

The Completion of Paul's Work, Pt. 1

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Today, we're shifting a little bit in the flow of the series we just completed, which was *Part 7* in the series entitled *God's Work Through Paul*. And this series is following that up in a two-part series here. And the title of this one is *The Completion of Paul's Work*.

Because we come to a certain point where the book of Acts ends, and the things about Paul's journeys and things that were being addressed, and this is where we're kind of picking up. Because the *Part 7* there ended in the book of Acts.

So, we discussed how that Paul had been confined for the two years there in Rome. He had been released from his house arrest, and this is kind of where we are in the story. The book of Acts comes to an end there. And at that particular time, he wrote the epistles of Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, and Philippians. And we went through some of the highlights of three of those particular books. But I think it's interesting just going back and seeing some of that and what he wrote at those specific times when this progressed from the very beginning of his writing, and to understand how much God used him and prepared him.

I'm really in awe of all that, to see all the things that were given to the Church, because it helped to establish or has helped to establish strong doctrine within the Church, that that's how God chose to reveal it. So, even though there is that which is from Peter and John and James and so forth, Jude, that's written there, this is incredible how much is recorded.

So, wanted to mention here that it was around 63 AD that Paul had been released from that confinement. Again, some of the history in some of these things isn't the best, but that's kind of where it pinpoints in that particular area.

It was mentioned also how Nero was the emperor at that particular time of the Roman Empire, and he had served from 54 to 68, or he was the emperor from 64 to 68. And so, he went on a few years after Paul had been released, and there is nothing that indicates that he ever met him, although that's the reason he went back, is he appealed to Caesar. And yet nothing is recorded in scripture that I can find that he actually did it. But very well may have, may have done it right away, it just isn't mentioned.

So, wanted to mention a little bit more about Nero that I had mentioned, I think, in one of the sermons there (maybe it was in *Part 7*), but it's recorded that he was the one who was motivated himself to burn Rome, set it on fire. Incredible! It was the Great Fire. I'm trying to think of the year now. It's in the new book there. Yeah. The fire was in the mid-July of 64 AD. So, this is just about a year after Paul had been released, and this changed a lot of things there.

There are different ideas out there of why he might have done it, but very quickly, as governments tend to do, they send out these other stories, and basically, it began to be blamed on the Jews and on Christians. Primarily, anything to do with those who had a similarity with keeping the seventh-day Sabbath because that isn't what they observed at that particular time, obviously, as their religion was based around things on Sunday.

So, there was a great big distinction then between Jewish people who were there in the area, in the region – and there were a lot of them spread out throughout that area just as we talked about in *Part 7* when Paul was coming back and those who were being drawn into the Church who had already gone back after Pentecost. They'd stayed in Jerusalem for some time, they became grounded there, because it talks about how they shared things in common in essence, those who had more they just pitched it in, their life savings or whatever it might have been in many cases in order for the group to be able to stay together. They were able to be taught; they learned more. Then it came to the point where they began to be scattered out in the other areas because of persecution, and so forth, so they went back to Rome.

But again, there were also others, that there are people who have written about Christians who are being persecuted at that time, but some of them were not Christian. It's that other religion that began spreading out throughout the regions, people who left the Church, who started... Just like it is today, like it always has been, there are things in our history that people have gone back to even into the 1800's trying to find people who were associated in the Church or likely in the Church, even in the U.S. here, people who came over to escape religious persecution in Europe.

And that process there then of when people have left the Church. There are indications there is one particular church I'm not going to name that used to be a seventh-day church. Has another name to it that has to do with the process of when you repent and go under the water. Anyway, that particular church, there are those feelings that have existed within some of the research that some have done, that they actually were a break-off of the true Church of God.

So, different ties like that; when people leave, they start their own group. And look at what happened after the Apostasy. Several hundred churches began at different degrees and so forth. But this is not uncommon. This is what happened in the early empire, and this is how that other religion finally came along. It started spreading throughout the empire, became more popular because they mixed in with it all the other stuff in the region. I don't want to get into all that. But anyway, it's incredible what took place.

So, some of the people who were persecuted, it really wasn't the Church of God, even though they were in the midst of that in the Rome area. The primary focus of the Romans happened to be the Jews. Everything, the tables turned on the Jews at that particular time, so they said the Jews were responsible for starting the fires, and persecution then started against them. And I don't want to go into it anymore because it's in the book and that'll take away some of the excitement when you start reading it.

So, at this point here then this persecution began, again, the end of the book of Acts. Some believe—again, just going to bring this out—some believe that Paul did travel into Spain. There is not one indication whatsoever that he did, that he had time for it, because of some things that are written in the other books here that he finally wrote once he was gone. I'll mention those in a moment. But again, certain things are mentioned that indicate he was in a totally different region there in some of the areas he had already gone to, and some other areas he hadn't in Greece, as an example.

But the point being is, he didn't have a whole lot of time because he was taken back a second time to Rome. So, imprisoned. And anyway, a lot of stories go on out there, and you don't even know what's true anymore. Sometimes the... Used to be you could go into it and find old books. I remember there used to be an edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* that a lot of people in the Church liked to use. Seems like it might have been the eleventh edition in my mind, thinking back. But whatever edition it was, they used to do very well with history; it was well known, *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Across the U.S. at that particular time, they were big. Others came along later. But these things have changed so much anymore it's hard to know what's true in it because they rewrite history.

This is something that has been done over thousands of years, especially when people conquered other people. They'd try to wipe out the history of the previous leaders or whatever it might be, or change history, rewrite history. Absolute nightmare trying to find out what's true.

That's why I look forward to the Great White Throne. People are going to be resurrected out of every generation. The truth will come out as to things that really happened. Whether we're told ahead of time, maybe we will be, some things during the Millennium, but just to know that all that's going to happen is going to be quite incredible when truth starts coming out as to what really happened in different generations and what mankind has done to it here at the end.

So, I really hate what I see going on on the internet right now because things are being rewritten, they really are. Things are being fed to people in a way and mixed together in a way to be more palatable, supposedly, and by doing that, they're changing what's true in history, what's true in religion. You used to be able to find, you can't find it very much anymore. Very frustrating because if this were to go on in time, think what... How powerful it is to wipe out truth. The power is out there now in a great way because of things on the internet.

Anyway, during this final time when Paul was out there after that two-year confinement, there were three more epistles he wrote. He wrote Titus, 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy. Now, that's fourteen books totally out of twenty-seven in the New Testament. Now that's, to me, is impressive because this is what God did through Christ, because Christ was the one who gave it to Paul to establish within the Church, and you think of that much. Because some of these are pretty... You look at 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, there's not a whole lot there. You look at Jude. Not much there. But the things that Paul wrote as a

whole, except maybe for Philemon, but at least there is more in content in a lot of what he wrote. Romans, Corinthians, and so forth.

And I am in awe of what God did. We should be in awe of seeing what God did through him in a very powerful way. And I guess a lot of that goes back to thinking about He worked with him, molded and fashioned him before he was ever called. He received the kind of education he needed. He received that, and God worked with that, molded and fashioned something unique within him. Very zealous individual.

Now, when he was zealous for the wrong thing, he was still zealous toward God, but it was with the knowledge that he had. And when he was called then and brought, worked with in the manner that Christ worked with him, it was something that happened speedily. God knew how to get through to him. He knows us inside and out. In this particular case, prepared him in every way that he would be ready to receive this change in his life and be willing to go out.

