

Welcome, brethren, to this seventh day Sabbath.

We know that God's word is pure and true. We understand that once a person is called by God the Father they then must make a choice. So, it becomes a choice. Because the mind is drawn by God's holy spirit to start to see things and then choices have to be made, and fortunately, we have made the right choice. A person must choose to live by every word of God or not. That's about as simple as it gets.

I was just thinking before how when a person is employed by somebody that they can't be just hearers, they have to be doers, which is (we'll get to the title of this sermon which is *Doers of the Word*), but really when you look at it, if you are employed by somebody and you then are given instructions, you're a hearer, you listen to those instructions. But the person giving those instructions expects the person to be a doer.

So, for example, when you employ somebody and place them in a role of admin maybe or whatever, they are expected to do something. A state manager was expected to go and visit each store and be a doer, check things out, in other words, actually implement what they heard. They were supposed to do.

Well, it's the same within God's Church. We are called and then we are hearers of the word – we hear sermons – but the most important thing of all is that we become doers of the word. Because if we don't do it we're not going to last long within the Body of Christ. So, to be just a hearer, "Oh, yes, that's wonderful to hear about the Sabbath," but to actually then do it we have to implement it into our life. We have to become doers of the word, which is all of God's word we have to be doers.

Now, there are aspects of God's word where we hear, then we do, and then we find that we fail in that doing because we don't do it always perfectly. So, we hear, ah, we're not supposed to do that, we're not supposed to do that, or that's not right, or this is what we should be doing, should be doing this, should be doing that, but we fail to implement it, or if we implement it we then fall down. That's normal. That's the normal way of life.

So, a person must choose to live by every word of God. This will mean choosing to deny selfishness that exists in us all. So, this is about now we hear about our selfishness, "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." The more important part is not just hearing that but to actually recognize it, see it within self (which requires God's holy spirit), and then we have to learn to choose. We have to be a doer which means we have to choose to deny those lusts.

We must strive to live by every word of God as taught and expounded upon by God's true ministry. James 1:12. So, to become a doer is really about implementation, actually doing something, and we often fail in many of these things without realizing. We become hearers because as we are in the Body of

Christ longer we hear things and it's repeated and we hear much the same thing in a different context, but we don't do anything about it. We're just hearing, "Oh, yes, I agree with that." But that's not what's required. The requirement that God has on us is that we become doers of the word.

James 1:12—Blessed (fortunate) **is the man who endures temptation.** Now, that word "temptation" is "put to proof." We are to endure. We are fortunate if we are put to the test – is what it's really about – if we're put to the test. It's the testing of whether we'll sin, or we won't. Now, we understand that we are tempted by Satan. He will put it in front of us, but our natural desire is a desire to sin. Selfishness exists within us, and therefore, the biggest issue we have is lusts that lie within us.

...for when he (the person) **has been approved,** which is tried, tested, and fought to overcome that testing in the thinking, **he will receive the crown of life which the Eternal has promised to those who love Him.** So, that's a demonstration of love. To be a doer of the word is a demonstration to God that we are striving to fight.

Now, we've heard sermons about "Israel," which is about enduring. We have to endure to the end. So, we might enter that fight, we hear a particular thing that we should implement into our life, and then we strive to implement it, but we don't always win the first time. So, this is about putting God first, that no matter what happens we put God first and we will strive to put God first the rest of our life.

Verse 13—Let no man say when he is tempted, which is tested or enticed, **I am tempted** (tested/enticed) **of God.** Because God doesn't do that. God isn't tempting us with sin. God will test us to see what we will do, but He doesn't tempt us. **...for God cannot be tempted,** which is **enticed with evil.** Because God has rejected it. God's mind is completely different. Just like Joshua the Messiah, the mind is completely set on a different way of thinking and sin is not part of God. Never will be, never can be. Because God's mind is totally different than ours. We have those lusts; God doesn't have them. So, "God cannot be tempted (which is enticed) with evil, with sin." **...neither tempt** (test/entice) **He any man.** So, no one is tempted with evil by God. That's one way to put it.

But every man is tempted (enticed) **when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed,** or his own lusts and he's enticed, which is "lured to." You're drawn to it. Because we choose sin by nature. That's what man is. Without God's holy spirit man will always sin because that's what he's drawn to. He has those lusts and that's what he will do, he will fail.

Then, when lust, that selfish desire, **has/have been conceived** (has been born), **it brings forth sin; and sin, when it is finished,** which is **full-grown, brings forth death.** And that's why repentance is such an important part of our life because when we repent God will forgive us if we have been striving, fighting to overcome that sin. Now, we won't always overcome it the first time, and we may think we've conquered something and got on top of it, and then all of a sudden we're in a situation, and then it all pops back up and we realize we haven't overcome that at all, it's just that we might have conquered a little bit more and we're conquering it or overcoming it, which is a progression in life.

So, when sin is fully finished, when we sin, it brings forth death, the death penalty. “The wages of sin is death,” therefore, we must repent before God on a regular basis, on a continuing basis because that’s our life.

The title of today’s sermon is *Doers of the Word*. The purpose of this sermon is to look at what we must choose to live as the called-out ones.

So, as I said before, when a person is employed the expectation is that we will be doers of what that instruction is. Well, we get instructions all the time from God, and therefore, it’s about what we do with it. We hear and think, “Well, that was a great sermon! It was really good,” and go home and live a life of “lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.” Well, that’s not what it’s about. This is about identifying something wrong in us (which there is always something wrong in all of us at different degrees) and then choosing to fight. So, once a person is called this is what life is about, choosing to fight self to the end no matter how long it takes.

Matthew 4:1—Then Joshua was led up by the spirit into the wilderness to be tested. Now, that is “to be examined.” That’s what Satan was doing. It’s about what Satan is going to do. **...by the devil** (Satan). **And when he** (Christ) **had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward he was hungry.** We’re definitely hungry after twenty-four hours let alone forty days. That in itself would show that God is with him because the physical body after forty days without food and water won’t function.

