil because it's not God's way, it doesn't agree with the word of God. It's some other way than what the Church has taught, what God has given the Church to understand.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit. So, that's how we judge. That's how we learn how to judge various kinds of matters. ...**neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that does not bring good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire.** Again here, sometimes these things have not been taken as seriously as they really should have been. That's why I think of the Feast two years ago and the things that God gave us to address about some of this to understand incredible responsibility we have. The reality once we've been given the truth we better hold on to it and fight for it with all of our being, if that's what we really want.

Matthew 7:20—Therefore, by their fruits, you shall know them. Not everyone who says unto me, Lord, Lord... Just because we pray, just because we've cried out to God does not guarantee we're going to be in God's Family. Just because we go to Sabbath services or the Holy Days or the Feast of Tabernacles, but that's kind of how the Church began to think, more that way, especially during Laodicea. It's like we're all in the Church. No, we weren't all in the Church.

...not everyone that says unto me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, become a part of Elohim. **But whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven.** God's will is that we produce fruit, that we work, that we want Him, that we cry out to Him, that we recognize we can't do anything right on our own. We have to have His spirit, the power of His holy spirit working in our lives every day or we become weak and susceptible to going off course. Not just susceptible, that's exactly what will happen.

Verse 22—Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name? See, it's not about prophesying. It's not like the Old Testament prophets. This isn't what it's talking about. It's like, "Haven't we spoken things that are a matter of Your will, Your word, Your way? Haven't we talked about the truth that You've given to us," and whatever it might be that goes through people's minds. But anyway, "Haven't we done this in Your name?"

People who go astray, that regional pastor I talked about, he deceived himself into thinking he was doing God's will. They go off and call themselves "something else" Church of God, whatever it is. The Intergalactic Church of God. Really! That's what happened. The Intergalactic Church of God, that's about how bad it got. It's like, what are we going to come up with next if it can't be Worldwide? Well, you can think of some of the words that people have used. We have to call ourselves "something" Church of God. That's what people deceive themselves into believing then. Incredible! International, Intercontinental, Galactic. How far out can you go? Universal? People have used things like that. Crazy!

...and in Your name cast out demons. Well, demons can cast out demons, if you understand what I'm saying. People can do various things, and demonic beings can be a part of that to keep, or to get someone to be deceived. "See, healing!" Sometimes things that have happened because of spirit beings.

These things have happened in the world. They happen in the New Testament. They themselves then can play games with human beings to deceive.

It's like people who have had these experiences of speaking in tongues or whatever it might be. They come to a point where they believe that with all their being because they realize it wasn't just them. They experience even sensations in their body. They have done things... There are things that have happened to people like this that is very hard to convince them this wasn't of God when they're called out of the world. Now, I made a comment one time about some of that and I'm very thankful for those who have been called out of that, that have had the opportunity and did repent when they came to understand that truth, and to understand how dangerous that is because it's out there.

...and in Your name have done many wonderful works. It's like the different groups. It's going to be hard on people when they have an opportunity to finally be awakened from where they have been asleep at for nearly thirty years now and they come to understand. But they're going to say, "Well, what about...? We had a magazine. We had television. We kept doing the same things that Herbert Armstrong did. We kept trying to do the very same things. We had almost the same names and everything." I'm not going to name a bunch of them, but anyway, you think it's going to be very hard because they're going to be convinced that they did and have been doing for thirty years or more the right thing. Because they believe it. That's what they believe. So, it's going to be tough. Those things aren't easy.

Just because we say it, "Lord, Lord..." anyway, and "done wonderful works." **Verse 23—So then I will profess unto them, I never knew you.** That's going to be tough on different ones. It really is. Especially, those who are a part of the scattering. The world for a while, but not too long. They're going to come to see pretty quickly Christmas, Easter, the trinity, yep, we were deceived.

Depart from Me, you who work iniquity. So again, **Therefore, whoever hears these things of mind and does them...** And it's a matter of work, doing it, doing what God says, **I will liken them to a wise person who built their house upon a rock.** So, that's what we're striving to do. It's what God has given us the ability, the blessing, of being able to do. That's awesome if we understand that. He's given us the ability to build in a powerful way in the Church.

Then the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house. And it did not fall. Trials can come along, knock us around. But if we're built upon a rock, we're still going to be there. That's what this is about. **...for it was founded upon a rock.**

So, everyone who hears these sayings of mine and does not do them will be likened to a foolish person who built their house upon the sand. So that when trials come along, things come along, that's what it's saying here: **Then the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew...** You know, what happened in the Apostasy, talked about floods and what happened to us. **...and beat upon the house, and it fell. And great was the fall of it.** So again, incredible warnings because God knows us. He knows what people will do. He knows exactly what will take place. He gave to Christ to give to John, if you will,

all the things that were to be written in the book of Revelation. There were incredible things that were given to the Church eras before they even came into existence.

