

Today we are continuing on with *Truth About Grace*; this is *Part 3* today.

We're going to pick up some of Galatians 2 that we were in. Again, this subject of grace is a difficult one sometimes for people to understand because of teachings in traditional Christianity. And this is the case especially when you start talking about works and grace. And people get confused as to what it's all about, and it's really quite simple. I'm trying to throw some things in there to help make it more simple, if you will.

But let's read this again here, Galatians 2; we'll pick it up here. This will be the last one of this series.

Galatians 2:15—We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners from out of the gentiles... So, it's kind of an awkward way of putting some of this in how it's stated, but it's explaining here there's a difference in things that those who are of Judaism or those who are Jews, that they understand by upbringing as far as the Old Testament, and then those who are called out of the gentile world who have no knowledge at all. So, this is what he is comparing here.

Paul is comparing the two, and he says, again, "We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners from out of the gentiles..." In other words, the point is everyone is sinners. He's making a distinction here about what people have to come out of when they're in the gentile world, that they're addressing, and those who come out of Judaism, because there are different things they have to address in their own lives, obviously.

So, it goes on to say the Jews, in essence, **know that no one is justified by** or the same expression here, **from or out of the works of the law.** So, in the Church, he is explaining here that those who are called out of Judaism obviously understand you can't be saved by works.

That's something that very early on that they could learn in the Church, as far as Judaism is concerned, because that's what the Jews kind of felt, that's what they were teaching, and I kind of felt that's what they believed. There was this concept that the better you are... So they had all these things that they did. As I mentioned last Sabbath, I believe, there was one group (and I don't remember which one now), but as a whole, they would fast twice in the week. And Christ made it very clear, obviously, that they felt better about themselves because of how often they fasted.

And the whole point of it was you can't be saved by your works because you have sin in your life, and this is what cuts you off from God. So, it doesn't matter how many things you might do according to the law, that you can feel good about yourself; you're not going to be saved by that process. It's impossible. It's a matter of sin and being forgiven of sin.

And so he goes on here, he says, **know that no one is justified by the works of the law, but by/through the faith of Joshua the Christ.** Now, the problem is with traditional Christianity, and that's what I hope we take away from all this in this series, is that there is this attitude, this frame of mind, especially toward those in God's Church or anyone who keeps the seventh-day Sabbath, but especially when you add to that the annual Holy Days, then their concept and their teaching is, "Well, you're trying to save yourself by works, and you can't be saved by works." So, that's kind of their cliché, their term, their expression here.

And that's true. You can't be saved by works, but you have to have works. And they don't like that because they don't like the law. Not all the law, because you start asking them, "Oh, I can go out and steal your car then, and you're okay with that?" "No, that's a good law." And you go through all the law if you want, as a whole, and you get down to the Sabbath, and "Oh no, that's been done away with. We don't have to keep that anymore. It's been changed."

So, that's really the crux of it all, it's about the law having to do with the Holy Days, having to do with the Sabbath. And if you keep those things, that "bad" law, you're trying to save yourself by what you're doing. And it really is a convoluted reasoning. But sadly, even within the environment of God's Church for a long, long time, when confronted with that by the protestant world, there haven't been good answers given back to help people understand what it's all about and what's really being said. And that's why we need to grasp and understand anybody has a religious belief, no matter if they're doing something because of that belief, that's works. That's the definition of works.

That's why this is so goofy in that respect. If they believe that Sunday should be observed, that that's the morning now, that things have been changed and Easter morning, Sunday worship is a good thing, and they go observe that, that's...they're working. That's their works. It's because of what they believe.

So, everyone has works. It's a part of what you believe. With us, they call that faith; we call ours faith. We have faith because it's a matter of what you believe, what God has given you to believe about the Sabbath, about the Holy Days, about all His law that's good, and you respond to that, and that's what you choose to live by, that's what faith is. Faith is a matter of what you believe. That's what you put your faith in. You believe that's the process whereby you will be saved.

So everybody has works. So, anyone in the protestant world that ever brings that kind of thing up, which it will happen more in the future, obviously – it's going to take place, and these kinds of things will come up.

So, it goes on to say that **no one is justified from out of the works of the law but by or the word through here the faith of Joshua the Christ.** What an incredible thing here that these things have been so watered down and so messed up. It's like, "If you just accept Jesus," that's all you have to say, "I accept Jesus; I believe that he came and died for our sins," or whatever they come up with, whatever expressions they use. But basically, if you just accept that and believe.

And, like, no, there's a lot more to believe about Joshua the Christ, and the primary thing is He's our Passover. That's why some of these things are being addressed in the book. And the more I've been going through some of these things and writing some of this, that's just the beginning, because to me it's an astounding thing to see how much is built upon that foundation. All the Holy Days, Joshua the Christ is in them, and everything is built upon that. Powerful, the more we see that in the things that God does and has done and plans on continuing to do through Him.

Just like the Wave Sheaf that's addressed, I think, in this last chapter, or it will be in the next chapter, whichever chapter it's in. But you think, what an incredible thing, the exact time, that morning, Sunday morning that they think He was resurrected, no, He was resurrected Sabbath, toward the end of the Sabbath, and then waited until His time to be presented to the Father, which was the time of the wave sheaf, when they would wave the sheaf, the high priest, before God on that particular morning during the days of Unleavened Bread. It was always on a Sunday. It was always during the Days of Unleavened Bread the wave sheaf was waved, and that's the exact time—what an incredible thing—that He became the Wave Sheaf offering, He presented Himself to God. Came back a few minutes later and finally, He let the women touch Him, that He wouldn't let them touch Him before. I mean, that's awesome! Proof.

And then it goes on and on and on throughout the Holy Days, things that God has built upon in His plan and purpose. And we believe in those things, so we observe various things of God that He's given to us, the Holy Days and the like.

So again here, **even as we have believed in Joshua the Christ**. And again, the primary thing is that He's our Passover and that we have sin and that we have transgression of God's law. They don't like the law. They try to talk about how it's been done away with. "He came and freed us from the law." He came to fulfill the law. Through the process of Him being Passover, through the process of Pentecost, because now He's our High Priest, He became our High Priest at that time. And as soon as He ascended to God and was there for the Church from that point on, He was our High Priest. So, He fulfills all these things through God's plan. It's a beautiful picture.

But that's what it means to believe in Joshua the Christ. Everything that's about the Holy Days, everything that's about the truth that is given through Him.

So, it goes on to say **that we might be justified by or from out of the faith of Christ and not from out of the works of the law**. So, yes, obviously, we have works because we keep the Sabbath, because we keep the Holy Days, because we keep the Passover every year, and we have a time where we come together and we partake of the bread and the wine, and we understand what that means. All a part of the process of the belief that we have. Those are works and they're needful. If they're not there, then we've got a problem. If we're not doing the things that are a matter of God's law and a matter of observing the things He's given us to observe, then we're living in sin, obviously.

Verse 17—But if, while we seek to be justified, and it's not the word "by" it's the word **in Christ**. What an awesome thing we understand what it means to be "in Christ and Christ in us," what it means to have God's holy spirit living and dwelling within us, God the Father and Joshua the Christ dwelling in us, that we're able to dwell in them. And that's what it's talking about here, we're justified by that process because of what we're living, because of what we strive to live before God.

It says, **What if we seek to be justified in Christ, we ourselves are found sinners, is Christ therefore become the minister of sin?** Well, they don't go together, so obviously either we're in Christ and He's in us, or we've cut ourselves off because of sin, and we have to repent. That's the whole process.

For if I rebuild on the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. So, he's just bringing out the fact that he's not going back to try to be saved by the works of the law.