And again, we ought to marvel at things like this, because of what he experienced, it made him more zealous. He drove himself because of... He remembered what he did to Stephen. He remembered his persecution of the Church. And this knotted him in a very strong way. You can tell it by the things that are written that it worked on him in a very strong way, and that is something that helped motivate him to rectify, to correct that. He said he was the least of all the disciples, he was the least of all the apostles. And he believed that with all of his being and yet God used him the most. Awesome! A humble attitude.

Because that humbled him, and he was able to be worked with. There's a good lesson in that. When we're able to be of a humble spirit, when God works with us to humble us in various things, that's a good thing, because haughtiness and pride is evil. It's evil. And the more quickly we can spot those things in ourselves, in our thinking, of raising ourselves up or thinking in that way, it's something to be fought against and strive to be of a humble spirit before God.

So anyway, fourteen out of twenty-seven. That's more than (addition), more than half, a little bit more than half of everything that's in the New Testament. Awesome! And I'm so grateful for it. You think about what people have gone through and what they lived and then it helps you to have a greater appreciation for what they did as well.

And that's what the Church is about, it's about a Body and it's about an appreciation and learning that to all who remain faithful, who persevere, because perseverance is what it's about. That's Israel, the spiritual Israel that God is offering us to become a part of.

And it's that perseverance to the end. It's not a matter of something we do for a certain amount of time. It's something that we're committed to if possible from the moment of baptism. Sometimes that's not possible. Sometimes that doesn't happen. And sometimes there's a battle that goes on. But at least if whatever a person has to go through to be brought on to that course where they're going to persevere to the end no matter what. When you're convicted up here, asking God for help to stay convicted

(because that's what it takes), persevering to the end. We belong to God regardless of what we experience.

We don't know what's ahead of us. May not be much of a picnic. Well, wasn't going to be a picnic anyway. But we know things that are coming. And you think of what this early Church went through as we go through some of this, continue to go through it, the kind of persecution they received, it was ongoing in the first hundred, two hundred, three hundred years. Horrible persecution to the point of death, torture, and death.

And you think things we go through sometimes, and what people... Things get hard or difficult or... Like finances aren't working out, so "We better not...better not... we better hold back a tithe this week or this month because not going to be able to pay the bills." And "I really wanted to get that other car, that nice, new car." These are things people have done to quit tithing. You think, where is the mindset toward God? Is God first, or what's going on?

So, these are the kinds of things sometime that are kind of mindboggling, but they've happened in the Church from the very beginning. Ananias and Saphira, the first great example of people who wanted to be thought of as giving everything to the Church because it was about themselves being raised up in importance, and "This is what we've done!" and they kept back. Don't know how much, but a huge portion, evidently, back for themselves.

So they were just carried out dead then. Incredible! God put that in the Church in the beginning to put some fear into the Church that if you're in this, you're in this for good, you're in this for keeps. You don't play with God. It's either going to be sincere and you're going to be genuine before God and obedient to God, because if you don't, be sure to know your sins will find you out, as it says in Deuteronomy. It'll happen; God will bring it out.

So, let's take a look first of all here at 1 Timothy. Believed to be the first epistle he wrote after he was freed from Rome, possibly written from Macedonia, but again, little uncertain here. Somewhere near 64-65 AD. So, it wasn't very long, and he began writing again.

Again, I was going through these things, picked out certain things just to think about. This is what God inspired to be written for the Church for the next two thousand years. Actually, longer because it's going to be for the next thousand one hundred as well, but this is what we live by as a matter of faith.

1 Timothy 1:3—As I urged you when I went into Macedonia — remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine. So, he was already, he'd already experienced this. We read this very early on, where he wrote and said he was surprised, he was dumbfounded a little bit, if you will, that so soon people are already leaving the Church, not soon after it started. And so, he is reminding Timothy about certain things here.

And he's getting older. We don't know his exact age, but into his seventies at this particular point in time, it seems from all indications here. And so, because of all that he experienced and perhaps God even already let him know certain things, or Christ might have let him know certain things as to what was coming, we don't know.

But he did things with an urgency now of preparing for others to teach the Church, Timothy being one of the main ones. And so, he's sharing these things with Timothy and reminding him of what has been happening and what he has to do.

So, he said, "Remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine." Why would he say that? Because it's already happened; it's already been happening. So, "This is your job, to make sure that nothing else is taught in the environment of the Church of God anywhere in the region there that you have ability to influence."

...nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies. All kinds of things. This is not new. All kinds of things pop up from time to time in the world, and in the Church, and it's been that way for the last two thousand years, different ideas, whatever it might be, different theories of different things, conspiracies, whatever it might be. It's endless; it's been ongoing. And so, that isn't the focus of anyone in the Church. Shouldn't be. And so they had to be reminded and warned in many cases.

...which causes disputes rather than godly edification, which is in faith. So, in other words, what do you want to hold on to? What is it? Are you tired of hearing the same thing? Do you think you know everything that's been...? That's what, basically, he's saying.

Because this has happened in the Church. I think of Laodicea – rich and increased with goods. Couldn't tell people anything in that respect. If you already know it, you can't be taught anything. And by that time, it's like, well, we hear the same thing. Well, you hear the same thing from Passover to Passover. You hear the same thing from Unleavened Bread to Unleavened Bread, Pentecost to Pentecost, Trumpets to Trumpets, Atonement to Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles, because God says we need it, because of this.

We need it. We need to be reminded year by year. God's ministry is commanded to teach those things every year because we lose sight. But sometimes it can enter into people's minds, "Well, I've heard this," and begin to drift, and your mind begins to drift, and you're not listening to the sermon or you're not trying to digest what it...not thinking about it.

I've heard a lot of sermons (given a lot too) over the years, and when I'm not speaking, and I listen to someone else, I look for that which is spiritual. I am inspired by it when I see God in it. Because I know where it comes from. And those things never get tiresome. And that's the way it should be to us. And sometimes things hit us in a way that we haven't heard it before, or something put a little bit differently to add a little bit more to it that God gives. Awesome!

Should always be inspiring. I don't know why in times past... I think it's a very small degree now compared to what it used to be, that people got tired of hearing some the same stories. There's a lot in the Bible. There's a lot there! And to be reminded of things is a good thing. We don't have computer-like brains. We forget. We get weak in certain areas. We need to be reminded. We need to have them reinforced. And there's this thing called inspiration of God's spirit that gives us energy.

You can go through different stories, I don't care how many times you've read certain ones, and if you can't be moved by them, inspired by? I think of John 14. I don't care how often I go through it, John 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, they are some of the most, to me, some of the most inspiring things that were ever given to mankind. To learn, to know, to understand that God Almighty can dwell in us, Joshua the Christ can dwell in us by the power of the holy spirit, and we can dwell in them. We can be in, then, the Church, the Body of Christ, the Church of God, by that relationship that is a spiritual one. It's not physical, it's spiritual. And it should move us.

So, just to understand... When I read those things and you think about them, what Christ told them, he says, "If you've seen me, you've seen the Father." That's some of the most awesome truth that has ever been given, the most awesome truth of revelation about God's purpose for us that's ever been given. God wants to dwell in us. And what an awesome thing then at a Feast of Tabernacles, God let us know He's going to be dwelling in us for eternity, for all time, age-lasting, everlasting life once we're in Elohim, on a spiritual plane.

I don't understand that. I don't comprehend that. But I believe it and I know it and there is understanding there now of how God works and how God is going to work through His Family in a power that we don't comprehend yet.