Now, when the tempter (Satan) **came to him, he** (Satan) **said, If you...** This is a direct attack or a temptation. It’s a test, really. For Christ, it’s a test because God cannot be tempted with sin. That’s not the way He thinks, therefore, Christ never thought that way. **If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.** Satan here is looking at it physical. He knows Christ is hungry, as you would be, and therefore, he is now testing him to see what he will do, whether he’ll rely on any level of selfishness, any level of self. But of course, the mind that Christ had, he could think totally differently and is not tested in that way. So, this test is going to fail because Satan is looking at it physically whereas Christ was looking at everything on a spiritual basis.

But he answered and said, It is written, Man (mankind) **shall not live by bread alone,** not something physical. So, that’s something for us to take on board, which is our life is not about the physical. We’re involved in physical, we have to be because we’re physical, but really the mind should focus on the spiritual aspect because all of this is going to pass.

It was only the other day I was saying to my wife, in eight years we’ll be eighty. And you think, eight years is nothing in time. In a span of time, that’s nothing. So, all of a sudden, you’re eighty, and you think, how much is left if we get that far? Let’s hope, and we pray that we don’t have to get to the end, to eighty. But if we do, well, we will endure to the end. That’s what God called us to do, which was to endure to the end, continue to be a doer of the word, not just a hearer only.

For it is written, Mankind shall not live by bread alone, not on the physical, **but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God**. So, it's spiritual. All instructions, whether those instructions are physical behaviors, which in the book of Solomon, wisdom, the book of Proverbs, all of that we can understand that that is all about something that is physical but spiritual principles, and they're combined. Often people just read them in the world, of course, just as a physical thing, the do's and don'ts of the way of life. But that's not what it's about. This is about spiritual matters. So, all of the Proverbs that are written actually have a spiritual connotation to them. They have a spiritual intent to them. But mankind will just take them as a physical thing.

So, "every word of God," which is spiritual, we are to choose to live by it. I use the word "choose," because it is a choice. It's a personal choice whether somebody wants to be a doer of the word. There are many examples, which we might get to some. This same principle applies to us today, the called-out ones. We have to be doers of the word.

Matthew 22:15. Now, this is the Pharisees, and they have a motive here, or their intent is to trap Christ in his words. That's what it's really all about. **Verse 15—Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle** (entrap), which shows their intent. That's the reason they're getting together and talking about it. They say, "Oh, we've got to catch this guy out. He's causing problems, people are going to leave us and follow him, and that's not going to be good for us." All the motivation behind it is, "Well, let's try to catch him and prove that he is false." That's what it's about. So, they want to try to entangle him or trap him, show that he's wrong.

So, this reveals their intent. ...**him in his talk**. So, they're going to do it not in an action, but in the talk. It's saying, "Let's ask Christ a question, and let's hope he answers it wrongly or some way that we can then catch him out on this." Because they can only see physically, remember. There is no spiritual connotation in it, in their motive. It's wrong, but it's a physical act. They're going to ask him physical things, not spiritual things.

And they (the Pharisees) **sent to him their disciples with the Herodians**. Now, that's basically someone that's connected to Herod, **saying, Teacher, we know** (so they knew) **that you are true**. So, leaning that statement, which is trying to appease Christ. In other words, place him in a position where a normal human would be prideful. They're saying, "Oh, look, we know that you're right..." and the head would swell. Well, that doesn't happen to Christ because he has a different mind.

Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God in truth; nor do you care about anyone. Well, that really is saying Christ is not really interested in anyone else's view or opinion because he knew where it was coming from, "lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life." Because an opinion is just that, it's an opinion, it's coming from a mind that just has an opinion, it has a view, but it doesn't mean to say it's of God. So, Christ didn't worry about what or care about what people said about him because he knew that it wasn't true, what they were saying.

...for you do not regard the person of men. So, “You’re not a respecter of persons in your judgment.” So, when you’re making decisions about life it’s not about, “Oh, that person has got a lot of money, therefore, I better, you know, lean that way.” No, it’s not about that at all. All of Christ’s decisions were about God’s word, which is the truth in his mind.

Verse 17—Tell us, therefore, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? So, this is like a trick question because they probably underneath thought, “Well, he’s probably not going to say, ‘Pay them to Caesar,’ he’s probably going to say you should be paying all to God because of the way that he thought.”

But Joshua perceived their wickedness. Well, this is incredible in itself, that perception to know that a person’s motive is physical. Now, we should be able to see a lot of this, brethren, ourselves, that the world’s intent is carnal because it can’t be anything else. The world’s intent has to be sin because that’s all they can do. Whereas our intent has to be different. That’s what we’re called to. We are called to examine our intent.

It’s like the spirit of the law. The spirit of the law is about intent. Christ has explained in some scriptures about adultery. Adultery is in the heart. Adultery is in the thinking. It’s not the physical act. Because if you think that way long enough that’s exactly what would happen, the physical act. But a person can commit adultery in the mind and be standing still next to the water because that’s the spirit of the law, it’s about the intent. The intent and the motive is if we have those thoughts coming to the mind, man or woman, whatever those thoughts may be that are wrong, the motive behind what we do to say, “Cut it off! Cut it off! Get rid of it and think of something different. Stop it.” That’s what the battle is about, stopping that thinking. Don’t let it drift. Don’t try to seek pleasure in sin because there is a temporary pleasure in sin.

Scripture talks about that. There is a temporary pleasure because it is temporary. Sin is temporary. At the end of 7,100 years, there will be no more sin. So, really all sin is temporary because at some point it’s going to stop and there will be no more sin, there’ll only be Elohim and angels that follow God.

So, they’ve asked this trick question and now Joshua has perceived their motive, which we should understand the motive of the world is carnal. That’s all it can be. But within the Body of Christ, brothers and sisters in Christ, our motive should be pure, our intent should be sacrifice and service, love.

Here we have Joshua has perceived their wickedness, their evil intent, their motive **and said, Why do you test me, hypocrites?** So, there’s a double standard going on here really. What is a “hypocrite?” A hypocrite is someone who assumes a role. So, they’re assuming a role (this is an actor), where they’re saying, “This is what we’re saying,” you know, “Pay to Caesar.” Well, their motive was totally wrong. They’re acting out a role. They’re pretending that this question is innocent. It’s not innocent at all. They were out to catch him out. So, that’s why they’re hypocrites because they’re saying one thing but doing another.