God knew exactly. He had the plan. I hope we understand why different things like that were allowed to be like they were. Why Sardis was allowed to be like it was, to come to a point where it was basically dead, when he says, "You are dead," in essence, "spiritually." It came to that point. Then God raised it back up. We're to learn from all those things, of what the human mind is like. We're to learn what it's like under various kinds of conditions, what can happen with God's spirit or without God's spirit, and to see what happened then in Philadelphia, in Laodicea. Awesome! All for a purpose. All for our training. All for our molding. All for our fashioning and different things fashioned in people during different periods there of what they went through.

Galatians 5:16—This I say then, walk in the spirit. So, that's the choice we have, to walk in the spirit. It has to come from God; we have to cry out for it. It doesn't just happen; it requires work.

...and you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. So, if we're not walking in the spirit, there are things we're going to do. Why? Because we're weak. If we're not staying close to God, if we're not crying out to God for the help of His holy spirit, it's going to be easier to sin, it's going to be harder to fight things in the mind or maybe not even to recognize them when they come into the mind, to know we better be fighting as soon as they come into the mind before they happen.

For the flesh lusts against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh. They don't agree. They're opposites! We have to make choices constantly there, which do we want. And if we want the one, we have to fight for it, we have to work for it. It doesn't just happen because we come to services or because we go to the Feast of Tabernacles or because we send in tithes. It's way beyond that.

And these are contrary one to the other so that you cannot do the things that you would. So, if we're not in the spirit then we're not in control, something else is controlling us. That's scary. Other things are controlling us. Selfishness and sometimes the spirit world. Because they will broadcast things and try to intensify that wrong way or wrong ideas or thoughts or actions. That's what they do.

But if you are led of the spirit... It means we have to follow after that then, follow after God's spirit. That takes work every day, meaning we're yielding to God's spirit working in our life. We want it. We know we can't change without it. **...you are not under the law.** The world loves this, you know, the protestant world. "See, we aren't under the law. You don't have to worry about the Sabbath, what it said. We go on Sunday. God says that's okay. You know, every day is a good day to worship God." That's what Worldwide started teaching! Am I in the twilight zone? What's happened? How did it happen so fast, overnight? Incredible!

We're not under the penalty of the law. That's the context of it all as you go through Galatians. There's a penalty to be paid for not living by God's way of life, which includes, obviously, His law. There are laws

involved. And if we're not living by those things and applying those things in our life and striving to obey what is true then we're going to have sin in our life and we're going to have the death penalty over us until we repent, if we repent, and that's the desire.

Verse 19—Now, the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness. So, all these things should be so obvious in our minds, the physical part, but they all start in the mind. None of those happen except they start with wrong thinking. ...**lasciviousness**, meaning unbridled, uncontrolled lust, not being in control. That's what I mentioned a moment ago. Either we're in control or not, and the only way you're in control in the right way is if God's spirit is there to help you to be in control. You can't do it on your own.

...**idolatry, witchcraft.** That's how far people can go. ...**hatred, variance**, you know, coming to a point where people hate in God's Church even. Variance. All these things have happened in God's Church over two thousand years. I'm pretty certain they've happened in every era.

...**being contentious**, this variance here, **emulations**, acting out of envy. You know, we have to come to hate these things. To have envy or **jealousy**, those things are so sick when the mind does that, when the mind goes into that and sees someone else and finds fault with them because deep down inside we think that's what we should have or whatever it might be, and it's just sick thinking.

Especially, within God's Church it should never be there. Because we're a Body and we all have been given awesome opportunity to grow, to be molded and fashioned for something we don't fully comprehend yet, but God knows where and He's preparing us for those things if we yield to it.

But sometimes we get wrapped up in this temporary part to get there, while we're in the womb in that respect, and we begin to think about things and begin to find fault with others. Because subconsciously, whether we grasp it or not, we're lifting ourselves up. If you begin in any fashion or form, if the human mind begins to be critical of someone else, too often it's raising itself up, it truly is, "better than." Jealous, jealousy of someone else? Why? Over what? And yet those things happen.

...**emulations**, acting out of envy, **wrath**, which is anger, **strife**, being quarrelsome. Every once in a while those things happen, they pop up their ugly head. Those are the kinds of things we need to run screaming from, "Ahhh! Look how close I came to giving into that!" It'd be far better to run away screaming than it would be to scream at one another or to get loud with one another, to raise your voice at someone else because you disagree with them.

...**seditions, division.** That's all I saw during Philadelphia. I saw a whole lot more during Laodicea. Divisions in the Church of God. You think, no, it wasn't in the Church. They weren't in the Church if they were living that way. That's the bottom line. ...**seditions**, again, division, **divisiveness, heresies**, dissensions between differing opinions, different ideas. Does that ever happen? That's why we have to be careful that we don't begin to take certain sides of various things, especially in the world.

Now, that popped up here about a week ago, of someone beginning to feel a certain way about one group of people—in the world—and it's like, don't get caught up in that. You're missing the mark. Everything should be geared around the Church and understanding how God's working with us. The world does not grasp, does not comprehend, but you can't take sides with the world.

