

We Have To Have Help

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God is preparing His Church, the Church of God—PKG, for the truth that is coming to this world in just a short while. We understand that Christ is sitting at the right hand of his Father and he's waiting until it's time for him to come back to this earth to set up God's Kingdom upon this earth and set up God's government upon this earth.

So, let's turn over to Acts 3, and that's where we will begin today. **Acts 3:22—Moses truly said to the fathers, the Eternal your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren. Him you will hear in all things; whatever he says to you. And it will be that every soul who will not hear that prophet will be utterly destroyed from among the people. And all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. You are sons of the prophets—let's notice—sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, In your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed. To you first, having raised up His servant Joshua, sent him to bless you, in turning every one of you from your sins (from your iniquities).**

So, we have to have help from God, and He sent His Son so that we could have that help. And that will be the subject today, *We Have to Have Help*.

We understand that a pruning has to take place in those of us in God's Church. We know that all that God has called and given His holy spirit to, all have to bear fruit. And we read about the vine at every Passover (which we will get into later), but that tells us about how a pruning takes place in the vine so that we can bear fruit. And to be Elohim everyone has to bear fruit. We have to have help from God to do that.

God says that this natural carnal mind, this human mind is naturally hostile to Him, so we understand that this mind has to have help. So, when our minds were opened, and we were baptized, and we received God's spirit we now had the ability of having our sins forgiven through what Christ did as our Passover. Now we can repent when we sin; we can now bear fruit in our lives.

God says in this book, His book, He tells us about how we are to live our lives, and He tells us about it. And for those of us who have God's spirit, those of us in God's Church, John 15 tells us much about how we are to live our lives and what happens if we don't.

But we've seen so many lose what they have received from God. And it's like a broken record, it's over and over. And even with God's spirit you and me have seen it. And we've seen that when they are cut off from God, we can see that they don't realize that they've lost everything. They don't think they've lost anything. That's what the mind, how deceptive the mind can be. But we can see when the mind starts to take a turn, and if not repented of that mind will keep going until it leaves God's Church.

I think all of those in God's Church have seen that take place. I know of those during the Apostasy, we saw so much of that. I think most of us have experienced the pain of seeing someone leave God's

Church. So, we know it firsthand, what can happen to the mind, even with God's spirit, when it begins to take a turn. And that will be written about for those in the future, those who have done that very thing. And they can see what man can do even with God's spirit.

And at the end, there will be so many that it will be like the sands of the sea that will turn and not want God's offer for them. It's how massive it can be. And we can't comprehend that at this time. But those of us that are there will see it first hand, those that will turn against God for the last time. There will be that lake of fire, and it will never take place again. All that will be there will be in God's Family.

But God is growing a garden so to speak, a spiritual garden at this time, and He has a vineyard to grow that garden in. So, God has opened our minds through a way of life that you and I are to live once He's called us. He gives us instructions in this book and through sermons week by week and Holy Day by Holy Day. These words in this book, God's book, are spiritual in nature as we know, and we are to be dwelling in, abiding in, living in, and continuing in this way of life. That's what God says.

We know that sin will cut us off from God and it will cut us off from continuing to be in God's family. And you've heard me say many, many times about this human mind, that when it takes a turn then the mind, the spiritual mind just begins to fade away, and then, "poof," it's gone. So, we know that if sin is not repented of quickly, if it's not nipped in the bud one will not be in God's Family, they will just fade away.

But God has made a way for you and me to be forgiven of our sins so that we can continue in this way of life, those who want God's offer. So, we have to choose. We have to choose to repent, to continuously repent to be in God's Family. And He made a way through His Son for you and me to do that so that we can move forward through God's plan.

We understand that when God calls a person He's calling them into a relationship with Him, and He does that for a continuing relationship. It's not supposed to be short-lived, brethren, it's meant to be for an eternity. That's what God called you and me for, to be in His Family, to become Elohim for an eternity. And that's what should take place, and that's actually what God has offered.