This is Christ speaking, **Show me the money. So they brought him a denarius. And he said to them, Whose image and inscription is this? And they said to him, Caesar's. And he said to them, Render, therefore, to Caesar the things that are Caesar's.** Which means, "Pay taxation," if that's what the government we are under requires. Like in Australia, we have what's called GST. In the States, in the US, it's a state tax. Well, ours is hidden in the price whereas in America you might buy something at \$10 and it ends up \$13. Bit of a shock. Whereas in Australia, if it's \$13, it's \$13, knowing that underneath there's a 10% GST, goods and services tax.

That's why I've said to various people who are on benefits, they're paying tax. They can't understand. "What do you mean I'm paying tax?" Well, you are paying tax because everything you buy there is 10% tax on it. So, if you're maybe getting \$400 a week, you're actually not getting \$400 at all because ten percent of that can be taken away, given back to the government. The government is very generous in giving you a benefit, but underneath there is a tax.

Verse 21—And they said to him, Ceasar's. And he said, Render to Ceasar, the things that are Ceasar's, pay tax, and to God the things that are God's. Tithes and offerings.

Well, this in itself, brethren, in a way, shows whether we are a hearer or a doer. Are we honest in paying tithes and offerings? Are we really honest? So, people often think that they can deceive God. No, God sees everything. God knows everything. God knows the mind, what's going on. Whenever we think we can maybe leave this little bit out or not tithe on that or not give an offering and maybe give the minimal offering as possible, well, what's the intent behind it? Because that's what God is looking at. He's looking at the heart and the motive, the intent, because it's spiritual. What's our motive in not giving an offering? Why would we rob God? People have been known to do that. But it's insanity, absolute insanity. Because it's only temporary. The robbing God is sin and sin is temporary. The benefit that might be short term, or perceived short term benefit, but it is not. There's no benefit at all.

When they had heard these things they marveled and left him and went their way. So, here is a test that Christ didn't think the way that they thought. It's completely opposite to what they thought because that's all they can think.

Hebrews 10:35—Therefore, do not cast away your confidence... Now, this is talking about the promises of God. What has God promised us? Well, if we could only remember all the time the promise that God has promised us, which is life in Elohim, a different mind forever, complete unity, complete love, no fighting self. It's difficult to imagine because we're human what it's like to not fight self, not to sin, be able to say something that is not hurting others or is sin, not to do things that aren't sin. My mind has tried to go there a few times, but it's impossible that I could be like that. But that's what God has promised.

So, what this scripture is saying is therefore, "Don't cast away the confidence of what God has promised, which is to enter Elohim and to be rejoicing for eternity, have a different mind that cannot be tempted or

tested with sin.” There is no draw toward sin at all. It’s a totally different mind. So, don’t cast out the promise that God has said that He will give to us, which we don’t deserve. We can’t earn it. It’s just a gift from God. In His mercy, we even exist. Life itself, it’s a gift from God. We’re owed nothing in life.

...which has great reward. In other words, salvation. The reward that we’re looking for is salvation from this, this body, this mind, the way that we think currently. That’s what the promise is. So, let’s not just cast it away, let’s strive and fight harder for what God has promised. I know my time is getting shorter and shorter to continue the battle, getting shorter and shorter. There’s not long to go either way; Christ’s return and maybe start again in the hundred years. I don’t know. We’ll have to just wait and see what God has. I’m trying to be a faithful servant because all you can do is strive to be a faithful servant and be a doer of the word, not just a hearer only.

Verse 36—For you have need of endurance (patience). That’s what we need, brethren, to endure, whether we’ve been around forty, fifty, sixty, seventy, ten, twenty, thirty... We just have to keep going. If called early, when a person is younger and called, you have to keep going. Because this is about a way of life, a way of thinking and being Israel, enduring to the end no matter when that end is; we’ll continue to endure.

...so that after you have done the will of God... Well, what is the will of God? Overcome self. Fight, fight, fight self. That’s what the will of God is. Because God’s will is He wants to give us something. It’s incredible, a being that has a mind that wants to give us something that we don’t deserve. We’re just a creation. But we’re given that opportunity.

So, when we look at a calling, how do you put it in words? If we really stopped, stood back, and maybe distanced ourselves, and took ourselves off somewhere else and looked back down at the earth and said, “Well, out of all these eight, seven or eight billion people there’s so many hundred people that have God’s holy spirit, and what an opportunity at this very point in time. What an opportunity at this point in time.” Because that’s all it is, just a point in time.

And when we read scripture, we see that there have been thousands of people that have been born and existed over six thousand years, and there’s been a few that really have endured and fought. God says at the end of the period of mankind, six thousand years, there will be 144,000 that will have received the great reward. Incredible! And yet they’ll look at it when they’re resurrected and see the time, the time. I know now that just looking at it you think, “Mmm, could always do better.” We can always do better. We can always fight more. We can always do more. That’s just the way it is. We realize that. We can see it.

For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, which is this working, denying self, choosing to obey God’s word and living it (not just to hear it but living it), putting it into practice, **you may receive the promise** (spirit life). Because we’ve chosen to live the truth.

What a beautiful thing it is that we've chosen to live the truth. And because we have made that choice and we're striving each day, every minute, every hour to do that, which is to strive to overcome self, to deny self, God says He's going to give us spirit life forever with a different mind that won't have any of the current drawings that we have. You know the drawing I'm talking about – pulls, "lust of the flesh."

Verse 37—For yet a little while, and he who is coming will come and will not tarry. We won't have to wait any longer, and it's coming quickly. We know where we are in time, roughly. We're near the end. We're very near the end. We're in the end-time. We know that it's not long now whether it's soon or whether it's a little bit later. But it's near, it's drawing near because mankind is unraveling. We can see it, and what God said is coming true.