Now, there are certain things we can understand that are better than some others, and sometimes we can't. But we have to be careful of how we speak about those things too then, and sometimes it's better not to.

...jealousies, murders, drunkenness... Murders as well because especially on a spiritual plane that becomes worse than what it is physical if we grasp that, truly. **...drunkenness, reveling, wild partying, and such like. Of which I tell you before...** These things have happened. One person pops into my mind right away, this partying thing. They got caught up in it, began to interfere with the Sabbath, the lifestyle. It doesn't take long if you're in that within the world, that kind of lifestyle.

Of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in times past, that they who do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. So, you either become a part of Elohim by how we live, by how we strive to walk in the spirit, or we do our own things and after a while become weaker and weaker because we're not crying out to God. That's the only course that can happen, we're going to get weaker and weaker until we're gone.

But the fruit of the spirit... You know, how deeply do we see, understand, believe that wherever God's spirit goes it has to produce fruit? That's a law if you will. Wherever God's spirit goes it will produce fruit. It's automatic. And where it isn't then we're not able to grow. But where God's spirit is you can grow, and growth produces fruit. That's what it's all about. That comes from God.

So, if we see that clearly, not just by knowledge, not just that we know this, what I've just said, but that we understand it and believe it with all of our being and then choose to do it, that's what wisdom is. Awesome!

But the fruit of the spirit is agape. It's going to be there. It's going to come out. Might not be full-fledged all the time, but it's going to be able to be there. You're able to call upon it and ask God for help to have that kind of thinking toward others in the Church. This is about the Church as a whole.

It can be about the world too and how we sometimes react to various people and various situations, being able to say what Stephen did saying (as he followed the example of Christ), "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing." That's the person's understanding then, of how deeply we understand something. They can't help it. But we can.

"But the fruit of the spirit is agape." God's spirit comes from God. Agape comes from God. We can't work it up. It's impossible without God's spirit.

...**joy**, which is gladness. Joy, something that's inside of us that we're able to rejoice about because it just lives in us. The truth, knowing we're going to Sabbath services, knowing we're going to be able to have fellowship with others, it's a beautiful thing. To be away from the world, be able to put it away like we do during the Feast of Tabernacles. We get to do that on the Sabbath. And where people can come together, it's an awesome blessing. Sometimes people aren't able to get together, but able to at least watch if it's working right.

...**longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith**. All beautiful things, good things to have in our life. ... **meekness**. Teachable spirit. Not insisting on our way and the way we think about it. Because if we already have our mind made up about something, especially if God gives us something in a sermon or whatever it might be, and we already have our mind made up about a certain thing... And so, we learn that don't we? We have to get rid of our thoughts, our thinking, and pray about what we're having a battle with and why.

Why are we having a battle with something, like when some new truth comes along, like the big one that came along toward the end? Women that can be in the Church in the ministry. They can preach in the Church. What an awesome thing to understand what God is doing in preparation for establishing the Church throughout the Millennium and the Great White Throne, and it's already begun. It's beautiful!

So, they who are Christ's have nailed to the pole the flesh with the afflictions and lusts. So, there is suffering involved in this fight. It's not easy. It's not easy to do something that the world isn't doing and thinks you're weird for doing.

If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit. Because they go hand in hand. You can't have one without the other.

Let's turn over to Romans, back to Romans here in Romans 8. Hopefully, this sermon series has been helping for us to be more fully motivated in the sense of seeing work, that there's a great deal of work, that God works, but it's up to us to choose to do the work that He tells us that we have to do to be a part of it. That it's all there for us and He wants to work in us and through us to produce fruit. But we have to be the ones to receive it and to apply it knowing it has to come from Him in order to accomplish it. It's a beautiful thing.

Romans 8:5—For they who are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh. Isn't that amazing? I mean, it's just the way it's been. That's the way it's been through Worldwide, through Laodicea. It's been one of the hallmarks of being able to pick out various things and realize sometimes we just get too close to the world, and if we do, there are things that happen in how we think, in how we talk. And so, it comes out. Those are the things we have to get away from, not bring it into our lives.

But they who are after the spirit, the things of the spirit. So, if we are mindful of, if we're just concerned about this physical life, that's what's going to be at the forefront of our mind, our own private physical

lives. But if it's of God's spirit, you know what? It's going to be about the Church, it's going to be about God, it's going to be about what we need to do in fighting and conquering and overcoming. This is what lifts us up and strengthens us. This is where we receive help. Awesome!

Fellowship that we need, to take every chance and every opportunity we have for it, and if we have opportunity and we're not using it, what's wrong? We need to fight for it, to have opportunities for it where we can. Sometimes people can't because of illness, because of age, mobility, and so forth. That's understandable. Sometimes they're the ones that beat themselves up the most. But if you can't, you can't. That's understandable.