Sometimes people have come into the Church trying to be righteous by how well they keep the law and feel... And basically, it's a fake thing because it's a matter of trying to feel better about oneself, not a matter of a relationship with God and because of obeying God out of the right reasons, but of trying to feel better about ourselves and what we're living. And sometimes people have gone through that by how much they think they have to study every day, and feel guilty if they don't study so much every day, and have to pray so much by a clock.

Been done a lot, where people don't keep a certain amount of time that they pray in a day or fast so often, if they don't do it that way, and all the other things associated with things that we might feel better about ourselves. And one of the greatest things really, when it comes right down to it, is about how we live our lives toward each other, especially in the Church, especially in the Body of Christ, how we think toward each other, how we address situations when they come up and whether or not we do in order to help a brother.

So, he says if he were trying to do that, he would just make himself a transgressor again, if he tried to save himself by how well he kept the law. Because Paul understood well we all have sin and we have it every day. It's just the way it is because we're selfish by nature. What an incredible thing to understand, that things happen in our thinking, things happen in our speech that need to be... There is always room to grow. There is always room to change. You can never be in the Church too long, to a point where you're leveled off and you don't have sin in your life anymore. There is no such thing.

As long as we're in this body, we have sin, because first and foremost, we are selfish by nature. And that's something we have to become alert to, that we have a selfish nature. It's self first. Even in our relationship with God. I catch myself once in a while, there's something I've realized, "Man, I didn't even pray yet." Hadn't even prayed yet. And yet Christ taught us – people take this in a physical plane, like I mentioned, I think, last Sabbath as well – "Give us this day our daily bread." It's not about physical food. We're very blessed that we have the abundance we do and all the other things, but He was talking on a spiritual plane as He...

Most everything He taught – I'd really say everything – was on a spiritual plane. It was about the spirit, not something physical, and yet people make a bigger deal... You see them in restaurants, they're praying and holding hands and making a scene about what they're... It's all about themselves, about their own works. And we don't do that kind of thing because that's not what He was talking about in the first place.

It's a matter of us getting the point that we need God every day. We need that daily bread, that life that comes from God Almighty through the power of the holy spirit, so that we can be on guard to this mind, and that when we do sin, when we have something come up where we've said something wrong or thought something wrong, or have been selfish in a matter...

Can you go through an entire day without being, having any selfishness come out? I can't. Something is going to happen. If we understand this mind, unless you're... I don't even know, can you be bound up at home somehow, can't go out, can't see anyone, can't watch anything, can't listen to anything, maybe you can make it a day. I don't know. But somewhere along there, you're probably going to get...Ah, I don't want to get into it... get in a bad attitude just because you're bound up in a chair and you have to sit there all day so you can sin! No selfishness in that.

The point is, it's on a spiritual plane, and we have to have God's help every day of our lives. That's why we pray, that's why God wants us to have a relationship with Him, to pray to Him, to understand that Christ died so that we could have this relationship, so the holy spirit could be given to us daily. That's why He died, so we could be able to receive that help daily. Awesome!

For through the law... In other words, through the keeping of the law on one's own ability, he saying he still sinned. It's what he's talking about here. **For through the law I did die to the law.** In other words, striving to keep it by his own ability. So, he became baptized. That's why he...in order to have his sins forgiven. He buried self. **...that I might live unto God.** That's the story he's telling here, "that I might live unto God." And you can't live unto God without His life in you.

If God doesn't dwell in us, we can't please God. Scriptures speak of that. That's an awesome thing. If God doesn't dwell in us, we can't be pleasing to Him, because that means we've sinned and we haven't repented. And until we repent, that flow won't continue in us. That's why we can begin to quench, like an umbilical cord, the holy spirit.

Verse 20, he went on to say, **I am nailed on a pole with Christ.** He was baptized, he understood sin, the need to be forgiven of sin. **...nevertheless I live, but not I, Christ lives in me.** That's a great confidence everyone should have. Christ lives in us through the power of the holy spirit.

...even the life which I now live in the flesh I live in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God. So, grace of God is His mercy, His patience, His love, the favor He gives, all the things that are associated with this word grace.

I do not frustrate the grace of God, for if righteousness is by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. So again, making that point clear that we're not saved by how well we do things, how well we obey God.

Let's turn over to 1 Peter 1 and continue on from there because we covered part of that in Galatians last week. **1 Peter 1:1—Peter, an apostle of Joshua the Christ, to the foreigners of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.** So this is being geared toward people in the Church, people who are scattered in different areas. It says here there is some confusion, I think, in history as to what the dispersion is. Because the dispersion is because of people who have been dispersed because of some particular reason.

For the Jews, they've gone through more than one. They went through one when they were taken captive into Babylon. And then, after they were released out of Persia, they were given favor, they dispersed to other areas of the world as well. They migrated to other areas. Some took a lot longer to leave Persia, eventually migrating into other areas. That's a kind of dispersion because of being conquered.

And so again here, there are other dispersions, especially what took place during Nero's reign over the Roman Empire. And we know the story, hopefully, well, about how he's been accused of the one who set the fire to Rome, the great fire of Rome, and then how that the government, like governments oftentimes do, send out propaganda (if you will), stories of something else to put blame elsewhere so that people will look to someone else as being the cause of an event. It happens. It's on the news all the time if we see it, where people do things like this.

Well, they did the same thing. They said, "It's the Jews!" because they were having battles with the Jews at that time, because the Jews were rising up, getting tired of the Roman rule and the oppression that was taking place. Because after the time of Christ, it only got worse in the Roman Empire, and so it was a good place to blame the Jews.

And the Church got caught in a lot of that because they were associated with the Jews because of the Sabbath, because of Passover, the Holy Days very much looked like the Jews. And so again here, they were dispersed at that time after that fire, if you will, because they had people coming after them, accusing. That's why Paul had difficulties and so forth, and was brought back the second time. And they were gathering people together, they were killing people right and left.

And they had an invasion then of Jerusalem as well, not long after that, and it was then... What an awesome thing to understand. I think very few people in the world of Christianity understand that because of what took place at that particular time, the Romans gathered over 100,000 Jews, enslaved them to build a coliseum in Rome. They are the ones who built it, and they were good at what they did. They built an awesome building.

But anyway, they were dispersed. The Church was dispersed at that time as well because you had to flee certain areas. And the belief is that Peter was at Rome at this particular time, which is kind of hard to believe because Paul was there in prison, and there is no mention by either one that they ever saw each other at that time, in the first imprisonment when Paul was there. So, there are a lot of things messed up in history, and a lot of it's because of that great big church that has that great big statue that has the toe, the big toe nearly worn out of it because so many people have kissed it.

I've mentioned that a lot of times, where we saw the... But they think it was the apostle, Peter. It was just the god of another...the statue of another god. But they put this statue up there, and it's supposed to be Peter. And there have to be thousands, millions, perhaps of people who have gone by and kissed that toe, probably before it was ever put there because of the religious beliefs of whatever god, which I knew at one time, but it's gone right now. But even within that religion, they still come by and kiss that toe. And there is literally a dent in that stone. You think, how many lips had to touch that thing, rub across that? I mean, how long would it take to rub skin on something to get a dent in the big toe?

But the reason Peter was believed to be there is because of that church claims that he was, basically, the first apostle for them.

So, he's talking to those, the dispersion of... And I believe this is the dispersion because of what Nero was doing, because it fits into the timeframe of when Peter actually wrote the book. And so, he's writing to these different areas of people who were dispersed, who were in the Church, and they were dispersed because they're fleeing from certain areas, like, primarily Rome, and they went out to live in other areas. So, they're amongst other people of different nationalities, that's why they're referred to as "to the foreigners," you're in foreign lands. Elect. They're in the Church.

...elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father. So, he's addressing them, they're the Church, they're the called of God **...in sanctification of the spirit**, in other words, set apart. We're all set apart by God's holy spirit for holy use and purpose. That's what sanctification means. "Holy" means that.

...for, or as the word is **into obedience**. So, we're to obey the ways of God, the truth of God.

...and the sprinkling of blood. What's that about? It's about Christ. And every time we repent that's what we have to rely upon, that we have that opportunity, that ability to be forgiven of our sins in order to continue to have a relationship with Christ and with God.

So, he's just addressing them as the Church, **the elect**, those who are called of God, **to the foreknowledge of God the Father in the sanctification of the spirit into obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Joshua the Christ. Grace to you and peace be multiplied.** So, over and over this term, grace, is used, this process we go through of what we believe. We understand favor, the blessings that God has given to us.

It goes on to say in **verse 3—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Joshua the Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope.** And it's not "born again," it's not "begotten again." It's a term that has to do with "from above." And so, what an awesome thing that we understand this process of how God blesses us through the holy spirit.

And the reason I mention some of these things at times is because the protestant world twists and distorts these words, of how they're actually used. And if we don't know how they're twisting and distorting some of these words it's hard for us to be able to reason with someone back and forth, if we're ever given that opportunity, individuals given that opportunity to perhaps explain something that's true to someone and helping them to come to see what it is that's caused them to trip or to stumble.

...begotten us, as it is, from above to a living hope through the resurrection of Joshua the Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that doesn't fade away, reserved in heaven for you. Again, they twist these, "reserved in heaven," "You're going to heaven."

...who are kept in the power of God by faith. Because of what you believe and what you're living and what you do, because you have works in your life, because you believe God and you're obeying God. **... into salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Verse 6—In this, you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by different trials. Well, we should know what some of their trails were. They were in the dispersion; they had to flee. That's what the word "dispersion" is all about. They had to flee to be where they were. So, whatever cause was for a dispersion for them, for the Church, it was because of their beliefs. And so, in this case here, yeah, trials, they're out to kill you.

You know, we have it so easy, we really do. I couldn't help but think about it as I was walking down the hallway the other day in this hotel. We came up from Erie, Pennsylvania, to stay up here, to wait until some of the other family members got here. Able to do some things together and wait to be here for this Sabbath. We got into this hotel, and we got into a room that, I don't know, what would you say, had a smell to it, smoke? Anyway, so went down to get a different room and we got a different room assigned to us. It's on the same floor, it's on the sixth floor, and it was 666.

A lot of hotels don't even keep the 13th floor, they're so superstitious, but they keep the room 666, you know, and I get it assigned to me? Crazy superstition. They said they have problems every once in a while with people who have a problem staying there because of the number. A number is a number. You want to tie that together and be bothered by it? Fine. But it doesn't bother me.

But as I was walking down the hallway thinking about some of those things, how easy it is to complain, to think negative about something that's not going really well, could not help but think of people a hundred, two hundred, three hundred years ago, to all the people who are written of in the Bible, to have a room with running water – not just running water but you can have hot water and you can have

cold water. And not only that, it's hot outside, and you've been around a donkey all day walking, and you get to go inside and it's cool!

We don't realize how rich we are in this world. In the last hundred years plus, whatever it might be, when God gave the ability to mankind to begin developing things that are preparing for the time we're in now, and you think all that time before, 5,800, 5,900 years before that, and how people lived. Food? People would spend all day trying to gather food together or to prepare certain foods. Today, all you have to do is go by a store and pick it up or just go out and get a quick snack somewhere, you know. And we moan and we complain about things as human beings.

We are selfish human beings, and we tend to think about ourselves. And we have to wait in line a little longer for something? Complain about the lines! We have to wait! It's going to take... We can't get into the restaurant for thirty minutes?! The other day, it was thirty minutes. It's like...?! An hour? And there are people who had to wait for a long, long time if they were actually waiting for the meal because there were people having to prepare it for a long, long time. I mean, seriously! Do we grasp how blessed we are to live in this age?

You think of those people in the dispersion in the Church and what they went through. I mentioned this in thinking about some of these things as we've been going through what we have and discussing some of this. You think, we have it so easy in the Church. They had to flee for their lives so often. They literally were being thrown in prisons. They were literally having heads cut off, in some cases, put on a pole. Was it Paul had his head cut off? It gives it, anyway, as a part of some of the history there. Sometimes those things are hard to tell. But the reason it was not on a pole, as so many of them were, was because you couldn't do that to a Roman citizen. Instead, you just lop off the head quickly. So, you didn't have to hang there for a long time, so it was quick. So, for a Roman citizen, that was the benefit, that if you had to be put to death, at least it's going to be quick.

But Peter is one who is thought to have been put on a pole and had to die that way. So again, incredible how blessed we are. Others who maybe weren't killed, but they spent a long, long time, sometimes a lifetime in prison. In God's Church. So, the next time we think we have it bad, it's good to think about others and what they've gone through so we can have what we have today. And candidly, we're making it a whole lot better for those who are going to live during the Millennium and the Great White Throne.

It's kind of like... I love these stories I've heard in times past, sometimes when compare it with pilgrims who went across the country, scout out various areas, new areas where people hadn't been before. Well, people had been there but not from the East, I guess. And began to migrate and began to build trains, and so forth, to get there easier. But you know, the first ones that went across in wagon trains and the like, horrible, hard lives. You know, people in the Old West they didn't live all that long. You know, if you lived 35 to 40, that was the median age of a lot of people at that time. Incredible! Life wasn't for a very long time. But they paved the way so that we can have it so easy now, in essence, in that regard.

And in a spiritual way, that's the Church at different ages, what they've had to go through, and especially in the time of Herbert Armstrong on, it's gotten easier and easier and easier. And the truth that God has given is going to make it easier for people later on, especially considering what we're getting ready to be able to be a part of, to recognize that one government, one religion on earth is going to be enforced, if you will. Incredible! So, it's oftentimes good for us to contemplate when we're in that attitude of selfishness and thinking that things are tough.

I couldn't help but think this morning, there are a lot of trials people are going through right now, there really are, difficult things that people are addressing. And they can come in a lot of different ways at times for people in the Church. And I think one of the most difficult things sometimes is to keep in mind, to know, and to understand that God knows exactly what we're going through all the time, and we're in His hands. And I don't care whether it's something good that's happening to us or bad, but it's especially the things that are hard and difficult, and oftentimes bad, whereby we can be molded and fashioned the most, truly, on a spiritual plane.

Because God uses those things to help us to see things that we otherwise so often really could never actually see, through the power of His spirit as well. He doesn't just pump knowledge in there; we have to have experience. You have to experience certain things in order to be convicted of it. To have deep conviction, you truly have to experience certain things in life, whatever it might be, the struggle, the battle, the ability to be able to come to see things spiritually as you go through it.

I've said it so often, there isn't a trial, a hardship that I've gone through that I would trade for anything else because of what it produced. I wouldn't be here today if it hadn't been for a lot of trials and tests and hardships, doing what I'm able to do today. And so, that's the way it is with us in the Church. That's what God does with us. And to think where we're going and what we're going to have opportunity for?

We all fit in some place in God's purpose and God's plan, and sometimes it's those things that help us to fit into place. Because the point of all that is if we don't yield to the process in a right way, whatever it is we go through, good and bad, if we don't do it? Because we're being prepared for a specific spot. You know what happens when you're on a construction site and something doesn't fit in an area like it's supposed to, you get a different thing to work on and put there. Something else takes its place. And we've experienced that in God's Church as well.