God tells us through Isaiah that His mind is nowhere like our mind, and we understand this is the human mind. We understand that there is nothing like God's mind. And we'll look at some of those examples a little later.

We can just look at the physical creation that is out there and our mind cannot comprehend just that physical creation, all those planets, all those stars. But His greatest creation we know is that of His Family, Elohim. But we understand that that's going to be for a future creation. We understand God is a creating God and those things are unfinished. They're just sitting there waiting for those that will become in God's Family.

God says that His thoughts, His way of thinking, and His way of reasoning is nothing like man's. "Neither are your ways My ways." That's what God says to you and me. There are those lusts in mankind that so plague us humans in this physical body, and there is so much pride to be dealt with and so much selfishness that mankind has to deal with.

So, we hear about man's ways and this selfishness and this pride that conquers mankind, and we hear through sermons we have to deal with these things that are in mankind, in men and women. And there are sermons given about these things, how we are to look at self. And hopefully, we come to understand what we really are in this flesh.

When we look at man down through time it's not a pretty picture. We can look at some examples in God's book about what man has done with this mind, this carnal, human mind. We know that man has rebelled over and over and over, rebellion upon rebellion. That's the story of mankind. So, that's the picture in God's book that is painted for you and me, rebellion.

Adam and Eve rebelled, but it's not just about Adam and Eve, it's the story, stories that are in God's book about that rebellion. Man always looks out for self first. We know the examples that Mr. Armstrong used about a woman and her child, about how that's actually a selfish type of love. And we know that women will put the love for their children first. That's just a natural occurrence that takes place in this human flesh; she looks out for her child first. So, that's a selfish kind of love.

But God makes it clear that man and his ways must be changed. The selfishness has to be changed. Pride has to be changed in mankind. So, something has to be done for man. So, we understand that something happens, has to take place in this mind in mankind to be healed of the things that we are speaking about. The pride, the selfishness, and the lust of the flesh that so plague this human body.

God says that through Isaiah that He has seen man and his ways. So, God knows man, men and women. And when I say "man" that includes women as well. And God knows every path that we are subject to take. He knows man. He knows his ways. He created mankind. And it's not a pretty picture of what God sees of man in this state.

Hopefully, we can see ourselves and we can see the pride that overtakes us, and we can see the selfishness that overtakes us, and we can get a hold of it when we see those things in our self. So, God tells us that He knows man's ways, every path that we can take in this life, in this flesh.

God also said something else. God said that He would heal man, He would heal him. That's what God said. And we understand that path. We understand God's plan to get to when God actually heals mankind. And we understand it's at the very end when we become Elohim.

Let's turn over to Romans 8 and we'll notice what's written. We all use Romans 8 a lot so most of us know it by heart, but let's go through it. And this is where it explains to you and me that **Romans 8:1—There is no condemnation—let's notice—to those who are in Christ Joshua, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.** So, that's what has to take place not to have that condemnation, we have to walk according to the spirit. So, what's being said, one is striving to keep sin out of their lives and they're trying to live the life that God says we are to live, to live God's way of life.

Verse 5—For those who live according to the flesh set their mind on the things of the flesh. And all we have to do is look around and we can see it. It's all about serving self, serving this flesh.

But those who live according to the spirit, and I hope that's everyone's mind here, **things of the spirit. For to be carnally minded is death.** That's what God says. And we can see that. We can see what this carnal mind would bring about – everything upon this earth will be destroyed, no flesh alive.

But to be spiritually minded—let's notice—**life and peace.** And we know that it will take eternal life to have that, and eternal peace to have that peace; peace forever as a spirit being if we do these things. That's what God is offering.

And it sounds so simple, brethren. Just repent when we sin. God tells us, we know...I think Peter said it, just "Repent and be zealous." So, it sounds really simple, but in this flesh, we find those lusts that are in mankind that so blindsides these human beings. And we've seen that take place in those who walked side by side with you and me in God's Church. And they are no longer here. So, it really sounds simple. But it's not made to be easy, brethren.