You're many hours away and not able to travel well, and frankly, it gets to the point sometimes where people just shouldn't even be driving anymore. That happens in the Church. Sometimes we just have to tell people, "You should not be driving anymore." And that's a horrible thing to come to because of what happens to our bodies, our minds, our ability to respond to various things and it becomes dangerous. Not just to you, but to other people. And so, those are hard things to address in human life when we don't have the same ability we had before. All kinds of things we have to address at times in life. That's just a very physical one, but again, incredible what we go through to get where we're going and the battles we put up.

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded... So, is it about the Church? I've known of people in the past who I didn't grasp and understand until later on, even in the ministry, that did not grasp this, the importance of the Church. It's like, no, something else comes first. Family comes first. Who's family? Your family or God's Family? Do we get it? And is that really true?

I've known of people who have used that as an excuse to justify various things that they've done, and not too long ago. We don't have to go back very far that had that concept in their mind and used that kind of in things that they said because for whatever reason within the family they couldn't do "this" or couldn't do "that." It's because the family. You think, it's the Church! This is our Family! We have physical families, yes, but God's Family is always first if we grasp it. It truly is. Because He's brought us together as a Family, as begotten children, His begotten children. Yes, we have life, and we were begotten, and we have our families, and others were begotten because of us or whatever might be, and they have life because of us, but it's the Church first and foremost, it really is.

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God. So, there's a balance in there and the right balance is what? God is first. And God's will, God's purpose is first. The Church becomes first if we understand that. It really does. Because it's from God. It's where God is working to accomplish what He's going to do. And if that isn't first, something can come along and trip us up because we can take sides with something else then that can hurt us.

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So, then they who are in the flesh cannot please God. It's just the way it is. But you are not in the flesh but in the spirit if—that great big IF again—if so be that the spirit of God dwells in you.

So, that's why we should cry out every day. We want God in us. We want God's help. We want God's spirit, and even then you're going to have battles. But then you can fight them. Without His help, without that strength, we're not going to be able to fight various kinds of battles that come along and we're going to do stupid things that can take us away from the Church. Truly, that's what happens. But not if we're in the spirit, if we're crying out for God's spirit every day because we know, "I know I need it, that's why I do it," and we're convicted of that with all of our being.

It doesn't mean that you're not going to have battles. On the contrary. You're going to have battles no matter what, they're just going to be whether you fight them on your own and fail or do it in a carnal manner that leads to failure and you justify it, which leads to failure, or it's a matter of God's spirit and you're looking to God more quickly and you're asking for help more quickly and you're able to come to grips with something more quickly and to realize it was stupid what you're doing and whatever and you fight against it and you ask God for help and forgiveness a lot of times.

...they who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the spirit if the spirit of God dwells in you. Now, if anyone does not have the spirit of Christ they are none of his. That's why I make comments like some that have done various things and supposedly in the Church and you realize, no, they haven't been in the Church for a long time. I look back now, and I can see certain ministers who hadn't been in the Church for a long, long time. They went to Sabbath services, gave sermons, counseled people, did all kinds of things, but they were not in the Church of God. They had been cut off a long time ago, had a lot of things to repent of because some of it was really, really bad.

But if Christ is in you, if he be in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is life because of righteousness. It's because of how this works if we grasp it.

So again here, we understand what sin does. But if we're able to repent of it we understand something else that this next series is going to be about and hard for me to keep out of it right now. But there is that which is a matter of righteousness in our lives because we believe God and we do that.

But if the spirit of Him who raised up Joshua from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also make alive your mortal bodies by His spirit that dwells in you. So, that's the ultimate, that change we look forward to, that there is coming that day where we're not going to be in this mortal body. But also, there is that process that leads us to that as well, and that fits here. He makes alive our life right now. His spirit quickens us now. We've been raised up out of a watery grave to walk in newness of life. It's the begettal part, but it leads to being born.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors. This is what we owe God and Christ, in other words. This is what we owe. Nothing less. Because we've been purchased. That's what we told God at baptism, "I am no longer my own to do whatever I want." It's a matter of doing God's will and wanting God's way of life and giving our life to that which we choose and want within our being, God's way, to become part of Elohim.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors not to the flesh to live after the flesh, for if you live after the flesh you will die. It's amazing how often that's chosen. **But if you through the spirit...** We need God's spirit every day of our lives, God working in us. That's what it is, God working in us. He wants to do His work. That's how He works. He worked through Christ because Christ wanted that and yielded himself to it, and cried out for it, and was at one with his Father. That's what we're striving to be as well and to do.

For if you through the spirit do mortify, in other words, put to death, **the deeds of the body, you will live.** That happens constantly. That's what you have to do constantly, to put to death the things that are wrong in our lives. And we'll never put everything to death that needs to be put to death because we don't see everything yet. God just shows us certain things we can work on and then after a while, we see other things and it's like it's a never-ending process because we're very carnal. Selfishness is just there, and it never ends until you're out of it.

Verse 14—For as many are led by... Again, I love this because it's a matter then if we're led by, that means we're following, we cry out for, we desire, we want this in our life. **...led by the spirit of God they are the sons of God. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you have received the spirit of adoption whereby we cry, Abba, Father.** Where we look to God in a unique way. He is our Father.