When you look at, talking about Australia here and a little bit of the US, but the weather, whew, talking about the Thunder's going. Here we've had major flooding up in the Northern Territory area and mainly the top of Queensland and middle of Queensland. Major flooding. Worse than they've had for a long time. In Victoria, where we live, there are fires down in what's called the Grampians, which is a mountain range, and fires everywhere. We're going to have extreme heat here, which we've never had to the same degree. Doesn't feel like it anyway. There is so much going wrong.

Then you realize there are bushfires over there in the US, the California area. All over the world, there's fighting. All over the world people are warring against each other, religions clashing. We are heading toward a crescendo. It's just a matter of time. Those labor pains are getting closer and closer and it's just a matter of time. And before we know it that will have happened and we'll be out the other side and we'll be working hard to implement something new, God's government on this earth to all mankind. Which will take some time. But as that spreads and as that happens, there's going to be a change. And not everybody will necessarily accept it. That's just human nature.

It's like now when you look at politics, half are one way and half are the other, and change of government means it goes like 'that' and then it goes like 'that' and then it goes like 'that,' and what changes? It just gets worse. Oh, the reality. And there can be some good things said, but the reality is human nature is human nature, and everybody is in it for themselves. Nobody is trying to do anybody any real favors. It's if this looks the best when there's an advantage for "me," whether it's pride or whether it's actually a real benefit. But that's the reality of life.

Now the just shall live by faith. Live what we believe. Live the truth. Live God's word, which means we've implemented it. So, because of faith that we have that God has given us, because we have to be called and God has to give us the belief system, which we have. We have 57 truths and there's many other things that are connected to living God's way of life.

Well, that's what we've been implementing into our life, and therefore, we begin to live it, therefore, we are different. We've been separated from the world. We've come out of Egypt, which we understand that's what life is about. It's coming out and it's a continual journey. It's like forty years in the wilderness,

it's the forty-year journey. We've got to keep going and going and going until we enter the promised land – spiritually, I'm talking about.

“Now, the just shall live by faith.” Well, we have been given faith, brethren. We have been given. And now, it's often a prayer that I know that I would have which is “increase my faith,” because there are some things that happen in life where you can be tested. But the answer is it has to come from God. Faith, the ability to believe the truth has to come from God.

Now, there are many of things that we do because we believe that the world can't understand and think we're weird because we do those things. But that's fine. It's just their opinion, their view. But it makes no difference. We set out to please God, to do God's will.

But if anyone draws back... Stops living the truth, stops doing what they've heard. “If anyone draws back.” That's terrible really. Stops living what they believe – the truth – **My life**, which is God's life in us, God's holy spirit in us, **God has no pleasure in him**. “My life has no pleasure in him.” God can't be pleased because God doesn't sin, and therefore, if we draw back, we'll draw back to sin. We'll go back to what we were, what we came out of.

There have been times where I've sat there and thought without a calling what would I have been like? What would have happened to me? I was called when I was about thirty-odd. And I think, what would I end up like? And when I've reflected on it, what I was like, how selfish I was, and things that I was doing, it's horrifying, absolutely horrifying. Because I know what I would have been like. I wouldn't be like I am now, and I would have been completely selfish, and I think I would have hurt a lot of people, let alone hurting myself, and maybe I would have gone so far, my mind would have been set against God, you know, permanently. It's a terrifying thought. But God in His mercy actually called me and then awakened me, which is a wonderful thing in itself. It's like a second opportunity.

Verse 39—But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, which is back to ruin or destruction, **but of those who believe to the saving of the life**. That's what our life is about. We're not going to draw back. This is a time to push harder, push forward, fight harder, do more, implement more into our life what we hear.

Hebrews 11:1—Now faith is the substance, which is **the confidence of things hoped for**. It's what we hope for. Have faith that God will honor His promise—which He will—which is to give life to those who endure to the end in faith in God, in God's word. Doers of the word. **...the evidence** or the proof of that thing, has been proven and tested, conviction of God's word. We're convicted by it, and therefore, we implement it. **...of things not seen**.

So, we haven't seen Elohim. We haven't seen Joshua the Messiah. We haven't seen angels. We haven't seen a spirit world. We haven't seen everlasting life. Because we've not turned to spirit. But we have faith that that's what's going to happen and that is the promise that God has given us. So, we wait for it,

we endure, we push forward looking for this hope that lies within us. We hope that we're going to be changed. We hope that we are accounted worthy to be changed. What else can a person do but endure?

That's our faith. We live by faith. So, we keep the Sabbath because of faith. We tithe and give offerings because of faith. There's many things that we believe. We believe in the Apostasy because of faith, because God's given us that sight. Being through the Apostasy, reflecting on that the other day, that it was a difficult time.

And when I look back I think I wasn't really clearly thinking because I was spewed out as well. But we were fortunate in one way, Chris and myself. I remember sitting up—I know the exact location, I know the time and the day—literally, at night it was. But I know the time and we sat there, and I was going through the Bible and proving the Sabbath. Because that was the thing that was being undone. We went through all of that and turned around and said, "That," (bang, closed the Bible and said), "the Sabbath is definitely required by God." It's been given to us as a gift if we understand it.

But this is a requirement. It's a thing we have to do, and therefore, the resolution was that Chris and myself, if we were the only two left, that we would sit there and that we would keep the Sabbath regardless of what anybody else did. That's what we were going to do. We set our minds on that and that's what it is. And now we can say many years later, over forty years later, we're still going with that conviction that we believe God's word. Now, God requires it because it's a gift to us, really, if we understand it. It's the day spiritually that we're fed, that we can be hearers that can make a decision, a choice to be a doer.

That's what the Sabbath is about, hearing God's word, God's word is expounded to us. We're given instructions, we're given guidance. Well, hearing it, "Oh, that's all wonderful." But the doing is what God is looking at. Are we going to be doers of the word? And unfortunately, for many people who have been called, they are not doers, they're hearers only. A person can be a hearer only in God's Church and stay in God's Church to the very end, just being a hearer and giving the impression of being a doer, a Sabbath doer, and then after that living life like the world.

Verse 2—For by it, faith, living what we believe, the elders obtained their testimony or a testimony. Which, in other words, they were a witness of what's required, which is to believe God and then do something about it.