But when we sin God made a way through the Passover. He sent His Son so you and I could have forgiveness of sin, and it will continue on for those in the future that accept God's Passover and live this way of life the way that God is offering them.

Verse 7 we see how this is addressed. And I'm sure we know this by heart. **The carnal mind is enmity** (hostile), and it's opposed to the Great God of this universe. We see this all through God's book about this carnal mind, this hostility, and we'll look at examples today. **...and it is against God, and it is not subject to the law of God.** And we see some of that after God gave His laws, those ten commandments. We'll see what took place.

So, let's notice what Paul wrote. It can't be, **not indeed can be.** So, it's not possible. It's just not in mankind. Something has to take place for man in the mind.

So, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. So, there is no way unless we have help, and it has to have help from God.

By nature the human mind that we just read about, this human thinking is opposed to God. Rebellion. That's actually what it is, it's rebellion. And without God man cannot be saved. Mankind would disappear from this earth. Man would destroy every living thing upon the face of this earth. God told us that man's mind and His mind were so far apart – not even close. God says it's so far that it's naturally hostile to His mind and His ways.

And man does not want to do it God's way's. The only time that someone would want to do it God's ways is when man receives something in the mind from God. Man has to have help from God to change his ways. Mankind wants to do what they want to do. They're not interested in God. Man is not interested in the ways of God at this time. Man wants to do what man wants to do. No one wants God because it would interfere in their lives. That's what they think.

But the ones that God has given His spirit to, they think differently, those that have the help that the mind needs from God. So, we know that something has to happen to the mind so that they can think differently, and then they can understand the words of the Great God of this universe and His Son.

And now, something takes place up here. Man has a desire, a different desire now, has a desire to obey God once it receives something from God. So, desire is what God is giving to you and me through His spirit. We desire to live this way of life, those that He has called at this time. And God just gives a little bit of His mind so that you and me can think differently. We know that God has revealed things progressively to those that He was working with down through time, through the present truths at their time, and He gives it with those that He has called to lead His Church to do the job that He set forth for them to do.

And we understand that God is creating His Family, and it's the 144,000 we know that will be the first, the first in that first harvest as God calls it, God's harvest from His garden, so to speak. The first harvest will be with Joshua the Christ when he sets foot on the Mount of Olives to set up the government of God upon this earth. And we can see that it's not long before this will take place.

God says that we are His vineyard. God says that we are His garden, so to speak. Hopefully, everyone here is part of that vineyard, part of that garden, and they are bearing fruit in God's garden. I hope everyone who is here today will be here when the Son of Man comes back to this earth to set up God's Kingdom upon this earth. God says it will be a time of refreshing upon this earth when that takes place because of what will take place – truth will begin to go out. And that truth will go out and God's spirit will be poured out upon mankind, and God's Son will be here for a thousand years during the Millennium.

And it will produce a great harvest at the end, at the end of that thousand years; will produce much fruit, brethren, for that thousand years. That's what it will produce. That's the fruit of Joshua the Christ being here for a thousand years. It would produce much fruit, and then the Great White Throne will take place. And it's going to take a great harvest, brethren, at that Great White Throne when so many will be resurrected at that time.

Let's turn over to 1 Corinthians 10:6. We all look forward to that Great White Throne when we will begin to see those of our past that will be resurrected.

But now back to us. God says that we have examples in His book for those that He has called at the end of an age, that remnant Church at the end.

And God gave 1st Corinthians a long, long time ago and he says in this book, He inspired this writer to write this down, **1 Corinthians 10:6—These things became our examples**, talking about what is written in this book, God's book, **to the intent that we should not lust after evil things**. So, what does God mean "examples of evil things" that we should look at in His book that God calls evil? Evil things that they did in Ancient Israel; that's the examples that we need to look at.

So, we'll go back and look at some of the evil things that they did, but what this is saying to you and me when we bring it down to our time, we need to take heed of those examples. And we'll see the analogies that we can use in our spiritual lives when we go back and look at this.