The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ. You know this here should give incredible comfort, peace of mind to anyone who sees it and wants it, desires it, is living it. **...if so be that we suffer with him.**

It's not easy. There is a lot of suffering, a lot of suffering. A lot of hurt. A lot of pain. A lot of sorrow. There is in this physical world by itself as well if people just grasp that. It's kind of like the Israelites coming out of Egypt. It didn't take too long and they started complaining again because they thought they had it better back there. And sometimes that happens in the Church, "I had it better when I was able to make my own decision," whatever it was.

So, it's hard. Even in the world people react against government. People don't want too much government. "Keep out of my life!" I feel that way. But I do have a government I do want in my life and that's God's because we understand what it's based upon. It's based on God's love. It's based on everything that's just, beautiful, righteous. There you go. We see that we don't have that in this world. All the more to latch on to it.

But what an incredible thing we have, “If you are children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.” Who could want anything more? Do we grasp the value of that?

...if so be that we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time... Next time you’re going through a battle or a trial, if you could remember it, if you could know where it is, where to look it up, read that verse, and pray about it: “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time...” Do we have suffering we go through? Absolutely. Because of what we live? Absolutely. Things come around. They happen.

...are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation... It’s God’s creation that’s been ongoing for the last six thousand years in a very few. **...waits for the manifestation of the sons of God.** We wait for that. I’m sure your prayers have this at different times, that we want to be saved out of this world, that we want the world to be saved out of this world because we see the atrocities, how horrible things are, the kinds of lives and situations that people live under. And we yearn for, we long for them not having to go through those things anymore.

It’s like the United Nations, they can’t do diddly squat as a whole to improve things in this world. It’s frustrating. And yet they try to mimic something, putting up that statue out there, and you think, you don’t even come close. You make it a mockery, what it stands for. Nearly everything you do it’s this swamp thing. It’s deep in the swamp and people have power (they think), and they have various agendas and so forth. They don’t care. It’s not about the people. They go through the motions sometimes in sending food in different places and you think, oh, so much more could be done, especially if you had, what is that, DOGE? Needed it in the United Nations as well.

Anyway, government efficiency? That’s an oxymoron. There is no such thing. Government efficiency. What does that mean in the world? Seriously? It can only be in God’s Kingdom. It’s only there that it’s going to be administered properly.

...for the earnest expectation of the creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creation was made subject to vanity. Not willingly. I love this! Of what God has given us to see. We were made subject to be at enmity with God by our very nature. He created us so that we would have selfish human nature, so as soon as we’re born we start bawling and blubbing and we want what we want when we want it, and we just get better at that as we get older. We don’t make maybe the same noise in the same way, but it’s about selfishness. Incredible. Selfish. I hate it.

“Creation was made subject to vanity.” Everything is futile. It doesn’t last. It can’t produce anything that lasts, that’s good, really, not for any real length of time.

“Not willingly.” Not because that’s what we chose, it’s just what we are. And to understand then the beauty of God’s creation in that. It’s the only way we can make choices that can lead us into, if we want it, Elohim. Incredible, to understand this.

...but by reason of him who subjected the same in hope. Because it’s through that this mind can be changed. What an incredible thing. We understand certain things today that we couldn’t understand at times past.

I turned in a couple of phones here recently to get some new ones and you can go in there and just wipe everything clean. You can program things in a crazy thing over here, this computer, that’s getting better in the programs and so forth. But you can change, and you can program it to do various things, and you think, what an incredible thing when you can change something and make it better, you know. That’s just baby stuff over there.

What God’s doing, that this mind can be reprogrammed, and we can understand that? That we don’t have to think the way we are. That by rejection of that that we can begin to change? By acceptance of what God offers us, by crying out for what God offers us because we understand that it’s God’s spirit that has to come in there and dwell in there and be in there to help us make that change by the choices, through the choices we make because we want Him?

What a beautiful thing to understand that entire process and to understand the marvel of what God is creating in us. Incredible, a change in the mind from selfishness to unselfishness. Beautiful. Incredible.

...because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. It’s about God’s plan. It’s about Elohim.

2 Corinthians 5:1—For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle is destroyed we have a building of God. What God is building. We yield ourselves to it no matter what happens, our life to be in God’s hands. What is richer? What is more exciting? There is nothing that comes close, nothing.

...we have a building of God. What God is building. **...a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For if we groan earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven...** So, it’s this battle we fight and there are things that happen, we see what we are, and things that we do at times, and we groan inside, we want to change, we want to continue to grow and conquer and overcome and we don’t like the stupid things we do or the things that come in the mind that even last for a little while. We just look forward to a time when we are at one with God and have Him dwelling in us all the time.

...if indeed, being clothed, again, a process of working and God working in us, **we shall not be found naked. For we who are in this tabernacle do groan being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed so that mortality may be swallowed up in life.** In other words, it’s showing here this is a battle. It is a battle that at times you have to dig down deep. You have to cry out

for help to fight various things in life, to go through various things in life, making sure that God is first. It can be an incredible battle, and it is up here.