James 1:21—Therefore, lay aside, which is put off all filthiness (sin) and overflowing wickedness (evil), and receive with meekness, which is receive with a teachable spirit. So, we'd be a hearer and then we're a doer, and implemented, **the implanted word**, God's spirit in the mind, **which is able to save your life.** So, without God's holy spirit, we've got no hope.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. The issue there really comes down to that if we are hearers only and don't implement something into our life, don't implement what

has been said, we're deceiving ourselves. That's incredible. We're very self-deceived because of the very fact that it's the doer that God is looking at. It's the doer that God wants to see, that we want to change the way we think, we want to be more like God, and therefore, we're a doer, we will fight.

But a hearer doesn't fight. A hearer will just listen. "Oh, that sounds good. That would be great if we did that," and does nothing about it. Well, God's not pleased with that person. God is not pleased with just the hearer only. There are thousands of people out there that hear, hear all sorts of things, but they don't do it. They won't do it. Because it requires God's holy spirit to do it. So, here we have to practice God's thinking. We have to implement God's thinking into our life and then actually do it, live it out to the benefit of others.

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror, which we can see, we do, **for he observes himself, he goes away and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.** I know Ron has mentioned about if you go away, you look in the mirror and you go away and you try to draw yourself, you can't. You've got a rough idea. I know I've got a bigger nose, and I've got bushy eyebrows, and overall I don't know if it would come out like looking like I really do.

Verse 25—But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty... So, this is God's way to live. The law, really, is about God's way to live, which means here it is, we can hear the law, well, God requires us to do it. And we know the fourth commandment, the Sabbath, we can hear it on Sabbath. "That all sounds good, day of rest, dit, dit, dit..." But doing it is slightly different.

Just like the first commandment, not having anything before God. Well, that's easily "Oh, that sounds good." But actually doing it with a human nature, oh, that's impossible because with human nature we will not. We will always put our self up. We'll always raise something up.

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it... In other words, the intent of the law and continues in it with the way that we look at, examine our intent. "What is my intent here? What am I really doing? Why have I done this? Why am I doing this? ...**and not a forgetful hearer...** So, in other words, we remember, "Ah, That's right, I heard that this is what we need to be doing. I need to control this more and actually work at it. ...**but a doer of the word.**

I'm not just a hearer but a doer because why? Because "Faith without works is dead." So, we can have faith, "Yep, I believe that Christ is going to return." Well, what does that really mean? What does it really mean? Well, it's about the doer. So, I can hear the Sabbath, "Ah, yeah, that sounds good. I've got faith. I believe that," but doing nothing, not keeping it, not honoring God on that day, well, we're not doing it.

...but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. Because he's doing something. So, he's now going to implement that change. And there's been times when things have happened in life when we have to be a doer of God's word, and it doesn't always go well.

I remember a particular interview that I've been to over the years, and many years ago went for a particular interview and it was a Jewish company. Anyway, I remember the person who interviewed me, and it was going pretty well. And then I mentioned about, well, I was a Sabbath keeper and it was a state manager role, so I had to visit stores, and they expected you to go out on a Saturday, and they'd printed out all these reports that you'd got from the sales for the week, and they would deliver them on a Saturday. And I said, "Listen, I wouldn't be doing that. I wouldn't be able to, but I could do it on Sunday if you wanted to send the reports." Anyway, the interview ended really quickly, and I never heard anything from them.

And six weeks later, I think because they couldn't find anyone else, they rang me up and he said, "Oh, listen, you know that role? Would you be prepared to come back in?" And I said, "Oh, yeah, I'll come back and talk to you." So, went back in and of course stuck to my guns about the Sabbath and that I wouldn't be working on the Sabbath. All the other state managers in all the states they all could but I wouldn't be. And the reports, you could deliver them on the Sunday morning if you wanted to because. You could have them delivered on a Saturday but I wouldn't be looking at them. But if you wanted to deliver them and I'll look at it on Sunday, and I'll come to work Monday prepared.

And anyway, God in His mercy gave me that role. I didn't really expect it because of what had been said previously. I thought, oh, that didn't go well, that interview. But in the end, you realize there are certain things that if you do make a stand, you're a doer and not just a hearer only, that God will bless you for it. God blesses us because we are doers of the word.

Verse 26—If anyone among you thinks he (they) is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart (his own thinking), this one's religion is comfortless. Well, we've all been through that because sometimes it's very difficult to bridle the tongue, keep control. Because there are so many irrelevant things in life that we think we've got to have an opinion about it. But most of them, they're all irrelevant, it makes no difference; it's just our view or our opinion.

Romans 2:13—For not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified. So, God is looking at our intent. What is our intent? So, we can hear something, what we're supposed to be doing or a way to address a matter, and then we should implement it into our life. And then, the most important thing, implementation, is what is our real intent? Is it to be seen by the ministry, for example, or seen by others as being a doer of the word, or is our intent to please God? Because one is sin, and one isn't.

What are some of the actions that a doer of the word would do? Well, we can start with some of the basics. The Sabbath and the Holy Days. A doer of the word would implement change into their life and stop working on a Sabbath and the High Days. So, that's an outward sign of a person implementing the word of God into their life, which is that obedience that's required.

Tithes and offerings, being honest before God. And yes, it may be difficult. It may be difficult to start if a person is on a lower income anyway and they've been struggling and have stretched their living standard beyond what they earn and they all of a sudden realize they've got to put 10% toward God's Church, God's work, God's money, and then 10% for an annual Holy Day season. That's 20% less on net. It can be very difficult. But that's the implementation of something that we hear and become a doer.

Prayer. We've been told, so we can hear it, that we should pray and pray regularly, and put our trust in God, put our day in God's hands so that God will guide us. Well, that's an indication we are actually a doer, that we're not self-reliant. Lack of prayer is self-reliance which is connected to pride.

Fasting. A lack of fasting, a lack of implementing God's word. Which we know there's a fasting in Isaiah, I think it is, that we know what we're supposed to do. We're supposed to fast for repentance. Fasting is not about going without food for 24 hours without repentance. If we go fasting and go without food for 24 hours and don't repent on our sins—not looking at others—our sins, well, it's a wasted day, absolute wasted day. You just happened to go without food. There might be a health benefit to it, went without food for 24 hours. The greater part of fasting is implementing God's word, which is about repentance. It talks about the yolk, you know, cast it off, the way we oppress other people with our opinions and views, and the way we live, things we say.