So, every one of us, it's up to us to yield ourselves to the process of whatever we go through in a spirit and an attitude that's filled with God's spirit, close to Him because we know we're in His hands and He's molding and fashioning us if we yield to it. It wasn't meant to be easy. Think of what these people had to go through. Boggles my mind sometimes to think about what the early Church had to go through. We don't even know the history, so much of what happened during Thyatira and different eras of time, and what people had to experience and live through. They definitely had it harder than us.

So, we live it pretty good, if we can see it physically. We also have it really good spiritually because we have more ability of things we see and grasp, and comprehend because of the time we actually live in, because it's God's time to reveal it. That's why so much of what God began to give through Herbert Armstrong is so incredible, because it was finally time to begin revealing certain things that so many never had before.

Peter never had. He never had access to the things that Herbert Armstrong... As a whole, much of what Herbert Armstrong taught, and the truths that were given to him, they never had a lot of that (they truly didn't), and not to the extent of understanding of it all.

So again, we go through trials, we go through hardships, we go through tests. So, it says, **in this you greatly rejoice**. We don't always rejoice. But if we look to God and recognize that what we have and where we are and what He's given to us to see, to know, and to understand, well, that's where we ask for the help to be able to keep things in their proper focus and to realize, yeah, we're going through this for a purpose, and hope and pray, look to God to mold and fashion us whatever it takes. Whatever it takes, so be it.

...though now for a while, if need be. We have different trials that come along. It's just the way it is.

...so that the trying of your faith... Because that's all necessary. It's necessary for God's Family. Because God is going to bring things to the surface one way or another in every individual, to help us to see things in ourselves that we have to repent of, that we have to ask for help to change. And if we're not able to do that, then it becomes like the piece that won't fit. "So, whatever it takes, whatever it is we need to see, help me see it." That should be our spirit and our attitude.

...so that the trying of your faith being more precious than gold that perishes. Sometimes people would see a pile of gold as a solution to a lot of problems. No, it's probably just the beginning.

...though it be tested by fire. So again, "tested by fire." It's like the Apostasy. There are just a lot of people who didn't know what they would do. That's why we didn't know what it was going to be like until it came. And then it came to the surface – where are we, how do we think? And it's easy to say, "I would do 'this' under that circumstances. I would do 'that'." And we heard things about a falling away, never really grasping the magnitude of it, never comprehending it. And yet when it finally did happen, incredible testing that took place.

Now it's manifest what we would do. A third quit. Just quit. Disillusioned. Disillusioned because "If this could happen to God's Church, then this really can't..." That's the mind. "This really can't be God's Church. If there is an apostasy of this magnitude that's happened to God's Church, then..." and they lost any belief in any God, of anything about God. Truly. Another third, it was a heyday to go back to what they were before. And others of us, just scattered. Things we're never to forget, what the Church went through.

But again, it brought things to the surface so that we can look at and see what's inside and then address those things with God's help. Because it takes God's spirit to be able to see things in the mind. We can't see our own mind. We don't know our own thinking, our own thoughts. But God will show them to us. And it's not a pretty picture when we really see selfishness and for what it is. And the more we can accept that, the more we can repent of that, and the more we can grasp it and fight against it. Awesome!

So again, God says in essence here, **it's much more precious than gold that perishes, though it's tested by fire, might be found in praise, honor, and glory at the revelation**, or "the appearing," "the manifestation" of **Joshua the Christ**. And so again, it's a matter of timing for everyone because for some it's going to be the Great White Throne, and others it's going to be doing it in the Millennium.

...whom having not seen you love. Thinking about that, going through some of these notes this morning, and thinking, what an incredible thing, we love Christ, we love God, and we've never seen them. Because it's not a matter of seeing physically, it's a matter of what's up here that God's blessed us to see. And it's because of what He's given us to see, to believe, and to know the truth that creates that love because we realize this is God. The truth is God. He reveals it to the mind, we're able to embrace it, and it's about how to have a family that's beyond anything we've ever experienced or could think of experiencing in human life, in human families. Truly. Way beyond that. I look forward to that. That's awesome! That's something to latch hold of.

...having not seen you love. Although now you do not see Him. And I've stated this many of times, and I'll say it again. I couldn't tell God I loved Him for about twenty years after being in the Church. It took me that long. Because I'd seen too much hypocrisy in life, betrayal in life, hurt in life by things that weren't truly love, to where I didn't have the ability until I knew, knew of an absolute surety I love God. I remember it. It was after I was ordained and I was able to tell God, "I love You." What an incredible thing to go through that long in life in the Church, twenty-plus years, right at that period of time, and to be able to tell God, "I love You."

But it's something we all go through and experience in different ways. God knew that about me, had that patience. Think about patience that God has, the grace that God gives to us because He has a plan for us. He knows what our minds are like, and He continues to lead us. He knows what we're like before He calls us. We're all a pack of sin, you know, and all have all kinds of hangups, drama in our life, screwed up minds because that's the way we are as human beings. And only God can heal those minds. Beautiful to understand that, God can heal the mind, and He begins doing that from the time we're called, the time we're baptized, and it takes a lot of time. Twenty years—I still marvel at that—that God had patience in waiting. Twenty years to say "I love You." Because I wasn't going to say it until I knew it with all my being.

...although now you do not see Him, yet believing you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory. So, we don't feel that all the time, we don't think that all the time, we don't... But we do from time to

time, and there are those things that it just fills your life in a way that's exciting and inspiring, and you're lifted up more at certain times than others.

That's why I love the Feast of Tabernacles. Because we receive so much in eight days, and it's a time to be away from the world. Everyone is away from their jobs and has opportunity to be with others in the Church, to experience a uniqueness in fellowship that you don't experience any other time like that. And it's a very uplifting and inspiring time on a spiritual plane. And yet we can't have it yet because it's not here yet, the Millennium.

Verse 9—receiving the end of your faith. In other words, the purpose of your faith, why God has blessed us to be able to believe and then to live by the truth. —**the salvation of your lives. Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and carefully searched.** What an incredible thing. They were given inspiration to see certain things, to write certain things, but they couldn't see it all.

I think of Daniel when he was given all the prophecies he was, and then God tells him, "Daniel, shut up the book." He wanted to know more. "Just shut up the book and go your way because it's for another time." Okay. Can't argue with that when God tells you that. So, it's for another time, yeah, a long way up. But they had a desire to know things that they had written about, especially, primarily in the context here, about the Messiah, about a city whose builder and maker is God. And they wanted to be a part of that. And they didn't understand fully what that meant, but they had enough that they wanted it with all their being.

And so, again, they searched for things that we just...today we can take for granted. And sometimes that can be dangerous. That we can take things for granted? That's why the Church that got into Laodicea took for granted that God had given them an apostle to give them truth that they wouldn't have known any other way except it came through him! That's why I get so irritated, and even talking about it disgusted inside, when I know of so many ministers who made the comment, "Well, he was a good teacher," and they were for burning up the books out there at headquarters and so forth, the big bonfires and stuff they had.

You think, "And you have the audacity...! You didn't know diddly-you-know-what, not squat, before you came into contact with the truth. You didn't discover any of it on your own. It wasn't given to you save through God's servant, Herbert Armstrong." And that's where they learned the truth. "A good teacher?" More than a good teacher by far. Incredible, the way of the human mind. Irritating, truly is. I just get irritated thinking about it, of how people responded to God's apostle, and so haughty and so proud and not realizing they didn't know anything except that God had revealed it through him in essence.