I think of what we went through in the Apostasy. That, to me, was far worse than anything suffering physically could ever be. It's when it's in the mind, of the magnitude that was that, how can you explain it except you go through it?

...so that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now, He who has worked in us for the selfsame thing is God. Isn't that beautiful? God works in us for the selfsame thing that we become part of His family. But we have to respond to that, we have to cry out for that. It's all there for us it's just that we have to walk in it, walk in the spirit, and then God will work in us. Beautiful.

...who also has given us the earnest, or the guarantee of the spirit. In other words, the impregnation of God's spirit and we recognize various things in our life that we have. Might be when you were first called and things that have happened since then. Your ability to see new truth when it comes along is given by God. You didn't figure it out. And sometimes people even have to pray about it to be able to be at one with it, to grasp it. And it's something that God gives.

And we have that evidence in ourselves. No one can take that away. No one can take my experiences away from me. No one can take yours from you, those things that you know of God in your life, of what He's given you to see and understand and be led in. Only by our wrong decisions and our wrong choices can that ever leave us. And if you don't want it to leave and you're convicted and you're fighting that it won't because you know where the help comes from then you'll be there.

Now, Hebrews 13. We're going to end this series with a couple verses here toward the end of the book of Hebrews, how Paul sums everything up and speaking to the Jewish people that were being called out, brought into the Church, being able to reason with them on a plane of things that they could hopefully understand then because of their background in things that were a part of the writings of the Old Testament. And so, he wraps up all of this toward the end and it's good to see what was given to him to conclude all this here in the book of Hebrews. And it's a good conclusion then for this series.

Hebrews 13:20—Now, the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Joshua, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant make you perfect. I love it when it talks about, even the word "blood," it should just cry out to us the ability to repent. It's the ability to repent. That's why it's always there in front of us, the blood of Christ. To understand what he went through and why and that he is our High Priest, but first, he had to be our Passover so we could repent and always be forgiven of sin. Because we need repentance constantly – forgiveness if you will, we need it constantly, therefore, repentance comes first before the forgiveness.

...that good shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant make you perfect in every good work. Everything that's good that comes from God, it's all there for us. **...to do His will.** Every

good work is a part of learning to do God's will, of being a part of this process where this can be transformed. Because it's by our choices—choices, choices, choices; always choices—that we make.

...to do His will working in you. He works in us, and we have to work because we want it, we desire it with all of our being. **...working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight.** Because that's what it's all about. That's everything that's out there is all about this, what He's doing, the creation in us.

...that which is well pleasing in His sight through Joshua the Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever, amen. Beautiful, beautiful verses here and how it was all summed up in the book of Hebrews. And if you know some of the things spoken of throughout the book of Hebrews and to understand this is how it concludes, it's an incredible picture to understand and grasp it, it really is.

So, I thought I'd go through some quick news here. So, it's what I wanted to have some time for here today, over the past couple of weeks. I didn't get to go through some of this last week. But I've already mentioned some things here that are now happening just of this last few days. And I may just read some of the headlines of these, I don't know yet.

But here is one: **US Officials Discussed Giving Nuclear Weapons To Ukraine**¹ [ZeroHedge] So, what did it start out with? Munitions, tanks, missiles. How can anyone be dumb enough? How could anyone be so insane as to know that the moment you start this process you are in a war, world war? You think people are dumb enough to do this? I hope they're not dumb enough to do it before the beginning of January, but if they're supposed to, they will, you know, if it's what they're going to be allowed to do. Time will tell. The fact they're even talking about it is absolute insanity. If it's up here, it's spoken, somebody is thinking about it.

Says here, "According to the *New York Times*, US and European officials have discussed a range of options they believe will deter..." You read these things, and you think, "What are you got... What are you all smoking? How often are you smoking it? What else are you taking? Where are the white lines you're sniffing up your nose?" You know, some of them do. You think that everybody is pure and clean in government, that they're not just bombed out of their minds sometimes? I'm convinced a bunch of them... But anyway.

"...discussed a range of options they believe will deter Russia from taking more Ukrainian territory..." You know, right now there is this belief that if you make, especially before January here, whatever it is, 20, 26, anyway, that if you make them strong enough that you have something to bargain with. Really? Is that how this is going to work?

"...deter Russia from taking more Ukrainian territory, including providing Kiev with nuclear weapons. The outlet reports that Western officials believe the Kremlin will not significantly escalate the

¹ <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/us-officials-discussed-giving-nuclear-weapons-ukraine>

war before Donald Trump is sworn in as President in January. Following the election of Trump earlier this month, the US and its NATO allies began taking steps to rush weapons to Ukraine and give Kiev the ability to strike targets inside Russian territory with long-range weapons.”