So, **nor give heed to fables, endless genealogies which causes disputes.** Because if anybody gets into a dispute, if things aren't... If we're not of the same mind, something is wrong, somebody is wrong, too. There is something wrong; there is something not right there.

...rather than godly edification that comes as a matter of faith. Well, what's that? Because of what we believe. That's what's important, it's what we believe that God has given to us. And we should hold on to that with all of our being, hold fast to it. That's what we're told to do: hold fast, watch over what God has given to us. Be on guard because of what God has given to you; guard those things. They're precious. They're valuable. They're the most valuable thing you can have. It has nothing to do with physical world. It has nothing to do with the physical possessions we have in life. It's everything that gets put up here. This is what we take with us! And the power of that and the wealth of that is of God. That's what it's all about.

Now, the purpose of the commandment is agape. Love. The purpose of the commandment, the reason God has given us law, is to lead us, is to teach us, is to help us to learn basic things now in this form; to be in agreement with it and to understand its importance. It's about relationships. It's about giving

without regret. It's about giving to the point of willing to sacrifice our own attitudes, our own will, our own way of thinking for the benefit of others. It's about sacrifice. That's the kind of love it is. That's beautiful when we understand that.

...purpose of the commandment is agape from a pure heart. Because it can't live in an impure heart. It can't live in a heart that isn't filled with what is right, being filled with what is right. And where does that come from? From God. So, everything that can be in the mind has to come from God.

...a good conscience, and sincere faith. Can't be fake. That's why I hate the spirit of protestantism. I hate it with all my being because it's fake, it's false, it's this feely good thing about what we do and how we do it. And we've had a belly full of that in the Church of God as well. Not sincere faith.

Faith means, because of what we believe, and we're sincere in living it. Sincere faith. Genuine. The protestant world is fake. There is nothing real about it. Protestant terminologies – empty, fake. They want to feel good about something, of what they want to hold...

It's like this going off to heaven, and somehow this fake thing of somehow if someone dies you're close to and they're up there looking down on you and maybe even helping you, maybe helping, maybe intervening at times. "They're up there. I know they're looking down. I know they're helping us now." Huh. Okay. But they got to feel good about something there. It's like we can't deal with death. God says it's normal. It is what it is; we die, and we turn into dust. We don't go anywhere.

You think about some of these things, and you think, how sick. You know, to think that if you're bad, you go to this place, and a loving God wants to see someone tormented for the rest of their...from here on out? No, that came from the minds of perverted, sick, distorted, disgusting human minds! That's where it came from. That's why I hate to go through things like castles sometimes, or places that you go into, like in Europe, if you wanted to go through a particular type of camp. I don't care for that kind of thing. I loathe... Because of what mankind can do to mankind.

You go into some of these places and few hundred years back even, and the kind of torture they did, the kind of contraptions they put human beings in, the kind of metal things they put around...and their head, and how they... It's just so sick I don't even like to talk about it. And that's where this kind of stuff comes from: sick, perverted people.

I think—hate to get off track here, but I can't help it, some of this—you think of some of the things that those in the name of religion did to torture people. There are people tortured into tens of hundreds of thousands to get them to say something a certain way, to accept something. "If you just say this, we'll stop." "Confess this," you know. Sick, sick minds.

Can't wait for this world... And we're about there. Six thousand years of hideous atrocities. The human mind is so sick and vile.

Even things going on today are so sick and vile. Got to put one more out there. Sometimes it just boggles my mind some of the people who have been elected to office, and some of these people, the things they say and how they think. And I think, how did they get there? And then I think, I know how they got there, and I'm more worried about all those who put them in office. Really! Because they're sick minds. What is wrong? It just shows where the world is going more and more at a very fast pace. What is that expression about something in the handbasket? Anyway.

...sincere faith from which some, having strayed. Some in the Church. Well, this is still fairly well in the beginning of the Church, thirty years into it here now, thirty some. Less than that for him in that respect, in the sense of his actual teaching, because it was a while before he actually started going out into the gentile world there, as we already went through. But he's already dealing with those things, and so it doesn't take long and people were straying away from the truth.

...having turned aside to vain talk. Because what is vain talk? Well, it's about self. It's empty because it doesn't have God in it anymore, it doesn't have purpose in it anymore. God gives us purpose. He gives us focus. He gives us a reason for why we exist and what we're working toward. And so, if it becomes vain and empty, it's usually about self and what self wants to see.

And people who have left and begin to teach other things (which has happened a lot), and ministers who have done that especially who go out and start their own Church or whatever it might be that's happened going way back in time with Herbert Armstrong as well, going out and teaching it because they want others to hear what they know, what they have learned. Not taught by God's apostle, but what they have learned from God, "God has given this to me." You're nuttier than a fruitcake.

I didn't even look ahead here - **desiring to be teachers.** We've had that in the Church ever since I can remember, people that wanted to be teachers. People wanted other people to listen to them. About what? Something different than what they'd been taught. Isn't that amazing? We have a sick history of that because God wants us to experience that, that's why. He allowed it to happen so we can learn from it, that's not the way it's supposed to be. That is wrong.

...neither understanding what they are saying nor the things of what they affirm or what they assert. Because they're nuts. Because they're wrong. Because they're in error. So, they don't understand because it's not of God. Only God can give true understanding in what is true. And so if somebody goes off on left field or on their own way, they don't understand what they're talking about.

Just like things and politicians out here today, that say some of the things they do. They have no idea what they're saying!

I am so looking forward to this coming to an end and a new world to set things right. We are so close.

Verse 12—Now, I thank Joshua the Christ, our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he counted me faithful, to be put into the ministry. Well, he did more than that. He molded and fashioned him to be put there. But this doesn't come out yet.

...although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and arrogant, but I received compassion because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. In other words, he's beating on himself a little bit, but he's being honest in that one respect. He's saying these are the things I did, I did wrong, and I didn't know what was true. Thought he knew what was true and was zealous about it, but he doesn't address that part of it because...because he was zealous, he caused a lot of heartache, a lot of problems, a lot of problems within God's own Church.

Now, the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant. So, this matter of grace, favor, patience, love, everything that we receive and what grace entails, all these qualities of those things that God gives to us when He begins to draw us to repentance, to give us the opportunity to repent, to give us the ability to see what we need to repent of, to understand how it all begins. That's what he's talking about here. So, he recognizes the importance of grace. We should, too. Never forget what God's taken us out of. Never forget what opportunities God has given us to see and know and understand what is true. Never to forget, if we were a part of that, what we escaped being asleep.

Now, the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant with faith and love. So, he realizes, he's saying here he understands what God gave to him. And this is what we have to learn from. This is what we should seek to have and understand: how God has so blessed us with grace and what that means.

And faith, the ability to believe what is true and then, by our choice, to live by it. To have that opportunity to live by the truth. How many have ever been given that? Very few.

And love, agape, that which we can experience to varying degrees. We don't have it all the time. Not a one of us have this in us all the time to the degree we should want to have it. Because there's a lot more and we can ever grow in that and cry out to God for help to have that primarily to the Church first, to one another within the Church and how we think about one another.

...and love which are in Joshua the Christ. So, that's how we receive it, because of this process of what works in us because of Christ. Because especially the ability to receive forgiveness of sin because he's our Passover, and then to understand he's our High Priest and that he intercedes for us depending on our thinking and our mind, and our prayers to God.