Fellowship would be another thing. We have to implement fellowship. Now, we hear about fellowship and how important it really is – like minds, God's spirit together. Well, do we strive for fellowship? Do we put it up as a high priority that we're fellowshiping with God's Family? The way we look at fellowship, do we sacrifice, do we go without? What's the motive behind it? Is it easier to stay home, please self? Is it easier to do that? Or is it willingness to sacrifice for the benefit of fellowship with others because others get a benefit from seeing us and being with us?

You can't always see that benefit but there is a benefit to it. So, fellowship is important. It's a doer. Is that what we do? Do we actually seek fellowship? Do we put ourselves out? Do we sacrifice to fellowship?

Do we believe and live the 57 truths? You know, that's incredible. Because the reality, of course, we have 57 documented truths, but behind all of those there's many other things that make it true, that are truth. Well, the 57 truths are God's word, and it's been given to us. What a blessing out of all the generations that have existed in mankind we would say to this very point in time we have been given more than anybody.

Pre-Christ coming to this earth, being born, we would see that they didn't have a lot of truth. They had certain truth, but they didn't have the 57 truths. They didn't have the Apostasy truth. They didn't know about the man of sin and who it was. They didn't know that. We do. And even now the Church that's scattered, they don't believe those truths. All those other truths about the ordination of women, women speaking, all those sorts of things, they don't exist in their minds. They've cast them off. But God's Church has embraced the truth that God has given and now we are doers of that truth. We try and strive

to live it, the way we treat others within the Body of Christ. That's what we should be striving to do, and that's a doer.

Fight the thinking and control the tongue. That's a doer. That's in the mind. Nobody sees it. We can act out a role, but the reality is unless there is something going on in the mind where there is a fight that's actually going on, we're not a doer, we're a hearer only. Because if there is no fight going on, we're not going to last long anyway because we're not fighting self, the selfishness that's in us. And it's in us all.

So, what does God say about the Sabbath? Exodus 20:8. We're looking at some very basic things here, but they are a demonstration of the doer and not just a hearer only. What does God say about the seventh day Sabbath?

Exodus 20:8—Remember the Sabbath Day (rest), to keep it holy. Keep it separate; set it aside. So, this actually is a demonstration of a relationship with God, or it should be. Because what it is is that we would listen to what God has to give us. Now, if we don't, we might not work on the Sabbath and do nothing, but if there is a sermon available from God's ministry, we would listen to it. Now, that is a doer. Now, what is given, we are either going to hear it, "Ah, that's all wonderful," and do nothing, oh, we become a hearer only and not a doer. We know what God says the end result will be.

Six days you shall labor and do all your work. It's all physical. So, what we're going to do physically is we're doing our income on those days, but on the seventh day, the seventh day Sabbath we wouldn't earn an income.

But on the seventh day is the rest (Sabbath) of the Eternal your God. In it you shall not do any work. So, it's in this particular time we don't work. **...you, nor your son.** Now, this is going on about different things. It's about what's in your control. It's what's in our control.

There's often been the times where somebody would say, here we've got a little bit of land, and someone will say, "Well, I'll come Saturday and mow the grass, cut the grass for us in the paddock, they'll slash it." And I'll say, "No, no, not Saturday. Can you come Sunday?" And they'll say, "Oh, I've got Saturday free and nothing going on." And I'll say, "Nah." Because it's in my control. Whether that grass is slashed on a Sabbath or not is in my control.

Now, the neighbor across the road, if he wants to slash it on a Saturday that's his choice. He doesn't know about God's way of life, and he doesn't hear, and he doesn't do either. So, it's about what's in our control. It's whether it's in our control.

In six days the Eternal made the heaven and earth, and the sea, and all that is in them. They're almost like throw-away words for God's Church but it's an incredible, incredible thing when we look at the creation.

And if you just take one of the many birds there are, if you take a bird and just look at it and all the colors, well, that had to be a decision made. And it's not just God created, and they all just came into being. This is about planning and then all the thinking behind what the bird would do, how it would respond, how it would interact with insects or grain or seed, which one it would eat. Would it eat those? How much is it going to drink? What's it going to do? How is it going to do it? Where is it going to fly to? Does it stick on its own? Is it going to mate and be just the two birds or is it going to be, you know, free with other birds?

All of that takes time and takes thinking. Well, that's only one little aspect and there are thousands of things that mankind still has not come to understand about animals. Just amazing, really, when you stop and look at creation, we should be in awe of the Creator God, the Eternal God who has existed forever. Which we can't grasp. But just that thought alone that God has always been there, the human mind can't grasp those things.

Well, **God rested on the seventh day** and made it for mankind. It's to our benefit.

Tithes and offerings, a doer of the word would tithe first and second tithe honestly and give offerings based on God's word. Malachi 3:8. Now, we're just looking at these. We know these things. But this is about a hearer versus a doer, and they are totally different things. And the hearer only is in trouble spiritually, in big trouble. The doer is somebody who strives. That's what this is about.

Malachi 3:8—Do not rob God. Will a man rob God? That's a question. Now, when you stop and think about it, how stupid, how stupid and insane is a human mind that would rob God and take something from Him? God gives us a hundred percent of something. Then we have a choice to take a miserable 10% of it, after paying Ceaser, take 10% and give it to God, back to Him. It all belongs to Him anyway, but that's what God wants to see, whether we're a doer and not just a hearer only, whether we do it honestly. Then the other 10% we take, and we put it away so we can honor God and hear what He says through those seven days, eight days of the Feast total, and then do it, do something about it.

And we've had ones about judgment. Have we changed the way we judge? Do we judge like God judges, or do we still stick to our own opinion and just judge harshly? That's a matter of whether we're doers or hearers.