“American officials who were briefed on the intelligence community’s assessments told the *Times* that weapons will not alter the challenging situation that Kiev is currently facing. *“US spy agencies have assessed that speeding up the provisions of weapons, ammunition and matériel for Ukraine will do little to change the course of the war in the short term,”* the *Times* reports.”

The article continues, “Several officials even suggested that Mr. Biden could return nuclear weapons to Ukraine...” I don’t know how much we understand that they had them there, and a part of the agreement was that they would take them all out to have what they have, supposedly, over the past many years, and so, they gave up all those weapons and they were taken out, nuclear weapons, if you will, that were stationed there. Anyway, here we are. So that they should “return the nuclear weapons to Ukraine that were taken from it after the fall of the Soviet Union.”” This world is just absolutely nuts, crazy.

Another one here: **Transfer of nukes to Kiev would be viewed as attack on Russia – Medvedev** [said] [RT]. Well, shouldn’t be a shock.

Germany making list of bomb shelters for new app as tensions with Russia rise² [Sky News]

“Germany is drawing up a list of bunkers for a new app to help civilians find emergency shelter amid increasing tensions with Russia. Residents are also being encouraged to turn garages and basements into bomb shelters as part of a new review of suitable locations.” Isn’t that crazy? What’s that say they’re preparing for, conflict with Russia?

Another one here: **Russia’s allies are under ‘nuclear umbrella’ – security chief**³ [RT] This is from RT, Russian news, if you will, Television. I think it’s Television. “Western nations should read Moscow’s new nuclear doctrine carefully, Sergey Shoigu has said “The revised doctrine *“has an explicit clause, which I believe to be pretty important, regarding Belarus,”* said the National Security Council secretary. This provides the country with the same level of protection as Russia in the event of an attack using conventional arms. “The doctrine is clear, understandable, and transparent,” he added. *“We urge our Western colleagues to read it calmly instead of cherry-picking some pieces or inventing things that are not there.”*”

² <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/germany-making-list-of-bomb-shelters-as-tensions-with-russia-rise/ar-AA1uQqot?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

³ <https://www.rt.com/russia/608332-shoigu-nuclear-umbrella-csto/>

Another article: **Oreshnik Missile: Putin Unveils New Details of Its Destructive Power**⁴ [*Sputnik*] It's like they're just throwing it out there, that "Don't be stupid." "Don't do something stupid." "Don't push us into the corner." Somebody sent me a sign here recently. It says, "Please, don't poke the bear." That's for sure, but they're going to keep poking the bear. And after a while, you're going to take it back.

So again, this is from the Russian's perspective. And that's good to see what different ones say and why they say it. And there is a reason for this. You can call it propaganda or whatever, but everybody does, has their viewpoint, and what they want to be out there, don't want to be out there. But if somebody does it in certain areas of the world "That's bad."

"According to military and technical specialists, in the case of a mass group launch of these missiles, that is, several Oreshnik's launched in a cluster in one strike, the power of that strike would be comparable to the use of nuclear weapons," Putin said, adding: "Everything in the epicenter of the explosion is broken down into fractions, elementary particles, and essentially turns into dust." So, doesn't have to be nuclear. "However, Putin clarified that the Oreshnik is not a weapon of mass destruction, but a highly precise weapon that does not carry a nuclear payload."

That is so much bull. Anyway, the last part could be classified as bull. They can put in there what they want to put in there and it will carry it. And what they're letting people know? It amazes me. I think almost every test we've ever had they blow up and we tell the world, "Our supersonic..." And we don't know how... When they speak supersonic or whatever it is here... hypersonic (That's the one I think I'm looking for. I can't even keep up with these terms.), but anyway, that maybe ours go five, six, seven, six times, seven times, but they're talking about ten. And you think we're not even close to that, and nothing you can shoot up there can stop it. That's what's insane about all this.

Germany Offers Re-Deployment of Patriot Air Defense Units to Poland [*Reuters*] Wonderful!

West plotting to 'occupy' Ukraine – Russian intel [*RT*] Now, when people start believing certain things? That's why when that guy over there in that north part of Korea, he is so paranoid already, and people start feeding him certain intel, any time he could do something really wacky. But here, this is what people themselves see and this is in their intel and what they're receiving. And some of this stuff gets kind of scary, really, "West plotting to 'occupy' Ukraine." That's just the headline.

Other articles: **Hungarian PM sounds alarm over presence of US, French troops in Ukraine** [*World – TASS*] You know, they play these games, and they already have them there. It's like okay, how far is too far? Where is the red line? Seems it keeps being moved around so much.

⁴ <https://sputnikglobe.com/20241128/oreshnik-missile-putin-unveils-new-details-of-its-destructive-power-1121031302.html>

Russian Intel Warns NATO Plans to Freeze Conflict and Occupy Ukraine Under Peacekeeping Pretext [*Sputnik*] Think that could happen?

Another article: **The West's Next Anti-Russian Provocation Might Be To Destabilize & Invade**

Belarus [*ZeroHedge*] So, they receive certain intel, and this is what some are talking about, so they just say this is what they're doing. Then the whole world knows, so what are they going to do? Are they going to go ahead and go through with it? Most of the time we can depend on the fact that they're going to do something dumb.