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Joshua the Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And he believed that with all of his being. Because of what he did, he truly believed that with all of his being. He knew, he believed he was the chief sinner of all because he saw what he did to the Church and he realized how hideous that was. So, very few. Don't know of

anyone else; no one is mentioned in scripture that was called out of that kind of environment to come into the Church. But what an incredible thing he was.

However, for this reason, I received compassion, that in me first Joshua the Christ might show all longsuffering. So, in other words he's saying here, "If you can see what he did in me, through me, and the kind of compassion, the grace he poured out upon me," then if we've been given that understand how much you've been given because it's incredibly great and you can come through this in a very powerful way as he's been able to come through this with more that was laid upon him. In other words, look at the grace that God gives to us as human beings. He's saying, "If he can show me this, look at what He's shown you too."

...might show all first of all through Joshua the Christ, might show all longsuffering. In other words, that God has toward us. **...as a pattern of those who hereafter believe on him for everlasting life. ... This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare.** We all have battles to fight. We all have things to conquer, primarily, in here. He's been given some more responsibility concerning the Church as well, but it all starts here first and foremost in self.

...having faith and a good conscience, which some have pushed away, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck. So, if we push it aside, push it away, ignore it, whatever it is that takes place in the human mind, says they become shipwrecked already.

...of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander. So, he names them.

This helped me in the beginning of the Apostasy because there was this kind of unspoken thing within the Church, within the ministry, that you can't say (and this is a protestant thing) something bad about anyone. If it's to protect God's Church, it's not a bad thing to warn them who is doing this, like I have toward Dr. Hoeh, giving him an honor there that shouldn't be given. He shouldn't have 'doctor' in front of his name. But again, people like that that did all the harm they did within God's Church, to name names so that people can be aware that if you have any respect in the sense of looking up to them and things they've taught you in the past be careful, beware, because you may have been duped in a very powerful way and you shouldn't put any weight whatsoever on anything they have told you. You need to make sure your mind is clean and in agreement with God.

Now, if everyone in the Church could have thought that way at the beginning of the Apostasy, they would have dealt with this 14/15 thing quickly, because that's what he taught to hundreds of ministers. What a hideous thing.

And so, somehow you can't say their name, that somehow you're not a Christian if you say someone's name? Well, that's twisting the scripture of what God says about relationships and so forth. There is a time to warn. Should we talk bad about someone in the Body of Christ? No. Should we say things in

slander? No. But if they start slandering God, start slandering the truth, then should something be said to warn? Absolutely.

So, I'm just saying to you that this is what gave me encouragement in the very beginning to be able to say, "Joseph Tkach Sr. was the man of sin, the son of perdition." That was hard to do because it went against basically thinking that had been given to us in the past and realizing, no, that isn't right, he is that person, and it is what it is; need to be on guard and recognize what happened.

"Of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander." And I have no doubts whatsoever these were ministers in the Church. They are mentioned for a reason – because they can cause a lot more harm. It wasn't someone in the Church that different individuals...but these are individuals with some sway. That's why he's mentioning their names to Timothy, because Timothy knew them, and I believe that the Church, in essence, knew of them as well in that particular region.

...whom I delivered to Satan. Well, how did he do that? He made sure that the Church understood that he was put out of, had no relationship to anyone within the Church of God in fellowship. And that's what made very clear. When that happens, we are not under the grace and favor and help and intervention that God would otherwise give to us under various kinds of conditions.

Doesn't mean we're not going to go through a trial. Doesn't mean we're not going to go through a difficult time where God doesn't intervene immediately for us. But as far as the overall protection that we need in order to continue on and persevere and have in us what we need to have in us, God's going to make sure that that is there. And we learn sometimes by experiencing the other.

But being cast out here to where that being? That means he has the power to interfere in their life now. Those are the kinds of things that should shake people to the core of their being, to realize that... the consequences of some choices.

...whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme. If there is any way to learn, then hopefully, they're going to learn. And being on their own, being without the help that they'd received in times past, hopefully at some point, then God will be able to shake them. But that doesn't mean it's going to happen. This is a very dangerous area that people put themselves in.

So again, I'm grateful for these things being in here because it shows that there is that which we have responsibility in doing within the Church and within the ministry that we've already gone through, that when people are not of the same mind, they begin to say and teach other things, that there comes a point where warning or out, warning after warning, whatever it might be. Comes a time when no more; this has to come to a screeching halt.

These are things that I hope we recognize and can learn from, have been given to God's Church in PKG that Laodicea did not have, that Philadelphia did not have. Not to the degree we should have

incorporated them and lived by them, truly. If a lot of these things had been handled better in Worldwide? But we weren't there yet, to that point of being able to understand and see them.

By the time the Apostasy came along, God revealed we need to be there now because of what you've experienced, and this is the way. So should be no tolerance for evil that turns people away from Christ and from God.

1 Timothy 3:14—These things I write to you, that I hope to come to you shortly; but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. Powerful!

Now, without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness. Whenever it uses that word "mystery," in essence it's using it in a kind of a context or an expression that we see the truth, but every place else it's a mystery, it can't be seen, it's not understood. The truth we have is a mystery to the world. And if they hear it, it's like... Because they don't have the ability to receive it, think you're nuts in many cases. You're a sect. That's what the Church of God in the very beginning began to be referred to. They were a sect.

"Great is the mystery of godliness." So, I think of the book that's being written. I thought I'd mention that at this point, that I am so looking forward to this because of what's been given to us that's going to be able to be in it. It's not a matter of people being drawn into the Church at all, it's about planting seeds because of what's coming. That's why the more information of what is true that can go out there, the more it's going to be able to help people. So, to what degree God uses it, I feel very convicted that this is... Everything has led up to now. Everything has led up to now.

And it's kind of like when Mr. Armstrong, again, wrote *The Mystery of the Ages*. Everything that he had done led up to that book. Powerful. Powerful. Powerful, what was given in essence to the Church and to some in the world that they'll be able to receive more fully in the Great White Throne. Both are good because that's in the Church. People that have a head start. People that had something planted in their minds at any point in time, that they were able to begin to see and receive and think about, are receptive, not to be drawn into the Church yet. But in time they will be – in God's time. Beautiful!

Now, without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness. God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit.

One more thing. The Seventh Thunder – to me, that's the book, very powerfully so. Because it's about God, it's about Christ in a very powerful way, of putting things in better language than I think they've ever been put in the sense of being able to receive what God has given to us during the period of PKG. And to me, that's an awesome thing.

So, he's again here saying, "God was manifested in the flesh." Beautiful. Powerful. "The Word made flesh." Christ said, "If you've seen me, you've seen the Father." That's powerful! Because it's not a matter of a physical appearance, it's not a matter of having to look upon, as some think they're going to do

when they go to heaven and from here on out look on God's face for eternity. You think, how sick is that? You just want to look on a face? You think there's a god that would just want somebody to look at him for all eternity? What kind of a god would that be? I mean, what kind of a demented mind can think something like that is something God would want, really?

God has plans for us, and it's not to sit around and look on His face for the rest of time. I mean, we get bored easily in life. It's when you're working you don't get bored. It's when you plan ahead you don't get bored. You get something done with one galaxy, there's more out there! More than you have time for. Things we don't even begin to understand—awesome—that are waiting.

"God was manifested in the flesh." Some take that to a different stage and saying, "Well, he was God in the flesh." No, he was a human being, and he had God living in him just like we have God living in us. We have that opportunity, that blessing in life, to be of the same mind. But again here, vast difference when you know what is true and what is actually being said.