But verse 7 begins to tell us a little bit about what God is speaking about, and it says, **Do not become idolators as some of them did. And as it is written, the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.**

So, we know the story of what type of "play" that they were doing – and after all that they had seen, after all those miracles that God had performed. And it says, **Nor let us commit sexual immorality** as some of them did. So, we know that this is part of the evil that God is speaking about. So, this gives us a clue of what they did. **...and in one day twenty-three thousand fell.** And it says twenty-three thousand here, and we'll read about where it says twenty-four thousand a little later. But twenty-three thousand died in one day, and then the rest died a little later.

So, let's go over and see what God's speaking about, all these evils that we are to look at that became examples for you and me. And let's see why God called it evil and let's learn from the examples given in His book for you and me, that God says that it's for our time, for you and me. And it's for you and me to learn from. That's what an example is.

And in **Numbers 25:1** it says, **Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit—let's notice what they were doing—harlotry with the women of Moab. And they invited the people—let's notice; let's pay attention to what they were doing, what was taking place—to the sacrifices of their gods.**

So, "they had invited them to the sacrifice of their god," and they accepted their invitation. That's what they did. And we can see that there was a lot of partying going on because it tells us what they began to do in the very first verse, "commit harlotry with the women of Moab." So, that's what they were doing.

So, we know what and understand what was taking place. They were doing things that they should not do. And they should not partake of those things in Satan's world after all that God had done for those in Ancient Israel, and we see how fast they can turn and not obey God.

...and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So, when we look at this and we wonder how someone could do this after all that God had done for them. So, here we see them bowing down to other gods.

So, when we look around at God's Church today, the ones that have left, I've sat in conversations with some of those who left, and they wondered how anyone could ever leave God's Church. We've had those conversations with some. And they wondered how anyone could ever go back into this world.

I remember back in Worldwide the conversations that were being spoken about the falling away that would take place, an apostasy, and in those conversations, they wondered how anyone could do such a thing. And we know how that took place, and we know how a third, a third, and a third, and what took

place in God's Church. It was massive, brethren, that falling away. But when one goes back into this world God calls it harlotry and is not pleased when anyone goes back to another god. But hopefully, some will repent.

Verse 2—They invited the people to the sacrifices of their god, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So, they were participating in the worship of other gods, so we can begin to see why God calls it evil. ...**and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor.**

And let's notice what took place. And I don't like the word "anger" here because it's about judgment and it's about swift judgment. And that's actually what took place. It's about judgment of the Great God of this universe and it says **that judgment was aroused against Israel**, the things that He called evil.

The Eternal said to Moses—let's notice—Take all the leaders of the people and hang the offenders before the Eternal facing the sun. And that's how that it was done. Swift judgment for them.

We've been through this before but it's good to be reminded of how serious an offense this was before God. And it was swift judgment from the Great God of this universe. God did not take it lightly. And this was how it was done, judgment, **so that that judgment from God would be turned away from Israel.** And that's how serious of an event it was.

So, Moses said to the judges in Israel, Every one of you kill the men who were joined to Baal of Peor.

So, that's how serious it was. It brought death penalty immediately for them, judgment. God did not take it lightly after all that He had done for them bringing them out of captivity. And how could they do such a thing after they had seen all of those miracles that God had performed?

We know that God had taught them much about the way to live life and He taught them about the correct way to live, just like you and me are being taught about a correct way to live our lives. But it was physical for them. But God gave them physical laws to keep, and we can see how they blatantly disobeyed those laws that God had given them of how to live their lives, and they were quick to bow down to another god.

But the difference is they were physical. They had these carnal minds. But we have help; that they did not have help. That's the reason that we can see that man has to have this help from God. If not, there goes you and me with this carnal mind, all those lusts that are out there, that are there to partake of.