Another one here: **Merkel blows a hole in Washington's Nord Stream narrative**⁵ [*RT*] This is really an interesting article. "Berlin was fully aware that Washington wanted to kill off Nord Stream. And that it was just using Russia as a scapegoat to steal a massive new energy market for itself." You think anybody would do something like that? Cut off gas and so forth and use another pretext for something else because you wanted to make money out of it, because you wanted it to be yours and not theirs?

"The United States argued that its security interests were affected by the building of the pipeline because its ally Germany would make itself too dependent on Russia. In truth, I felt that the United States was mobilizing its formidable economic and financial resources to prevent the business ventures of other countries, even their allies," Merkel writes. *"The United States was chiefly interested in its own economic interests, as it wanted to export to Europe LNG obtained through fracking."*

When they talk about wars have been fought over oil, and they use other pretexts, other reasons? No, oil has been a great motivator. You know what's coming next here, a push against BRICS because the BRICS are getting too big, too powerful. And even the current group going in, they don't like it because it takes away world power and exercise of that power over other nations to bribe and squeeze and try to get to go your way and your thinking. And the world is really sick and tired of that in the first place, but... That's why we're coming up to a world war, people are getting sick and tired of this. And we have to be on top of it and realize this stuff is volatile.

Another one here: **Putin's Full Speech In English: Russian President Issues Big Nuclear Attack**

Warning To West⁶ [*YouTube*] "Putin says Russia would use all weapons at its disposal if Ukraine got nuclear weapons." Think, not "maybe." "President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday that Russia would use all weapons at its disposal against Ukraine if Kyiv were to acquire nuclear arms. The New York Times reported last week that some unidentified Western officials had suggested U.S. President Joe Biden could

⁵ <https://www.rt.com/news/608402-merkel-us-nord-stream-narrative/>

⁶ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mz63L_tboaE

give Ukraine nuclear weapons before he leaves office. Yeah, that's kind of like giving pardons for people... I don't even want to go there.

"If the country which we are essentially at war with now becomes a nuclear power, what do we do? In this case, we will use all, I want to emphasize this, precisely all means of destruction available to Russia. Everything: we will not allow it. We'll be watching their every move", Putin said during a press conference in Astana, Kazakhstan." Anyway, you think so they're going to debate back and forth, "Does he really mean it?" "Would he really do it?"

Now, some from this past week here: **Most EU citizens back breaking from US**⁷ [RT World News] This is, again, from RT, but still, there are some things of truth that are quoted regardless of what anybody else wants to say about it. "A majority of residents across the 27 EU member states believe the bloc is too dependent on the US and want it to *"go its own way,"* a new poll has suggested.

EU citizens *"will have understood that the old America is not coming back,"* wrote Isabell Hoffmann and Catherine De Vries, who analyzed the polling data for Bertelsmann. *"They cannot hope for the best. They need to prepare for the worst: A United States that is hyper-transactional, sometimes antagonistic, and self-centered."* While US and EU citizens still see each other as their most valuable ally and hold NATO in high regard, *"eight years of American hyper-polarization at home and mixed messaging abroad have taken their toll..."*

So again here, showing here how Europe is responding to various things and how people are really weary of these things, they truly are, and not knowing what to do. That's why the EU is such a mess right now. They're having incredible economic problems in Germany, they're having incredible economic problems in France, they just had an upset in the government, the Prime Minister is gone, President Macron, he's still there, and so he says he's not going to back out of his five-year term. And all this stuff that keeps going on around the world and people struggling and you think, this iron with clay it is right in front of us. Incredible, what's going on.

Playing Nuclear Chicken⁸ [ZeroHedge] "One major problem is that Russia has an even larger and more modern nuclear arsenal. If Moscow or a nuclear power plant is targeted by Ukraine using American missiles, there is a possibility that Russia retaliates with a nuclear strike. We are in essence calling their bluff. And they need to preserve their own defense deterrence posture, or they could look weak. **From there, things could get very ugly very quickly."**

⁷ <https://www.rt.com/news/608424-eu-us-divide-poll/>

⁸ <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/playing-nuclear-chicken>

Another one here: **Zelenskyy Offers To End 'Hot Phase' Of War In Exchange For NATO Membership** [ZeroHedge] Not going to read any more.

Another one here. We'll use this toward the end here. Let me read one: "Syrian Opposition Activists..." I read about that already, what happened to him.

One last article: **Alone, broke, under attack...** [Times of Israel] Yep, going to just pass that up too. We'll just say that it was about Assad and what's taking place there and what's happening in Syria. But all these countries over there and their struggling positions, why they're doing some of the things they are, you just look at the world and it's such a mess. But you think, every week, every week there are crazy things going on out here, and one of these days... You wonder how in the world does this just keep going? It looks like it would have to literally blow up. And that's why we're supposed to be on guard, be alert, and be ready.

So, next week we'll start a new series.