...justified in the spirit, seen by angels, preached among the gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory. So again here, it's showing the power that was at work there, that God was beginning a process of something that was beyond our comprehension, and yet it's a mystery to the world. But those who have it, God is working with them, molding and fashioning them, making something new in them.

What about scriptures that talk about what can happen to our minds? "Let this mind be in you which was in Joshua the Christ," and then in other things, like in Romans 12, where it says this metamorphoo that we go through, our minds can actually be transformed. I'm so thankful for scriptures like that because I know my mind doesn't have to stay the same way that it has been in the past. And where it is now, it can get better. I want a better mind, a stronger mind, more at one with God. That's what we have to want and desire with all of our being.

1 Timothy 4. Now instruction here even more so for Timothy concerning the ministry. **1 Timothy 4:12—Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word** (in conduct). So again here, it's by your example, by what you live, let them see that. Let them see how you are around them and what you're living. This is what's important. And so, he's showing here this relationship within the Church and how to live in front of the Church, before the Church, as he goes into other places, and don't let people look down upon you because of your young age.

You think of the ones with whom Christ worked. Christ himself, a very young man. When you're in your thirties and you're preaching to people in their sixties and seventies, sometimes it's hard for them to take. We've had that in the Church. I know my wife is probably thinking about someone out in New Mexico right now — Right? Yeah — that would come up afterwards to her and point out a few things to her that I could do better in my sermons, that I guess she could pass along to me. Which is fine, but

sometimes there is something else going on in people's minds. They know a better way, whatever it is. Whatever.

...believers in word, in conduct, in love (agape), in spirit. In other words, we should all be doing this in our relationship toward one another. It's how we live our lives that's important. It's how we incorporate God's thinking, will, mind, bringing this into subjection to that and being right with everyone within the Body of Christ, within the Church of God.

So again, **in faith, in purity. Until I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.** So, he's telling him certain things here to make sure you continue to do before the Church.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you. So again, what's that a reminder of? Well, what we all need to be reminded of from time to time. It's up to us to stir up God's spirit. God doesn't come down and stir it up as a whole. As a whole, it's up to us. Do we want it? How much do we want it? Do we recognize our need? Do we cry out for it? Do we realize this is the most important thing you need every day of your life, God living in you, the power of His holy spirit to fight the weaknesses we have, whatever those weaknesses are that we want to keep on top of. And when we see them raising their little, ugly head that we fight against them, beat them back down under the water, if you will.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy. In other words, by those things spoken, promised through the prophets. That's what it's about. So, all the things they spoke of.

Because they didn't have the New Testament as a whole. How much did he receive from Paul in writing? Well, we know he got 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy later. But they didn't have what we have today. They couldn't just go to different things and read about it, so it had to come out of the prophets as a whole, out of the law and the prophets. And this is what he's telling him, to make sure that your head is in there, that you're being able to preach these things and teach these things.

...with the laying on of the hands of the ministry. So again here, in this case, to be a minister for him. But just learning the lesson about God's spirit. We all have the gift of God's spirit in us, and how much is able to produce and grow depends on what we're putting into it and what we're crying out for as far as help from God.

Meditate on these things. In other words, think about them. It's not like some of these things where people are in the...have a moment of meditation. "I'm going to go meditate." No, you get into this Zoom thing, whatever. It's not talking about things like that. It's just talking about just think about what you can read about in the Old Testament; think about the things I have told you and how you can incorporate them, and what you can do. Keep on top of things. Be on guard. That's what being on guard is about.

...give yourself entirely to them, that your progress (your advancement, as it is here) may be evident to all. So that people see your growth. It's a wonderful thing to see growth in one another.

Take heed to yourself and unto the doctrine. See, again, this “Take heed. Be on guard. Be watchful; make sure you don’t lose any of it. Keep yourself up to date in the sense of close to God, filled with God’s spirit, and doing the things that I’ve told you.”

Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you. And that’s up to them. But in order to do the job, this is... So, he’s concerned because of everything he’s gone through and because of where he is in time, of what’s going to follow. Because it looks like things are going on. Had no idea that they would go on as long as they would. So, that’s the way it’s always been.

1 Timothy 6:3—If anyone teaches otherwise and will not consent to sound words, even the words of our Lord Joshua the Christ, and the doctrine that is according to godliness, then they are proud. So, he calls a spade a spade. He doesn’t beat around the bush. He’s just saying what it is. And if things aren’t a certain way, it should be evident. And this is what he’s helping him, trying to help him to see and to understand so he can deal with it.

So again here, “and the doctrine that is according to godliness.” If they will not consent to sound words, the things that are coming from the Church, from the ministry, you can’t force it on anyone. It’s by choice. But he’s saying to be on guard to these things.

He just says, “They are proud.” In other words, they don’t need it. They won’t receive it; they don’t need it. They don’t grasp what they need. And you can’t give it to them.

...knowing nothing. If they’re not receiving it, then the fact that they don’t know what they don’t know. Just like that individual, that evangelist I mentioned, who would sit up toward the front row reading a book while God’s apostle was up there speaking. Ought to have been slapped upside the side of the head. Somebody should have the guts to get up and just go, “Poom!” “You idiot! You fool! Don’t you see what you’re doing? God’s apostle is up here, and I know you’re not listening to him, you’re not paying attention to what he’s saying! You’re reading a book, and I know...”

Not going to be one of the stupid students out there who think, “Oh, he can read a book at the same time and listen to Herbert Armstrong. He was such an incredibly intelligent man.” That’s what some said! Like, well, you’re loose between the ears. Something is wrong. Something is drained out that was meant to stay up there.

...knowing nothing but are sick in mind. I love that. Sick in mind. What a horrible state to be in when we have opportunity in the Church of God.

...sick in mind concerning disputes and arguments over words. Not realizing how far off base they’ve come or gone.

...from which comes envy, strife, slander, evil suspicions. I've seen all these things, so much of it in times past within the Church. And it's for a purpose, to learn from. Things should never have existed, should never have been there. But they were to learn from.

Some of the major things I have learned within the Church is how not to do certain things because they didn't reflect God's spirit. That's a good teaching tool. If you learn things and see things and say, "This is not right. This is not of God. This isn't what we've been taught that we're supposed to be living." And it helps you to come to the right conclusions.

...sick in mind concerning disputes and arguments over words from which comes envy, strife, slander, evil suspicions, and... says "**contentions**" there, **constant**, which isn't a good full translation here, but **from those of corrupt thinking**. So again here, messed up minds, wrong thinking, corrupt thinking. Because if it's not in the truth, what is it? If it's our ideas, our ways, something different than what we're given, there is no value in it.

...and destitute of the truth. That answers it. Where is the truth? Because it's the truth that's important.

...who suppose. In other words, "think to make profit." Sometimes not necessary literal, physical, but sometimes it is, what is in the minds of human beings, but sometimes it's how it profits them. It's what lifts them up, what they look to as being profitable. The admiration of others, this is a common weakness that's happened throughout the Church in times past. And we learn that then, that that's not the way to be. In other words, what they can get out of it. That's what's a profit.

...from godliness. From others in the Church.

From such withdraw yourself. So, making it very clear here again, don't be around them. Make a distinction here. They're not a part of the Church; whatever has to be done. And he tells in other places what has to be done.

That word, again here, "withdraw yourself," is interesting because the Greek is more direct. It just says, "remove; cause to withdraw; to make stand off." So, it's like this is it and no more, no more a part, which has to do so often with removal.