God says to kill the men who took part in this. **And one of the children came and presented—let's notice—to his brethren, a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses.** So, we can read through this and not grasp how graphic this is and what was actually taking place. We can see, because we know from the very beginning that they were committing harlotry with these women, and that's why God was calling it evil. This man was so bold as to just rub it under Moses' nose...just rubbing it, showing the sins that he was going to partake of with that woman.

And let's notice he didn't really care for them to see what he was doing. And that's what he wanted them to do, he wanted them to see it because it says here **...in the sight of all the congregation. Now**

when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose from the congregation, took a javelin in his hand, and he went after the man of Israel—let’s notice—they were in the tent... And we know what they were doing in the tent so that all could see what they were doing in the tent. ... **and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body.**

So, they were in the very act. So, we know that they were doing that with those tent doors open. That’s how bold they were. We find the reference to the twenty-four thousand – **So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel. And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.**

So, let’s go back to 1 Corinthians 10:9. So, we can see that they tempted the Great God of this universe, and we can see judgment from God, and it was immediate judgment. Just because there is not a death penalty immediately does not mean there is not a death penalty. For those of us, and all of mankind, the death penalty is hanging there. Except for those who have received this spirit. And there is a lake of fire for those who don’t accept God’s offer, God’s way of life.

1 Corinthians 10:11. And this is where we want to focus. **Now, all these things happened to them as examples...as examples. They were written—let’s notice—for our admonition—**and let’s notice the rest —**upon whom the ends of the ages have come.** That’s you and me, brethren. That’s us. That’s this remnant Church at the end of an age.

I want to read **verses 11 and 12** in a different translation. And it says, [*Living Bible* (TLB)] **All these things happened to them as examples—as object lessons to us—to warn us about doing the same things; they were written down so that we could read about them and learn from them in these last days as the world nears its end. So be careful. If you are thinking, Oh, I would never behave like this—let this be a warning to you.**

So, I like the way this is said, “Let this be a warning to you,” because this has happened. Adultery has taken some out of God’s Church at the end of this age, that remnant Church. We have seen so many that were part of us, that walked side-by-side, and like I said, some were caught up in other sins, but some were caught up in adultery. And they thought they would be there until the end. And they still think they’re worshipping God even though they’re not. They’ve left the vine. That’s how the carnal mind thinks and that’s how far the mind can go.

Once God’s spirit leaves the mind you are no longer a part of the vine. You are cut off. And if repentance didn’t take place we know what it says. Those branches are gathered and thrown in the fire.

Verse 14 tells us ...**flee from idolatry.** This was written for you and me, the Church of God that is preparing for the Kingdom of God that is coming to this earth. And you and I are to learn from the examples that we are reading about today in this book. We are the remnant Church at the end of this age. We are the ones who are preparing for the return of God’s Son back to this earth. And he’s coming to set up the Kingdom of God upon this earth and set up the government of God upon this earth, God’s government. And we will know that first harvest is what will be here when he sets foot on the Mount of Olives with 144,000 that will be a part of that government, God’s government.

Everything that has happened through those that God has worked with down through time has been according to God's plan. God knows man. God knows his ways. And we can see why man has to be healed. God said that He has had a plan from the very beginning for man.

The exodus is where God brought them, Ancient Israel, out of captivity. God uses these examples for you and me upon the end of the ages has come, to teach you and me to learn from these examples, to prepare us for what is coming upon this earth. God had a plan from the beginning for mankind. God had a plan to deliver a people from captivity, and when we look at this spiritually God has a plan to deliver you and me from captivity just like He did them physically but He's doing it to you and me spiritually.

And it paints you and me a picture of what God is doing. We look at the exodus and what was taking place. We know that Satan was pictured as a spiritual "type" of Pharaoh, and we use this a lot as an example in God's Church. And we use the analogy of what took place and what it pictures, and we know how God uses this to show you and me about deliverance of His people that will actually take place in the future.