So again here, it goes through this story then talking about how that the prophets, different ones that searched at different times, wanting to know more, and yet look at what we've been given. We've been given "the more." We live in a time when more has been given than any other time in six thousand years. And not to take any of that for granted. Incredible, to comprehend.

Have it perfect? Absolutely not. There's never been a period like that yet. But we're getting closer and closer. Awesome! And then everything is going to get cleaned up in a royal way when Christ is here. There'll be no more doubt, no more things of wondering about because they'll be given to us. There will be some things kept back. What's going to happen after the Last Great Day? We have some basic framework of ideas, but to understand how that's going to work, we don't have the foggiest. I've tried to...

I think of those things from time to time. You think the massiveness just this galaxy alone is so huge, tens and hundreds of thousands of star systems like the Earth and our sun, and the planets. And they realize now that those things are out there around other stars, and the numbers that are there and the potential for... Anyway, they have no idea, but it's out there for us. That's what God says. And to grasp the time involved to be able to begin going out there.

You think we're going to jump from this Milky Way Galaxy to some way, way out there? Why? There's a lot to be done right here that will take, likely, millions of years to do with what God has planned. But He hasn't told us what it is. I have a lot of questions about it. Life? Yes. What kind? I don't know. But that's one thing that God said when they saw what He did on earth, even in the first time, and they shouted for joy. Life. Not just a bunch of rocks, not just a sun out here with light, and so forth. To see a creation that is something different than that which is spiritual, if you will. It's not the same in the spirit world.

There is something to be seen and received from that which can be dealt with on a physical plane in a physical world, universe, if you will. We don't know much about it. I've got a lot of questions, but I know they probably won't be answered until almost the very end, if even after that last Hundred Years.

...they enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you. The Messiah. Awesome! All that was taught about Him, that He was going to die, be put to death, things in Isaiah that are written. **... searching what, or what manner of time, the spirit of Christ...** It says, **"the spirit of Christ."** Some people get confused by this and think that it was about the spirit of Christ that was working in them because He was the other member of the godhead and blah, blah, blah. And it's not saying that at all. It's about Christ. That's why they were searching, because of the things that were written about the Messiah. And that's what they were searching into and looking forward to that time when He would come. That was the whole desire from the time...for all of Judaism, is to look forward to the time the Messiah would come. And so, this is what this is talking about.

"The spirit," if you will, if there is a word to be inserted because the word "of" isn't there anyway. It's about the Messiah in context here, **about the Messiah that was in them was indicating when...**the spirit, not of Christ yet. It's not talking... It was the spirit that was in them that God was giving to them that was from God Almighty, of the Messiah. That's what He was revealing. That's what they were writing about. That's what they were inspired to write because of the spirit of God, "of the Messiah."

...indicating when He testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that would follow.

So, that's what it was showing, in essence. Again, Isaiah is a good example because that's exactly what happened to him, and his desire then to know more, just like Daniel did, it's a natural inclination. I'm writing things that I wish I knew a whole lot more. It's a natural inclination. I want to know more. I want to know more about the universe. I want to know more about the last Hundred Years. I want to know more about the Millennium. Well, we're not going to know until we're there. Then He'll tell us what we need to do.

Verse 12—To them it was revealed that, not unto themselves, but to us... To us, to the Church. Peter is saying, "This is to the Church what the prophets went through, what they were given, piecemeal here and there from time to time, has led up to the Church and what would be given to us." They went through everything they did, and we can look back, and just as I mentioned earlier, I think of Peter, Paul, all the apostles, all the books, the things that were written there, they went through what they did and wrote what they did for us, powerfully so, for this age. Why? Preparing for this period of time when Joshua is coming, when He's going to return. Awesome!

...ministering the things which are now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the holy spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desired to look into. What an incredible thing. God didn't give them understanding of all these things. He's revealing it through the Church. He revealed it through the prophets, began to reveal certain things that they desired to know more about as well. They wanted to know more about God's plan in greater detail. And so, everything that's ever been given in the Church, they're excited, those who have remained faithful, if you will, to God.

Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind. Always the reminder there over and over again in scripture, we have to be on guard, we have to be prepared up here, we have to be sharp up here, wanting to change, wanting to overcome, wanting to conquer.

...be sober. Careful of our lives, if you will, and how we live them. **...and hope fully on the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Joshua the Christ, as obedient children, not conforming,** in other words, **fashioning yourselves, to the former lusts in your ignorance.** I read through that, and we can read over it right quick like, and it's, well, what does all that mean? Well, all we have to do is look around a little bit and see all the people who have left and why. Why? Why? Why make certain choices to give this up, to leave what God has given to us? It's painful.

Ephesians 2, cover a little more here; touch upon a couple things here once again. As a reminder, Ephesians 2:8. So, there are good works—that's what I love about scripture here—there are good works and there are bad works. Easy to see. Bad works we begin to identify when we come into the Church. We have to repent of them, whatever those things were that we did, even in religious belief, Easter,

Christmas, Sunday, whatever it might be. We repent of those things, we change because the right works have to do with the truth that's given to us, and we start living those things, living by them.

Ephesians 2:8—For by grace you are saved through faith. “By grace you are saved through faith.” The definition of faith alone should show us this is a matter of what you work. It's good works. Because the very definition of faith is living what you've been given to see and believe that's true. God gives us the ability to see things we can't otherwise see. We see the Sabbath. We see the Holy Days. We see Passover. And so, we want to observe them and keep them. That's what faith is – you're living by what God has revealed to you that's true. It's beautiful.

So, by grace, because God has been merciful to us, because He called us out of sin, because He's very patient with us. To even say, “I love You.” He doesn't expect it right away. He just keeps working with you, helping you to change, helping you to grow, helping you to conquer, helping you to overcome until...until we arrive, until we're sealed. Because we'll always have sin as long as we're in this body. That's grace. His desire, His plan to wait, to see us through that, to help us through that, to help us in the fight, to help us fight it. Because we learn, we have to go to God every day to receive the help. And that's a pleasing thing to God. Awesome!

For by grace you are saved through faith. Again, you're doing, working what you've been given to believe. ...**and that not out of,** again, that word, 'not of,' **not out of yourselves.** It's something that God has to give to us. ...**it is the gift of God.** Everything we've been given it's the gift of God.

...**not of works, lest anyone should boast.** So again, that's not how we're saved. We're not striving to be saved by how well we do things. But we have to do things. We have to live by what is true. Because, otherwise, again, people get lifted up with haughtiness and pride.

For we are His workmanship. Beautiful if we understand the process here. God works with us. He's molding and fashioning us as we yield to the process. We are His workmanship. If we yield to the process of His holy spirit working in us then it's God helping us to make the changes. It's God who gives us the strength to do what we need to do. It's God that gives us the help to be drawn to repentance and actually repenting of sin as we're able to see the things in ourselves, in our minds, that need to be refined and cleansed.

...**created in...** I love that, a creation, an ongoing creation, something that God is doing because of His holy spirit. “Created in.” Can't do it any other way. It's in **Joshua the Christ unto good works.** So, grace requires works, good works, not bad ones. ...**which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.** Work. Walk in them, live, obey.

Titus 2:11—For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It's not saying here that all men have seen it yet, but now it's appeared. Joshua the Christ, the Passover. And everyone will see that. It started at a certain time when He came, when He was born. Then He died and then He was

resurrected, and that is the beginning of the process. This is how He is able to have appeared to all mankind, in essence, because all will come to know this and see this reality in essence, is what it's talking about.

...teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly. So again, this matter of being sober-minded, fighting against carnality, fighting against lust, fighting against "lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life," which makes up our life as human beings.

...we should live soberly, righteously. Can't do that except by works, obeying God, living the truth.

...and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Joshua the Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity.

Because we can repent of sin, because we can be forgiven of sin. **...and purify unto Himself a special people, zealous for good works.** Hopefully, that's very descriptive of us. We want; we desire good works. We want to obey God. We want to please God.

Titus 3:1—Remind them to be subject to principalities and powers. Oftentimes, people have used this concerning the world, and people should have that respect and so forth toward all authority in that respect, but this is primarily in the context of things having to do with the Church as well. **...principalities and powers, to obey rulers.**

That can still be a battle sometimes with people. Every once in a while, some ministers run into that, someone who doesn't have respect for what God has given within the structure of the Church. It happens. It's always happened, and as long as there are human beings it always will happen. It's going to happen in the Millennium. It's just the way of human beings.

But if we grasp things like we should on a spiritual plane, we're going to be a lot more cautious because we realize that to do so is directly against God. Directly. And if someone has done something wrong, you know what, God will take care of removing them. Because He allows that within the Church as well. And we've seen that take place. God allows some of those kinds of things, oftentimes a lot, for us to learn from. It's my major teaching as a minister, candidly, what not to do, what isn't right with God, things that are easier to see, but knowing full well that's God's responsibility. It's not mine. If someone is there, then we better respond to them properly while it's required, and God will take care of it all in His time.

...to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no one. We have to be careful how we speak. We have to be careful of what comes out of our mouth. It's so easy to let things come out that we really shouldn't discuss.

...to speak evil of no one, to not be contentious. In other words, we're to be peaceful, not to have contention with others. Try to avoid those things, try to fight against those things.

...but gentle, showing all meekness unto all people. And that's a matter of the word. The word has to do with "a teachable spirit." It's kind of like in the situation, and you see someone that is doing something you may not agree with, but the question should be asked not in the matter of learning, not trying to judge like we normally would do, and criticize and condemn because they should do something a different way. It's a matter of trying to understand the situation. What can I learn from this? What can be seen from this? Is there anything I can do or should do? And if I shouldn't, maybe things I can pray about in order to help someone.

Because our desire is for the Church is that everyone succeed, that everyone be blessed. God's called us all for a purpose, and He's called us to succeed. He's called us to be a part of His Family. And if we recognize everyone as a part of the Body of Christ, the Church of God, and as much as we would toward a minister to be careful of what we say, if we don't do that, then we're not going to be careful with one another. That's just a given.

We should do that with everyone. That's the way we should be in how we think toward one another and how we want to see people be able to come to see their weaknesses, if there is a weakness, just as much as I hope to overcome and conquer my weaknesses that I still have. Because we all have weaknesses, we all have things about us that aren't really good, that need to be tweaked. And it takes time. And God has a lot of patience with us. And shouldn't we have that with one another, give time?

I didn't get to where I am today overnight. Been a long haul. And we need to be willing to give that long haul to others in the same spirit, in the same mind, because we want to see them succeed.

...to not be contentious, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all people. And that has to do with learning from the situation. Maybe a matter of learning how God might be working with them differently than what He worked with you. There are things to be learned from things like that, how God may be working, and not to interfere with that, except where we may have a responsibility to do so.

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish. We don't see that in ourselves, that we're probably not just sometimes foolish, we've still done, still do, foolish things? Don't ask her, but if you ask my wife, she might tell me some of those things not too far back, probably this past week, maybe yesterday...maybe today, I don't know.

...disobedient, deceived, serving different lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. If we're not loving someone, we're doing the opposite. And that's sometimes very hard to see on a spiritual plane. We're either going one way or the other because there is no middle of the fence. We're either loving someone with God's kind of love, or the definition truly is we're actually hating them. If we fail to love someone, we're not showing love, we're showing hate. And that's a big one to learn from. And that's one worth of praying about probably every day for the next week here. "Help me to see." And God will start showing you some things. Be ready, because then we have to repent

and begin seeing certain things about ourselves and realizing this needs to change in me, not in them...in me.

But when the kindness and love toward mankind of God our Savior appeared. I got that out of how it was stated there, talking about hating and hating one another, “but when the kindness and love toward mankind God our Savior appeared” showing us, in essence, how we are able to change and conquer and overcome, **not by works of righteousness which we had done, but according to His mercy He saved us.** So again, an awesome process we go through.

I’m going to go ahead and stop there today because again, works are always a part of grace, understanding grace, what it is. There are tons of words, in essence, that fit into grace. God’s patience, mercy, the love He begins to show us, He begins to call us, all the things that take place there of the very same spirit and attitude we begin to learn that we’re supposed to have toward one another and need to exercise, and understanding that it requires good works to accomplish it.

I was going to read some news today. I don’t know if I need to, should, or would. I’ll tell you what, things are absolutely nuts in this world. Every once in a while... I’m going to go ahead and just read some headlines, if nothing else. Every week it seems like things get ramped up more and more.

I don’t know, I think of this example of the woman in travail, in labor, and just like as a pregnancy comes closer, there’s a time where there’s a lull in contractions as you get closer to that, and then there are contractions and they get closer together. And that’s kind of the way the world; if you look at certain things that are taking place in the world, we see these every once in a while.

And I think of all the weeks that went by and there wasn’t as much, and then all of a sudden, just bombarded with stuff about things that this world is doing. It’s headed for a war. And if we don’t grasp that and aren’t moved by that, to work on this even more so because of the time we live in, I think of... If you go back and look at things in history and things that are written of what happened before WWII, there were all kinds of signs. It’s easier always to look back and bring those things out in history as far as history is concerned, but there are people picking up on a lot of these things right now in the world. They see the similarities of things that have happened before WWII that are already in motion now. And nations are not only preparing for war, some are pushing for it. That’s where we are.

I’m going to read a few of these things. People are getting drawn in. Things that you would not have read three years ago, four years ago. Five years ago, hardly ever, seriously. It would be maybe one or two months before you’d find a single article in comparison to some of these that are every week now. And they’re just getting more and more and more as time goes on. Then they slow down a little bit, and then a few more. Something to be learned from that.

Australia Delivers Abrams Tanks to Ukraine in Approximately \$47 Million Military Aid Package¹

[*United24 Media*] Now, you think, that's not a big deal. \$47 million, that's not much Abram's Tanks. It's just showing another country being pulled in a little bit more, some of the things taking place right now with some of the agreements, with some of the kind of submarines that they're building, and Australia is involved in, and things having to do with China. It's going to be an ugly, ugly picture when some of these things break loose. Truly is.

Another one here: **Trump issues new threat to BRICS²** [*RT World News*] ... "Trump denounced what he called BRICS' attempts to weaken the dollar." So, I've heard some things said now on the news at different times by some of these individuals, about BRICS and what's taking place, and there is a battle going on here.

What was it he said? Let me see if I can find that right quick. He made a comment about this, about the BRICS. "Trump stressed that Washington will spare no effort to preserve the dollar's hegemony, stating, 'The reserve currency is so important.'" How long has that been talked about in the Church, talking about a reserve currency and the BRICS and what they're trying to do, and how much the United States is going to fight to keep that? And now it's right there in front of us.

So, he said, "The reserve currency is so important. You know, if we lost that, that would be like losing a World War." Now, this is how important it is. They understand that if this country... "This country." The one down below us, that stirs up the pot in a great, big way; the one that's not Canada.