Verse 6—But/yet/however godliness, in other words, being in God's Church, living this way of life, **with contentment, is great gain.** Being thankful for all we have and indeed content and at peace with it, because we see the benefit. Great contrast from those who live in drama. To that which lives in contentment.

I hope we're all learning to hate drama. I loathe it. I love peace. Life is so much better when there is peace. Anything around you gets to have a lot of drama around it, you don't have to let it in. Sometimes we have to deal with it – looking back there at a couple of teachers, that you think classroom situation, all the drama that's there. But you know, whatever our jobs might be, whatever we come in contact with

in the world, there is a lot of drama out there, you know? People in companies who can't get along. And then you treat them in a different way, and sometimes people are suspicious of you. It's like, "What do you want?"

Verse 7—For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we will carry nothing out. So, what's important? Truth. **But having food and clothing, with these things, we are to be content.**

Verse 9—But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare. Doesn't always have to be that which is physical, but that's very much a part of what oftentimes takes place, to have more. That's why sometimes people have quit tithing or whatever, quit saving second tithe, whatever.

...and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown people in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all evil. So again, having to do with funds, money, whatever it is that sometimes people do.

...for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. So again, that isn't what gives happiness.

I saw a sign on the way up here today. Was it forty million? They keep these signs up on the freeway just to try to lure people in to put some money into the numbers, and that's what it's up to right now. And see, people are smart, they just wait until it at least gets closer to a billion. I'm just kidding. I was just thinking today as I drove by that, I said, "You know, I wouldn't even know what to do with it."

We're just at a point right now where we've finally gotten to a point where when this book hits, we're going to hit it with everything we have and probably not be able to use nearly all of what I'd really like to see used in it. We may not have time anyway.

For the love of money is a root of all evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their own greediness and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O one of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness. That's what's valuable. That's where the real wealth is, in God's truth, God's way of life.

...godliness, faith. So, how do you pursue faith? I hope we understand this very clearly now. Because in times past, the Church hasn't really grasped it. It's what God gives you to believe, and you choose to live by it; that is the definition of faith. It's your living by the truth you've been given.

And so, when it says here that these are the things that we're to pursue, faith, it means hold on to what you've been given to believe and seek to live more fully those truths in your life. Don't let them go. Love, agape, you have to cry out to God for that because it's just not natural within us. We have other love that's natural within us, but not the kind that comes from God.

...steadfastness, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith. There is a fight in there to hold on to what you believe. That's what it's telling you. And there is a fight in that to strive to live by it then, to fight against other things that interfere with that in order to be living by faith.

...lay hold on eternal life. Everlasting life, that's what it's about, that's what, why God created us, is to have that life, to have opportunity for that kind of life.

This is just a wink in time. It seems like a long time to us until you get toward the end. It's like, where did it go? It goes by so quickly. And if you look at the span of time, just in 7,100 years, this is a blurb. And if you look at it in the span of time of millions upon millions upon millions upon billions of years, we can't comprehend it. It's like it goes by faster than a wink. Amazing. And yet this is our time to apply and practice things that are going to last forever. Awesome!

Lay hold on eternal life. That's a choice. **...to which you were also called.** That's why we were created. **... and have confessed** (in other words, being in agreement) **a good confession.** A show of agreement. That's what this is meaning. That's what it means, a show of agreement by what you choose to live. **...in the sight of many witnesses.**

I'm going to stop there because I do want to get into some news today. I planned to go through more here, but I do want to get to this before we close today, so we'll just stop there at that point.

But again, being reminded of these things that were given through Paul, to me is so awesome, to grasp and comprehend what was given to God's Church to live by for a long, long time to follow, that set so much of the foundation of truth and those things we can receive inspiration from, understanding of, of what we're dealing with and how to deal with various things. Awesome! Thankful it's all written out for us and that others suffered in order to give it to us.

This is going back starting about two weeks ago, but I have so much here I don't have time to get that far, frankly. There are some crazy things going on out there. This world is just getting closer and closer and closer, and how much time, I don't know, but I'll tell you what.

Erdoğan Sets His Sights on Israel¹ "The Turkish Republic is on the brink. As Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, its would-be sultan..." interesting how they phrase this, because they realize he has a desire, as certain leaders do in the world right now, whether it be coming out of Russia and so forth, and whether it be Erdoğan and the past, the great empire, whether it would be Europe who would like to see themselves united in a unique way, in a more powerful way, and all these things that are going on.

Anyway, "...its would-be sultan dismantles the country's secular democracy, President Donald Trump has seemingly taken little notice. Soon, though, Trump will have no choice but to pay attention. While

¹ Gerecht, Reuel Marc. "Erdoğan Sets His Sights on Israel." The Atlantic, 19 Apr. 2025, Yahoo, <https://www.yahoo.com/news/israel-emerging-rival-113000316.html>

Erdoğan consolidates power at home and prepares to project it abroad, he has set the stage for a clash with Israel. Indeed, Turkey has quickly emerged as perhaps the greatest danger to the Jewish state in the Middle East, escalating the threat of a conflict he won't be able to avoid."

So, Erdoğan is unique as a leader. If you look at different leaders around the world right now today you realize we are headed... There is only one direction we're headed. It's to an incredible war. And we have to understand, we have to see this with all of our being. Not just because of what we've been taught, but because we see it now, it's in front of us every week. Incredible, the things that go on just in one week's time.

And Erdoğan, again, prophetically, he's going to be betraying Israel, some part of Israel, before this is over with, in a big way. And here he is allowed to be a part of NATO? They don't know what they're doing.

Another one here: **How Russia Is Supercharging North Korea's War Machine**² Well, I'm not even going to read it. It doesn't need to be supercharged; it's already gone crazy.

Europe, You Can't Sit On The Sidelines Anymore³ I'm not surprised, I guess, but this thing of Europe constantly... They're so tired of this country. They are so upset about things going on in this country. Mostly, because of a certain president. And stirred them up. The whole world has been stirred up. There's a spirit of work in this world, very powerful, and it's stirring things up incredibly so. And understandably so, because it says that's exactly what they do at the very end here. They're the ones stirring up things in the pot, and God's allowing it. And they're going to do certain things, but in the way God gives in His timing.

And so again here, news in Europe is so one-sided. I feel sorry for people who get a constant barrage of CNN-type news that is so biased, that so twists some things, and frankly, lies. There are certain things over there – absolute lies of some things they're saying about what's going on over here. And it's coming through stations like that, and then it's perpetuated by others who are of the same mind over there because that's pretty much everything... So, they're getting this dose constantly, and it's about a hatred that's building up and growing, and a dissatisfaction, a frustration with... Anyway, it's becoming much stronger.

Says here, "So, Europe has two or three choices in this proposed Chinese-American trade standoff. Nobody wants a trade war with anybody. No one wants it with China. But this is long overdue. And Europe has to decide what course they're going to take. And for everybody's sake, let's hope they choose wisely."

² Daly, Jess. "How Russia Is Supercharging North Korea's War Machine." UNITED24 Media, 17 Apr. 2025, <https://united24media.com/war-in-ukraine/how-russia-is-supercharging-north-koreas-war-machine-7642>

³ Hanson, Victor Davis. "Europe, You Can't Sit on the Sidelines Anymore." The Daily Signal, 17 Apr. 2025, <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/europe-you-cant-sit-sidelines-anymore>

Well, we know they're not because everything is against them in the sense of coming to certain conclusions and decisions. They can't do much of anything among themselves because it's the clay and the iron. There is strength there, but they're not able to pull it together. Something has to happen that pulls it all together. And it will in its own time, when the time is proper. And we should be able to see this more clearly all the time.