The Passover and Unleavened Bread begins to paint us a picture of how we are to deal with sin, how we are to live our lives through these words that were written for you and me, for those at the end of an age. God explains to us a lot in John 15, and it explains just about everything we should do. So, this paints you and me a picture, this season, Passover and Unleavened Bread season about sin and how we are to deal with sin, how we are to put it out of our lives, and how we are to keep it out of our lives.

The story of exodus and the story of Pharaoh, when we look at that spiritually and physically, he was always in pursuit of His people, of God's people. So, it's a picture through the exodus that God used Moses and the example for you and me upon whom the end of the ages has come. Because it gives us understanding of God's plan and how He is working today.

We know that God gave Moses a staff that turned into a snake. And it's that very snake staff that turned into a snake that Moses held above his head over that water, over the Red Sea. And I know as those people stood looking at that water, I know what they thought with their carnal minds. They thought that was it, that was the end for them. They could see Pharaoh coming and they could see those mountains on every side, and there was nothing but water in front of them. And I know they could see no way of escape, so they had to think that. And it's a good example that God gives for you and me.

The human mind can forget how powerful God is. We forget that He is the Great God of this universe, and He can create or destroy anything that He wants to. That's how powerful He is. We forget... I guess we know it, but we do forget it sometimes that He created the flood. He made that water stand up in a heap, and He delivered His people from Ancient Egypt. So, God can save a people if He wants to. So, He can deliver people. That's just how powerful God is.

We understand that God can do what He wants to do. He made that water stand up in a heap so that they could pass over on dry land. He made the water cover the earth. He made that water stand up, but He also made the water cover the earth. We read about it in this book, those things that He's done. He

had it recorded to you and me so that you and me can know how powerful He really is. This human mind tends to forget those things sometimes.

But when we go back and look at that creation that is out there, we can see – when we have any doubts about what God can create – there is nothing holding those things out there. They're just there. And it is a vast, vast universe. I don't think they've found the end of it yet, brethren. So, there is no way that this mind can comprehend any of that universe that's out there; we only know what God lets you and me know. We do know this, He lets us know that His greatest creation is that of His Family, Elohim, His spiritual creation. I hope everyone understands how great an offer that God has offered them.

The Israelites had to think it was the end for them, Pharoah was coming and there was no way to be saved. And you know what, they were right. There was no way for them to be saved, absolutely none. Without God, they would not be delivered. Without God, you and I will not be delivered either, brethren. Man has to have help from God.

God used Moses to show them the way forward and it was through what God was doing through Moses. That's how it was done, through what He revealed through Moses as they moved through that desert. I know that they never thought that water would stand up in a heap. I can assure you that that never crossed their minds. They thought they were about to die. That's what they thought. I know that with that carnal mind, that's what they thought.

God has sent one again at the end of this age to deliver a people. God told them through Moses that it would be "a land flowing with milk and honey." And you know what? God has sent one again to deliver His people into a new age, just like He sent Moses to deliver a people in Ancient Israel. God told them through Moses that it would be a land flowing with milk and honey. And it's the same for you and me at the end when we all become Elohim. That's what it will be.

We know the examples of Pharoah. Just as God was dealing with Pharoah, He will deal with Satan at the end of this age. He will put Satan in his prison when God's Son comes back to this earth, and He will bind him for a thousand years during the Millennium, and then he will not be able to deceive mankind anymore for that thousand years during the Millennium.

God has shown you and me how we will be delivered. There is this remnant Church at the end of an age that some will live into the Millennium, and some will be changed into spirit, and God's apostle will lead us to that Millennial reign of God's Son upon this earth. And Joshua the Christ will set his feet upon the Mount of Olives, and then truth will be taught to mankind.

God's spirit will be poured out upon mankind. God says it's like a time of refreshing when He does that, when He pours His spirit out upon mankind and God's Son is here to speak truth to all of mankind.

You know, the Israelites didn't know what would take place when Moses was leading them to those waters. They didn't know that that water would part, like I said. And you know what? We don't know every turn that we will have to make as we move through the rest of God's plan. We can only see it on the horizon that man would annihilate everything upon this earth.