So, really, "Will a man rob God?" You think, how stupid is that? God has existed forever. He created everything and then a human raises themselves up to the point where they think, oh, just deceive God. When you look at it you have to laugh because it's insanity. Someone who is not being honest in tithes and offerings is acting absolutely with insanity because God knows everything anyway.

Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, In what way have we robbed You? Well, not being honest with God about His funds that He has provided us, that's what's really going on. **You have robbed Me in tithes and offerings. And you are cursed with a curse.** Now, it's not like the movies, they curse with a

curse. No, there's a penalty to be paid. And if we think that we can deceive God in anything, not just tithes and offerings, in anything, we are being absolutely stupid, really.

Verse 10—Bring all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be food in My house, which is the Church. **And try Me now in this.** So, this is saying, well, God's promised to bless us, but often as humans we'll think, oh, I'll tithe honestly before God and the blessing, I'll wait for the blessing in one year, two years, three years, five years, twenty, thirty, forty, and you think it's a physical blessing. Well, that's not necessarily the case. The blessing is it's obedience to God and the end result is being a doer. It's the doer, we will be rewarded, will be blessed. They'll be fortunate God in His mercy will let us enter Elohim. And that's the blessing. So, it's not just a physical thing, but that's our mind, it'll normally go there.

I know that in various times of my life—I won't go into all the detail of that—but where God has repaid a hundredfold in so many ways. Anything that I have ever given with the right intent, God has given a hundredfold back, and I can honestly say even if living in a cardboard box I'm still better off having God's holy spirit. Being called, being awakened, and being in the Body of Christ is a far greater blessing than anything physical...anything at all physical. Having God's spirit, having access to the truth is the greatest blessing that anyone could have.

It's like the pearl of great price. What will we do to hold on to such a blessing? 57 truths plus much more detail of God's way of life. God says that He will look after us, that He will pour out blessings on us. Those blessings can be spiritual.

Verse 11—I will rebuke the devourer for your sake, which is spiritually. God will intervene and God will protect us as He does from what Satan would like to do. Satan is out to destroy us. It's not a physical thing, it's a spiritual thing. The greatest joy that Satan could get out of life is when somebody who is called, who has been baptized, received God's holy spirit, turns their back on God willingly, wilfully, and chooses his way of life, selfishness. That's where Satan's motive is, is to destroy us. Not just a physical thing, it's a spiritual thing.

Another one. That a doer is the truth. A doer of the word will believe the 57 truths and implement them into their lives. It's a way of life. It's a way of thinking. It's the way we think about things.

I know, talking about the Apostasy and all the things that we went through and the different discussions that we had, and I look back on it and think, phew. I remember being called, or awakened, actually. I remember being awakened and it was difficult. It wasn't an easy thing at all because there was a pull on the other side from those in the church group that I had been associated with. They were asleep and I was coming out of a sleep and being awakened, and my wife was too. And I used to meet on a regular basis another person who may or may not have been being awakened.

But I remember having a coffee in a particular restaurant. I remember this day very clearly where that person turned around and said, "Well, you know he," talking about Ron, "you know he preaches that

there is only one God, and that Christ did not pre-exist.” And I hadn’t heard that yet. We were being awakened and drawn, and we had been sent a disc which had heaps and heaps of sermons. And I’d knock off work and go home and we’d sit there and listen to all these particular sermons. It was so exciting, and it was amazing stuff, and we couldn’t get to sleep that night because we’d talk about the things that we had heard.

But anyway, he turned around and said, “Do you know, that?” And I said, “No.” But with God’s spirit and being awakened, it didn’t really matter. I thought, “Well, that’s possibly true.” Anyway. So the next time we met I was quite prepared. I’d actually heard the sermons from 2005, and we went through them and thought, “Yeah, yeah, yeah,” and got to there and “Yeah, yeah, yeah, Melchizedek... Yeah, yeah, yeah,” because God was awakening us, and it was Him that was giving the ability to believe. And we chose to believe. We were so excited by it all. The truth, it was exciting!

Anyway, he turned up with a list of all the scriptures that proved that Christ pre-existed, that he did pre-exist. And I said, “That’s the way you see it.” But it didn’t make any difference at all because God then was actually awakening us and a great blessing to be out of it, and we were just so excited. And no matter what he had said it wouldn’t have made any difference.

But I remember that, and I remember the look on his face when I turned around and was like, “Who cares.” Because I knew he was wrong because God had given it to us. God had given me the faith and my wife as well, the faith to believe the truth. Incredible.

Psalm 119:160 (I’ll just refer to it, you don’t have to turn there.) **The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.** So, the entirety of God’s word is truth. Whatever God says is truth, therefore, why would we want to be just hearers? Surely, we would want to do it. It’s the truth. Let’s live it, because we’re going to end up with the very mind of God and we won’t have to fight the selfishness anymore.

John 17:14, this is Christ speaking, **I have given them Your word**, which is the Father’s word, which is the truth. So, Christ is here, expounded on God the Father’s word. The word made flesh, he was, so he had this mind and he’d been given this mind and said certain things out to the benefit of the disciples. And they would only ever understand it to its fullest extent when the holy spirit was poured out. Now, we have the holy spirit, so therefore, we can read these words now. When they first were, the disciples had read them and thought, “What’s he...? What’s all that about?”

Christ gave the word to them, and when they received the holy spirit on the day of Pentecost in 31 AD, then they could actually see the spiritual intent of all of this.

I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Well, do we expect to be like the world? No, we can’t be because we have this same word. The word that has been given to the disciples, we have it, and we’ll be hated because of it.

I do not pray that You, talking to God the Father, should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. So, the issue there is of course Satan is real, and Satan is out to destroy us. God will protect us from a lot of what Satan could do to us if Satan was given the ability to do it, which he has the ability, but God restrains him so that he cannot affect us in the way that he would in the world.

They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify, which is “set aside,” set them aside. **Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.** So, we’re set aside because we hear God’s word and then we do it. So, that doing of the word means that we’re set aside because of it. We’re different. We’re set aside for holy use and purpose. We’re set aside so that God can work in us. We’re set aside for holy use and purpose. The holy use is God’s word living and dwelling in us so that we’ll be changed.