Another one here: **China Is In Economic Dire Straits And They're No Longer Able To Hide It**⁴ I'm not even going to go into that one. Because we need to understand that Xi, if you will, is in a predicament. He's in a predicament of being overthrown, which he knows. It's very real. It leaks out every once in a while. They are not in good shape. They can talk a big talk and try to combat and disagree with everything happening here, but the reality is they're hurting bad. They're hurting exceptionally bad. And they do bad things when they get pushed into a corner as well, a little faster than perhaps they wanted to be.

They have plans for domination. They have plans for war. Everything that they do has been geared like that for a long time now. But now they're being pushed a little bit more because of a condition of the world right now and because of a president.

Wondered where things were going to go, whether it was going to slow things down or speed things up when that happened – and they're moving fast.

Fed's \$2T Bailout is Prepped - Banks Will Echo WW2 Era⁵ Says, "Something big is happening behind closed doors. According to Christopher Whalen, the Fed isn't focused on inflation anymore—it's racing to keep the Treasury market from breaking."

I'll tell you what, things are holding on like a shoestring all around the world! And you think, why isn't it snapping? Well, because there is a time factor here and everything has to come together at the same time, because God is going to see to it that that's what happens.

I'm not going to even read the rest of that. I don't have time.

UK set to ramp up weapons production to reduce reliance on US and French imports⁶ Wonderful! News over there, news coming out of here as well, a lot of different ones are ramping up the war machine. There was one country, I can't even think which one it was, small one, that they're gearing their industry toward weapons for Ukraine. That's their primary goal right now, is to ramp everything up

⁴ "China Is In Economic Dire Straits And They're No Longer Able To Hide It." ZeroHedge, 21 Apr. 2025, <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/china-economic-dire-straits-and-theyre-no-longer-able-hide-it>

⁵ Fed's \$2T Bailout Prepped: Banks Will Echo WWII Era." ZeroHedge, 21 Apr. 2025, <https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2025-04-21/feds-2t-bailout-prepped-banks-will-echo-ww2-era>

⁶ UK Set to Ramp Up Weapons Production to Reduce Reliance on US and French Imports." Firstpost, 21 Apr. 2025, <https://www.firstpost.com/world/uk-to-boost-weapons-production-to-reduce-reliance-on-us-france-amid-geopolitical-uncertainties-13881616.html>

in their production for weapons for Ukraine. One of the smaller nations there in Europe. Can't think of the name of it right now.

Anyway, this is what people are doing. Germany is doing the same thing. They're ramping up more for things of war. So, I don't know if we're hearing all these things or not. I don't have time to go through all this, but I wanted to go through them quickly, at least some of the headlines. ...that we're on top of this, to realize things are moving at a very fast pace.

But I also believe that there is something to be written first and be put out there before it all comes to a screeching halt or is allowed to take place. So, both of those. Thunders, all kinds of Thunders taking place. This is one of the Thunders, and candidly, the most important one of all – God continuing to reveal Himself more powerfully as we draw closer. That's what's going to take place.

With Eye On Iran, US Sends More Bunker-Busting Bombs To Israel⁷ Again, wonder why.

USMC [Marine Corps] Anti-Ship Missile Deployment To Highly Strategic Luzon Strait Is Unprecedented- Defense News (Early Bird Brief)⁸ "The U.S. Marine Corps is deploying its Navy-Marine Expeditionary Ship Interdiction System (NMESIS) armed with Naval Strike Missiles into the heart of one of the world's most strategic and tense bodies of water — the Luzon Strait. It will be the closest to the Chinese mainland that U.S. land-based cruise missiles have been deployed.

The Luzon Strait sits between Taiwan and the Philippines and is roughly 220 miles across..." So, everybody is doing this maneuvering. Everywhere you read, all the news articles, and what different ones are doing. China has been doing it for a long time, but now we're starting to do it in certain areas of the world. And this is just ramping up everything to a collision at some point. That's what's coming.

Not going to read the rest of that either. Sorry, but I don't feel like we have time here. We only have about thirteen minutes left if I let you out at a normal time. And it's hot in here.

Is the Long-Awaited U.S. Dollar Collapse About to Begin?⁹ These are concerns that people have. You know, because of certain statements that are made, because of certain things that are done out here, people panic. It's okay for a few days, but if it holds on for a long time, people start to panic even more.

⁷ Eye on Iran: US Sends Bunker-Busting Bombs to Israel." ZeroHedge, 22 Apr. 2025, [zerohedge.com/geopolitical/eye-iran-us-sends-bunker-busting-bombs-israel](https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/eye-iran-us-sends-bunker-busting-bombs-israel).

⁸ "USMC Anti-Ship Missile Deployment To Highly Strategic Luzon Strait Is Unprecedented." The War Zone, 21 Apr. 2025, <https://www.twz.com/air/usmc-anti-ship-missile-deployment-to-highly-strategic-luzon-strait-is-unprecedented>

⁹ "Long-Awaited US Dollar Collapse About to Begin." ZeroHedge, 22 Apr. 2025, [zerohedge.com/news/2025-04-22/long-awaited-us-dollar-collapse-about-begin](https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2025-04-22/long-awaited-us-dollar-collapse-about-begin).

Another one here: **Terror attack on tourists in Indian-controlled Kashmir leaves at least 20 dead**¹⁰

So, this... I hope everybody has heard about this. That's all we need, Pakistan and India now ready to go to war. And they're using some very strong language, that they're ready for it. Don't believe it's going to take place yet over there, but everybody is deciding or choosing sides and all these little skirmishes. You take every facet of different parts of the world, of where there's power, and everything is on the edge. Not quite there yet, but on the edge.

This is not a small thing. There are deep-rooted hatreds over Kashmir that have been there for decades and decades and decades between Pakistan and India. And now they're talking about if you cut off the water flow... I don't know if you've heard about some of this, but they had an agreement about water flow and so forth, and they said, "If you cut off the water, it will run with blood." And they mean it.

They both expect each other to come across the border at any moment. They're on high alert. And some of the governments are already threatening to use nuclear, tactical nuclear weapons. Now, that's smart. Just let's go to the big ones right away. Sick world.

Container Orders Plummet - Trade Deals Now Or Economic Depression Soon¹¹ You look at the industry, what ports that are emptying out, China, that they're backing up so bad they can't deal with it. The world has gone insane. It truly has.

China ramping up pressure near Taiwan: What it means for the US¹² That's almost a weekly thing taking place. Has been for some time, but it's getting worse.

Israel Deploying Unmanned Bulldozers In Gaza For Large-Scale Warfare¹³ They keep doing things, and if things don't get simmered down, there is no peace anywhere in that respect. And you think, you take unmanned bulldozers (and there is something behind that pretty powerful), start just leveling things out.

Pakistan Warns Of 'Act Of War' After India Cancels Landmark Water Treaty¹⁴

¹⁰ Zargar, Arshad R. "Terror Attack on Tourists in Indian-Controlled Kashmir Leaves at Least 26 Dead, Officials Say." CBS News, 23 Apr. 2025, <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/india-kashmir-terror-attack-tourists-killed-wounded-pahalgam/>

¹¹ "Container Orders Plummet: Trade Deals Now or Economic Depression Soon." ZeroHedge, 22 Apr. 2025, zerohedge.com/geopolitical/container-orders-plummet-trade-deals-now-or-economic-depression-soon.