But God sent one to lead us at the end of this age, and as we go through this we need to heed these examples. We can see how powerful the Great God of this universe really is through what He's done in the past. And God says that He will deliver a people at the end of this age; God says He has a remnant Church at the end of this age.

We know those evils are out there. We read about them today, those lusts in man that are always there for mankind to partake of. And those lusts have taken so many out of God's Church, brethren. And Satan's world is worse than Sodom and Gomorrah, brethren.

I hate to even see a child with a smartphone. We live in worse than Sodom and Gomorrah. All this stuff is instantly there for these children. The computers, the TV's, the sex, the perversion. It's so massive. And just like we read about Ancient Israel, all the perversion they were taking part of, we see it on the TV, we see it on the phones. It's there for anybody to partake of.

God says these examples were given to those to whom the end of the ages has come. That's you and me. That's the Church of God—PKG. We are that remnant Church at the end of this age. We are preparing for that new age that Joshua the Christ will be King, where truth will be taught for a thousand-plus years.

We have today looked at how God worked, how He worked through the vine, and how Joshua the Christ down through His Church. We know that it's God the Father, Joshua the Christ, and then it's God's apostle. That's how God is working today. We looked at how God was working through Moses so we can look at how God is working today through His end-time apostle.

We can take for granted what God has revealed to you and me. All the truths that have been given to us, we can take for granted. Just like Ancient Israel and the evils that they partook of. And we can see the evils on these phones, on the TV's that sometimes we don't even realize how perverted it really is. God calls it evil to go after another god. We can see that the god of this age is really doing a number on mankind with all that perversion that is out there so easily to partake of.

Let's turn over to Jeremiah 10. We know this by heart but let's go back and look at it. God revealed to Jeremiah in **Jeremiah 10:23**, and Jeremiah wrote it down in God's book. And he said, **O Eternal, I know that the way of man is not in himself.** And it's not unless he has help to change, God's help to think differently. Man has to have that help, brethren, or man is destined to annihilate himself.

And **It is not in man who walks to direct his paths.** Look out there; you can see it. He cannot do it by himself. If man uses this physical mind, Jeremiah recognized that he would destroy himself because of the way that he would live. All the perversions that are here, all those lusts that he takes part in, that's the mind without God that Jeremiah told us about. It's what would take place, total annihilation.

So, we understand that we have to have help to direct man's steps to save mankind from that annihilation. Man has to have help from God or else that would take place. God will send His Son back to this earth to stop the annihilation.

Turn over to John 15. We've been speaking about John 15 so let's go through some of this. And it says, **John 15:1—I am the vine—let's notice—my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.**

Abide in me, and I in you. Let's notice—**As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them—let's notice—and throw them in the fire, and they are burned.** There will be that lake of fire at the end, brethren.

But God says, **If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it will be done for you.** You will have that eternal life in God's Family. That desire, that's what that desire should be, to ask that you can be in God's Family. **By this my Father is glorified, that you bear—let's notice—much fruit. So you will be my disciples.**

God is giving that help to you and me that we need, and He told us in what we just read that it's through His garden, God's garden, God's vineyard that you and I have to come through. You and me have to be planted in that vineyard and you and me have to produce fruit in that vineyard to be in God's Family.

So, we understand now that we have to have help from God and God has given help through His spirit to this end-time Church, that remnant Church at the end of an age. We are blessed to have an apostle that God is using at the end of this age to bring us to a new age.

And as we move through God's plan it's about those of us who at the end of this age when Christ's feet set foot upon that Mount of Olives we will be led into a time of refreshing that our minds cannot comprehend. It's a time during the Millennium when God's spirit will be poured out and truth will go out, begin to go out to all the earth. We read about some of those scriptures at every Feast of Tabernacles.

So brethren, let's glean today what we can from these examples that God has given to you and me in His book so that we can become Elohim, to be in His Family, His greatest creation yet.