But to think what they're going through, what they're saying about some of these things right now, it's absolutely amazing. Some of the same sort of things taking place as before WWII happening before this period right now. I lost my train of thought of where I was going with part of that.

But anyway, another one here. (Probably just as well.) So, they are going to fight to keep it, and that's behind some of the strategy of things that they're doing. It'll always be a part of that.

China cuts US Treasury holdings for third month amid trade war, debt ceiling fears³ This is from the *South China Morning Post*. The point being is, they have power too. A lot. And they want that country to know that they do have. Because the point of all this is, is that the world holds our debt, as far as the U.S. is concerned. And if they quit holding that debt, they have power. And they're just letting them know, "You want tit for tat? We're ready to give you tit for tat. See how well that goes for you." So, the only thing short of all this – it's a literal war. And that's what it's coming down to.

¹ "Australia Delivers Abrams Tanks to Ukraine in Approximately \$47 Million Military Aid Package." *United24 Media*, 19 July 2025, <https://united24media.com/latest-news/australia-delivers-abrams-tanks-to-ukraine-in-approximately-47-million-military-aid-package-10023>.

² "Trump Issues New Threat to BRICS." *RT*, 19 July 2025, <https://www.rt.com/news/589045-trump-threat-brics-tariffs/>.

³ "China Cuts US Treasury Holdings for Third Month amid Trade War, Debt Ceiling Fears." *South China Morning Post*, 18 July 2025, <https://www.scmp.com/economy/china-economy/article/3318694/china-cuts-us-treasury-holdings-third-month-amid-trade-war-debt-ceiling-fears>.

Another one here: **NATO expects Kiev to lose control of coastal areas, plans to arm Moldova instead** — expert⁴ [World – TASS] Wouldn't you love to be in Moldova? Because it's just like another target. And that's what's happening. They're playing this chess game, and it's not going very well.

Moscow cancels landmark military agreement with Berlin⁵ [RT] ... "Germany is "becoming dangerous again," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov has recently said. In late May, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Berlin's "direct involvement in the war is now obvious," warning that "Germany is sliding down the same slippery slope it already followed a couple of times in the last century."

So, they're poking at them, back at them saying, "You did this already twice, WWI and WWII, and you're doing it again. This is how they feel. That's what's important to understand. Everything may not be true about things that they say in the news, but this is how they really feel, and it shows here this animosity, this feeling that they have of things that were never really buried. Just because a war is over, there are certain things, like pushing a trigger, and they're pushing the triggers.

There are so many. There are so many articles that are coming out of things that are being said.

German general urges Ukraine to strike Russian airfields⁶ [RT World News] Real smart. The more they keep pushing at Russia, there is a point where Russia can easily say, "This is enough."

"Plan On It!" Martin Armstrong Sees '100% Chance Of Nuclear War'⁷ [ZeroHedge] I'm just going to read the article. ... "Six weeks ago, legendary financial and geopolitical cycle analyst Martin Armstrong was signaling a big turn toward war. Now, Armstrong says, "The chances of war with a nuclear exchange is at 100%. . . Plan on it, this is coming." This is coming more and more where people are saying things like this. It's insane.

"We have staff in Germany, and I was told by my staff that a friend 60 years old was told to report to duty. I had a friend who was at the Vienna Peace Conference, and he called me when it was over and said, [I guess I could just read it like what he said. Well, I don't want to use that first word, but the next word is...] "... crap, this has nothing to do with peace anymore. This is all about preparing for war." You know, calling up 60-year-olds? Crazy!

"Everybody should start getting ready for drafts, to start going that way.' They want war. They are not backing off." ... Armstrong's computer "Socrates" [that's what they named it] is signaling war as early as next month. Armstrong says, "Starting in August, this whole thing is going to be escalating up. Our

⁴ "NATO Expects Kiev to Lose Control of Coastal Areas, Plans to Arm Moldova Instead — Expert." TASS, 19 July 2025, <https://tass.com/world/1991639>.

⁵ "Moscow Cancels Landmark Military Agreement with Berlin." RT, 19 July 2025, www.rt.com.

⁶ "German General Urges Ukraine to Strike Russian Airfields." RT World News, 20 July 2025, www.rt.com.

⁷ Armstrong, Martin. "Plan On It! Martin Armstrong Sees '100% Chance Of Nuclear War.'" ZeroHedge, 21 June 2025, zerohedge.com.

computer has what we call a 'Panic Cycle' with our war cycles for 2026. That is not good. I don't know [He says] what the hell Trump is smoking... My computer has been projecting war, and it is projecting war going into 2026. This is not looking good, and Europe will lose. It is as simple as that."

What an amazing thing for different ones to write as far as things of history and things that they're using computers for and AI for, and this is what it spits out.

Another one here: **A Cold War Above: How Russia Built Its Space Arsenal to Target the US**⁸

[UNITED24 Media] I'm not even going to read it but it's all over the place, things that they're maneuvering as far as satellites and the like to be able to, and in positions that are very obvious why would they be maneuvering them so close? It's to take them out, to take out the military ones, especially.

Another one here: **Restore power to the emperor, says leader of Japan's rising hard-right**⁹

[Telegraph] In the world right now there are people to the right, far right. It's happening in Germany, so much so that part of their government has condemned them as being... What was the term they used? Can anyone here remember the expression? They're a fast-growing party right now, gaining great popularity in Germany, and yet they're basically saying that... Oh, I wish I could remember the term that's used here. Basically, they're like a terrorist group. I mean, that's basically what they've said about them. It's like, they're that popular and, it's not the word terrorist, but it's akin to it. Basically, that it should be outlawed by their constitution, that they should be outlawed because of what they've done or what they're saying by their constitution.

Anyway, a lot of places are turning to the right. Just like happened south of here, it's happening in a lot of countries right now. And this is another one here, Japan.

First German-UK defense pact since WWII followed by Moscow warning¹⁰ [Defense News] ...about such a pact.

The Battle For The Middle East Is Going Global¹¹ [ZeroHedge]

Pentagon Quietly Returns Nuclear Bombs to UK for First Time Since 2008¹² [Sputnik] I don't know what's all behind all that, but anyway, they're returning them.

⁸ Khomenko, Ivan. "A Cold War Above: How Russia Built Its Space Arsenal to Target the US." UNITED24 Media, 20 July 2025, united24media.com.

⁹ Hardaker, Daniel. "Restore Power to the Emperor, Says Leader of Japan's Rising Hard-Right." The Telegraph, 20 July 2025, telegraph.co.uk.

¹⁰ Höller, Linus. "First German-UK Defense Pact Since WWII Followed by Moscow Warning." Defense News, 18 July 2025, defensenews.com.

¹¹ Sadygzade, Murad. "The Battle For The Middle East Is Going Global." ZeroHedge, 22 July 2025, zerohedge.com.

¹² "Pentagon Quietly Returns Nuclear Bombs to UK for First Time Since 2008." Sputnik, 21 July 2025, sputniknews.com.

Kremlin slams ‘militarization’ over reports of US nukes in UK¹³ [RT] So, this is just putting pressure on people more and more about a nuclear confrontation. They’re not playing games. It’s not about rattling sabers and swords; they’re actually rattling information back and forth about use of nuclear weapons.

Germany agrees to deliver Patriots to Ukraine¹⁴ [RT World News] It’s all we need are better missiles being able to be launched out of Ukraine into Russia.

Oh, there are so many articles. I hate to rush through these like this, but some of them get into things more with, things with Iran that are taking place. They’ve launched a missile now; they have the ability to launch missiles. It’s like you have the nuclear program on the side, we’re going to keep working at that, but now we have power with missiles now. We can send a nuke anywhere, if we have a nuke. Incredible!