¹² Ali, Safia Samee. "China Ramping Up Pressure Near Taiwan: What It Means for the US." NewsNation, 18 Apr. 2025, <https://www.newsnationnow.com/world/china/chinas-military-pressure-taiwan-us-relations/>

¹³ "Israel Deploying Unmanned Bulldozers in Gaza for Large-Scale Warfare." ZeroHedge, 22 Apr. 2025, zerohedge.com/technology/israel-deploying-unmanned-bulldozers-gaza-largescale-warfare.

¹⁴ "Pakistan Warns of 'Act of War' After India Cancels Landmark Water Treaty." ZeroHedge, 24 Apr. 2025, zerohedge.com/geopolitical/pakistan-warns-act-war-after-india-cancels-landmark-water-treaty.

Another one here: **The Royal Navy's 'Death Star' is now at sea and fully operational**¹⁵ What a thing to call something. Let's call it the "Death Star." Sounds like James Bond or something like that or... Anyway. "Carrying the biggest fifth-generation strike wing at sea anywhere." So, let's just let the whole world know we're ready for war. That's what's taking place.

Dutch King Says Country Must Prepare For War, Pushes For Drone Development¹⁶

Pakistan in Panic: Ministers Threaten Nuclear Strike, Generals Send Families Abroad¹⁷ Think it's serious when generals are sending their families away from homes? You think it's real, that this is something they think is about to happen?

Another one here: **What Is The Risk Of Nuclear War Between India And Pakistan?**¹⁸ The fact that these things are in the news. This just gets bigger and bigger. Dumbfounding. I have a hard time finding words to express it all.

Reports of widespread power cuts in Spain and Portugal¹⁹ I don't know if you heard about that. Over there, when this was taking place, and coming back, and you think total outages, both countries, people caught in all kinds of bad situations. Shows how dependent... We get struck in a small thing like that, just electricity alone, and people are paralyzed. They couldn't receive any news. They couldn't talk to anyone on their phone. No communication. That's what we're headed for.

With China and the US at intense economic odds, nations are being forced to choose sides²⁰

Awesome. More and more, people are being pushed into this corner of what they're going to do and who they're going to do it with.

I have to read this one: **6 Days After Celebrating '100% Renewable Power', Spain Blames 'Rare Atmospheric Phenomenon' For Nation's Largest Blackout In History**²¹ The things governments won't do sometimes. There are so many things getting hacked anymore, there are so many nations that

¹⁵ Sharpe, Tom. "The Royal Navy's 'Death Star' Is Now at Sea and Fully Operational." The Telegraph, 24 Apr. 2025, <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2025/04/24/royal-navy-carrier-strike-group-f-35b-escorts-warships/>.

¹⁶ "Dutch King Says Country Must Prepare for War, Pushes Drone Development." ZeroHedge, 26 Apr. 2025, [zerohedge.com/geopolitical/dutch-king-says-country-must-prepare-war-pushes-drone-development](https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/dutch-king-says-country-must-prepare-war-pushes-drone-development).

¹⁷ "Pakistan in Panic: Ministers Threaten Nuclear Strike, Generals Send Families Abroad." India Today, 27 Apr. 2025, <https://www.indiatoday.in/world/video/pakistan-in-panic-ministers-threaten-nuclear-strike-generals-send-families-abroad-ytvd-2715842-2025-04-27>.

¹⁸ "What's the Risk of Nuclear War Between India and Pakistan?" ZeroHedge, 27 Apr. 2025, [zerohedge.com/geopolitical/what-risk-nuclear-war-between-india-and-pakistan](https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/what-risk-nuclear-war-between-india-and-pakistan).

¹⁹ "Reports of Widespread Power Cuts in Spain and Portugal." BBC News, 28 Apr. 2025, [bbc.com/news/articles/cd6jen1581vo](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cd6jen1581vo).

²⁰ Tang, Didi, and Zeke Miller. "With China and the US at Intense Economic Odds, Nations Are Being Forced to Choose Sides." The Associated Press, 27 Apr. 2025, <https://www.ap.org/news-highlights/spotlights/2025/with-china-and-the-us-at-intense-economic-odds-other-nations-are-being-forced-to-choose-sides/>.

²¹ "Spain Hit by Massive—Really Massive—Power Blackout." ZeroHedge, 28 Apr. 2025, [zerohedge.com/geopolitical/spain-hit-massive-really-massive-power-blackout](https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/spain-hit-massive-really-massive-power-blackout).

are doing these things now. What are they preparing? What are they trying to do? Are we stupid? And people know this. And there are governments and so forth who don't want anybody else to know. They'll say anything. It's a rare – what does it say? – it's a "Rare Atmospheric Phenomena." Some saw flying saucers. That's how far people will go to keep people away from what is true.

Exclusive: Pakistan defence minister says military incursion by India is imminent²²

West 'delirious with nuclear apocalypse scenarios' – Putin aide says²³

Moscow TV Host Claims British Blood "Must Be Spilled" for Killing Russian Commanders²⁴

Cornered China Could Turn to War—U.S. Should Be Ready²⁵ Just article after article after... These...

Three years ago, you couldn't find an article like this in a week's time, or a month's time, talking about some of these kinds of things. Do you feel like things are getting ramped up?

I think of all the kinds of things taking place out there right now and the number of kinds of... I'm not even going into the news about other Thunders and so forth. There is so much going on out there, it's mind-boggling. It really is.

Xi To Attend Russia's Victory Day, As Zelensky Hints At Attacking Event²⁶ That's really bright. Anyway, just stirs the pot more and more.

Trump's Newest Iran Sanctions Another Shot Across China's Bow²⁷ So, again here, countries are... They're going crazy. They're going nuts.

We're watching all this come together. It's not a pleasant thing. We have some time, I believe with all my being, but not much, so we have to draw closer and closer to God, keep our eyes focused.

²² Shahzad, Asif. "Exclusive: Pakistan Defence Minister Says Military Incursion by India Is Imminent." Reuters, 28 Apr. 2025, <https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2025-04-28/exclusive-pakistan-defence-minister-says-military-incursion-by-india-is-imminent>.

²³ "West Delirious with Nuclear Apocalypse Scenarios – Putin Aide." TASS, 29 Apr. 2025, <https://tass.com/politics/1950765>.

²⁴ "Russia Sends Horror WW3 Threat to UK – 'British Blood Must Be Spilled'." Express, 29 Apr. 2025, <https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/2048443/russia-horror-ww3-threat-british-blood-vladimir-putin>.

²⁵ "Cornered China Could Turn to War: US Should Be Ready." ZeroHedge, 30 Apr. 2025, zerohedge.com/news/2025-04-30/cornered-china-could-turn-war-us-should-be-ready.

²⁶ "Xi to Attend Russia's Victory Day Celebrations; Zelensky Hints at Attacking Moscow Parade." ZeroHedge, 1 May, 2025, zerohedge.com/geopolitical/xi-attend-russias-victory-day-celebrations-zelensky-hints-attacking-moscow-parade.

²⁷ "Trump's Newest Iran Sanctions: A Shot Across China's Bow." ZeroHedge, 1 May, 2025, zerohedge.com/geopolitical/trumps-newest-iran-sanctions-shot-across-chinas-bow.