As You sent me into the world, talking about God sending Christ into the world, **I also have sent them into the world. And for Your sake I sanctify myself, that they may also be sanctified (set aside) by the truth.** So, brethren, we have the truth. The truth is expounded to us. Now it’s about what we do with the truth.

I’m just going to jump a few scriptures that I had there.

Matthew 5:17—Do not think that I came to destroy the law and the prophets. I don’t know how much clearer we could really be. Even if you had a carnal mind, and you read this you’d think, “Hang on a minute. I thought the law was done away?” “Do not think that I came to destroy the law and the prophets.” **I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.** How did he do that? By living it! He lived the spirit of the law. So, whatever the law is, not just the Ten Commandments, the law overall, Christ came to live it, to complete it, to accomplish it.

For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle, which is the smallest comma, **will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.** Until it’s all ended.

So, the law was given for man for guidance. Because God doesn’t need the law. Christ didn’t really need the law because his mind was different. It’s a guide. But Christ wouldn’t break the law because his mind was not that way. It was set already in a particular way. The law is really for mankind so that mankind can have a guide to what is right and wrong. It points us in a direction. But man can only look at the physical. But we in the Church can look at the law and know it’s about the intent. It’s about the intent of the Sabbath, the intent of our behaviors, the intent of anything. We can go to the law and just see what’s our intent here.

So, nothing is going to change in the law until man ceases, there is no longer mankind. Because the law will not be needed.

Whoever, therefore, breaks one of the least of these commandments... You’d think they could read this and think, “Hang on a minute, what do you mean ‘break one of them?’ I thought they were done away,

so how can you break them?” So, “whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments...” Now, this is a wilful intent. We, by nature, break the law all the time because that’s our nature. Lusters, and we give into those lusters, and we’re drawn away by them.

Well, what the future is that we won’t have that problem. But now, if we break one of the least by wilful intent **and then teach someone else to do the same**, which is going on in the world today, **shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever does**—whoever does—who lives them. We have to live the law, the intent of the law. **...they shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.** It is a marvelous thing to be a doer. So, really, it goes back to a personal choice, and we have to make that personal choice.

Matthew 7:24—Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them... So, whatever Christ said the answer is we have to be doers. We have to do them. So, if Christ said a particular thing about the way we think, “Will a man rob God?” that’s one that God said. Christ said about not committing adultery and many other things. Well, it’s about the intent. We have to be the doer of it.

I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain descends, and floods came, and winds blew and beat that house, and it did not fall for it was founded on a rock. Well, that’s us, brethren. We can be sure that the wind is coming, and there’s going to be beating on this house. What we are, the Temple of God. We are the Temple. It’s all about this mind, what’s in here. Well, the floods are coming, there’s going to be attacks on this mind. It’s a constant thing. That’s what Satan is about. It’s about triggering that, putting us in situations that will not be comfortable. We have to make our minds up that we’re going to do the right thing, do God’s word. Well, it won’t fall, it says, if we have put our foundation on God’s word. It can’t fall because we’re built on rock.

But anyone who hears these sayings of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built a house on sand and the rain descends and the floods come, and the winds blew, which is all guaranteed in life, **and beat on that house. And it fell. And great was its fall.** Well, that’s when somebody leaves the Body of Christ. They fall because they’re not doers of the word.

1 Thessalonians 4:1—Finally, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Joshua that you should abound more and more, which is about a growing more and more in the truth, **just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God.** Well, that’s what we should be doing. **...for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Joshua. For this is the will of God, your sanctification.** So, why we have been called and why we’ve been set aside for holy use and purpose.

...that you should abstain from sexual immorality. So, it’s about any unlawful relationship on a physical or spiritual level, which is in the mind. **...that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel,** which is the body and mind, **in sanctification and honor, not in passion or lust** (selfish desires), **like the gentiles who do not know God.** Now, there is the answer, really. We know God. We know the way God thinks. We know the way God is, and therefore, that’s why we know that just hearing all of this and

hearing this and hearing that, it's not what it's about. This is about hearing it and then taking it on board and actually doing something about it.

We understand that once a person is called they then must make a choice – and make a choice, be called. Here the choice is “I'm going to implement. I'm going to actually do this.” A person must choose to live by every word of God or choose their own ways based on human reasoning. So, it becomes a choice to be made. Some people have been called and made the choice it's just too much and gone back into the world. Some people have been called, responded for certain period of time, and then over time through laziness or weakness, they're just drawn back and go back to where they came from. Not necessarily wilfully, just laziness.

It is a doer of God's word and not a hearer only that will be changed to spirit. Spirit life will be given by God to those who agree with Him and choose to work on self. They have to be a doer. They will have chosen to be doers of the word and not just hearers of the word.

3 John 1:11—Beloved, do not imitate what is evil. So, we're not to practice it, to imitate it. Because to imitate is to copy. So, we're not to do that, not to follow evil, but we're to fight against it. **...but what is good.** So, we're to copy what is good. Only God is good, therefore, His word or His words are good. So, we're to copy that. We're actually to implement it into our life.

He who does good, implements God's word into their life, and strives to live God's word, **is of God.** So, that's one way to prove whether someone is really of God because of the way that they operate, the way they think, what they implement into their life. It should be able to be seen.

I know that over time that people can see a change in other people because the person used to do certain things and say certain things and you see now they're actually becoming doers because they're now doing what God has said and they're showing or exercising a level of self-control.

So, a person would strive to implement something into their life, which is God's word. And if we don't... **but he who does evil,** which is practices it, does not strive to live God's word, **has not seen God.** Because if we understand God really, if we actually have seen God and what God is like, the personality that He actually has, the mind that He has, we would then strive to be like Him and we would see ourselves clearly, that we're nothing like God. We're nothing like God. And it takes a fight. It's God working in us when we're working to be like God that God is looking for. Then He can complete His work in us so that we can have a different mind while in this physical body. Those lusts will not dominate all of our life. We will find that God's word, God's spirit will dominate our life.

We have been called to strive to live by every word of God. And that's why we have been called, or we have been awakened, to live by every word of God. Because in the end, brethren, it is the doers of the word that will have salvation and inherit it, given as a free gift from God.