Says, Germany Agrees To Deliver 5 More Patriots To Ukraine, Which Will Take US Years To Replace¹⁵ [ZeroHedge] You know, we are so stupid. I mean, why not tell the whole world? All this thing of some of these areas that are sending weapons, the thing that’s coming out about all of them is they can’t replace it all. And to try to replace it is going to take so long. And you think, are we so stupid that maybe this was the plan all along, that maybe this is why Russia is kind of having this long spread-out thing, making them look bad, that they can’t really conquer Ukraine, and then different stories come out and show how quick they can if they wanted to. And yet they just keep playing this game, and all the while, all this ammunition keeps going in there, all kinds of things, rockets, ammunition, literally for rifles and so forth. And then they’re running out and they can’t catch up.

I vote on the stupid side that there are countries and nations that are planning for war. China is. Anybody who doesn’t see China is preparing for a war is absolutely nuttier than a fruitcake and without any sense and reason whatsoever. It’s obvious. That’s what they’re planning for. They talk about it openly. And so, Russia, doing some of the same sorts of thing, plotting and planning.

Another one here: **Poland living in ‘pre-war’ times – PM**¹⁶ [RT World News] ... “Poland is experiencing deep political unease and external danger,” Prime Minister Donald Tusk has claimed, likening the risks to “pre-war times,” and urging vigilance against foreign and domestic “threats.” They are already calling citizens back out of Russia, telling people, “Get out of Russia now.” So, why people go into different countries like that when they’re so close, and you think of certain things that can happen?

¹³ “Kremlin Slams ‘Militarization’ over Reports of US Nukes in UK.” RT, 22 July 2025, rt.com.

¹⁴ “Germany Agrees to Deliver Patriots to Ukraine.” RT World News, 21 July 2025, rt.com.

¹⁵ Durden, Tyler. “Germany Agrees To Deliver 5 More Patriots To Ukraine, Which Will Take US Years To Replace.” ZeroHedge, 21 July 2025, zerohedge.com.

¹⁶ “Poland Living in ‘Pre-War’ Times – PM.” RT World News, 23 July 2025, rt.com.

It's just like right now. I don't know if you've heard we've got people going to China, in the United States. And now they're taking away visas and taking credit cards, and keeping... So they don't have ability of even providing for themselves. They have one diplomat, I think, of some sort over there in the U.S., that they're trying to find his name and publish it everywhere. But evidently, this is becoming more of a common thing that China is doing. Think, why would they do that? Hmm. That's a place I want to go visit.

But here, Poland is telling the ones in Russia, "Get out. Get out now." Why are they doing that? What are they seeing that maybe we don't see or that isn't being published out there already? There's a lot coming out of Poland. I'll tell you, they're worried, they truly are.

Didn't even know this was happening this past week: **Thai F-16 jet bombs Cambodia as border clashes kill 2, thousands evacuated**¹⁷ [*India Today*]

Oh, this is wonderful. **U.S. Building Container Vaults To Deploy U.S. Nuclear Bombs To Remote Bases**¹⁸ [*TWZ/Defense News*] That's wonderful news.

Here is another one: **Ivan Timofeev: We're close to the war nobody wants but everyone's preparing for**¹⁹ [*RT World News*] This is out of Russia. It's a Russian news agency, but again, you can't just wipe something off the base here because you say, "Well, it's from Russia." This is how they think. This is how they feel. These are things that are worrying them. They're a powerful nuclear power in essence.

So, he says here, "... It's difficult to gauge the role of nuclear weapons in modern warfare. Their only combat use – the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 – occurred under vastly different political and technological conditions. Nonetheless, most international relations experts agree that nuclear weapons serve as powerful deterrents. Even a small nuclear arsenal is seen as a shield against invasion: the cost of aggression becomes unthinkable. By this logic, Russia, as a nuclear superpower, should be nearly immune to external military threats. The use of nuclear weapons has become a political and moral taboo – though military planners still quietly game out scenarios. There are no winners in nuclear war."

You know what, Russia has been saying that more than anyone else. Putin has said that. There are not going to be any winners in this if it happens. And yet there is so much you can poke a bear.

"... Only survivors – if that." Isn't that amazing? They realize the power there that...of what a war like that can do. "Betting that the other side will blink is a dangerous gamble with civilization at stake." Incredible that we can even read something like this.

¹⁷ Ahuja, Nakul. "Thai F-16 Jet Bombs Cambodia as Border Clashes Kill 2, Thousands Evacuated." *India Today*, 24 July 2025, indiatoday.in.

¹⁸ Trevithick, Joseph. "U.S. Building Container Vaults To Deploy U.S. Nuclear Bombs To Remote Bases." *The War Zone*, 23 July 2025, twz.com.

¹⁹ Timofeev, Ivan. "We're Close to the War Nobody Wants but Everyone's Preparing For." *RT World News*, 24 July 2025, rt.com.

Another one here: **US and Israel urgently need to replenish weapons stockpiles after 12-day war, defense analysts warn**²⁰ [Fox News] “... Replenishing critical THAAD interceptors could take up to eight years at current production rates.”

Turkey Showcases New Hypersonic Weapon Amid Standoff With Israel Over Syria²¹ [ZeroHedge]
Something that’s a part of prophecy is that Türkiye is going to betray, not the nation of Israel below, but Ephraim and Manasseh, as a whole. Incredible! What a position to be in when Türkiye is saying some of the things they are right now about Israel and about threats against Israel. And them being a part of NATO, how does that fit together when it all comes down? You know, you think, whew.

“Turkey Showcases New Hypersonic Weapon Amid Standoff With Israel Over Syria.” Great headline. Great headline.

Another one here: **Exclusive: Thailand rejects international mediation...** You can take this by the week, and this is toward the end of the week. **...rejects international mediation to end fighting with Cambodia**²² [Reuters]

Another one: **Thailand-Cambodia live news: Thailand declares martial law in 8 districts**²³ [Reuters]

Another one: **Thailand Warns Border Crisis With Cambodia "Could Escalate Into War"**²⁴ [ZeroHedge]

So, when you start looking at the world the way it is, there is just war going... people getting ready for war all over the place and starting to do it now in smaller skirmishes. But it’s those that get out of control. Just like the Pakistani/Indian thing that came so close. And because of what’s happening over there, this could come right back and bite them, too.

So anyway, time to be on guard, to be alert. If some are feeling that things can happen this soon, maybe they will happen this soon. That’s why things have been happening so quick for so long here I made comment that even going over to Europe, things can happen any time. I never know. Where are we going to be and what’s going to be the case? Someday, we’re going to be somewhere, and probably is going to be Cincinnati when things begin to happen. What do you do? Rely on God. We live in a crazy world.

²⁰ Phillips, Morgan. “US and Israel Urgently Need to Replenish Weapons Stockpiles after 12-Day War, Defense Analysts Warn.” Fox News, 24 July 2025.

²¹ Durden, Tyler. “Turkey Showcases New Hypersonic Weapon Amid Standoff With Israel Over Syria.” ZeroHedge, 23 July 2025, zerohedge.com.

²² Wongcha-um, Panu. “Exclusive: Thailand Rejects International Mediation to End Fighting with Cambodia.” Reuters, 25 July 2025, msn.com.

²³ Silk, John, et al. “Thailand Declares Martial Law in Eight Districts Near Cambodian Border.” Deutsche Welle, 25 July 2025, dw.com.

²⁴ “Thailand Warns Border Crisis With Cambodia ‘Could Escalate Into War.’” ZeroHedge, 25 July 2025, zerohedge.com.