

Persevere to the End, Pt. 2

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We're going through a new series that we just started last Sabbath. It's covering a subject that always comes up toward this time of year because it's generally toward the end of the Feast that I most often refer to this. And it's the fact that so many who are together, if you looked around a room in different areas, as a whole, when you have that many, especially here in Cincinnati, and then up in Canada, those over in Australia, and then those over in Europe, there is going to be someone missing, and sometimes several people missing, obviously, because they haven't done what this sermon is about.

This sermon is entitled *Persevere to the End*. This is *Part 2*.

And persevere, of course, has to do with the very name we bear spiritually, which is Israel. It's about that mentality, that thinking, a willingness to fight for what God has given to us and placed before us. Because that's what it takes. It takes that determination and that kind of a spirit. We have to ask God for the strength to keep doing that and to do it all the time, and never to let up. When you let up, that's where Laodicea begins to come in, and then that leads to other bad things.

Anyway, we're going to begin today by backing up to verses that we were covering last Sabbath. We're not going to go over them, I'm just going to mention them. But we're going to back up to some verses ahead of that, and that's in Luke 14. We'll be going up to verse 16, but I want to read verse 26 first, that has to do with some of what we're covering here.

Luke 14:26—If anyone comes to Me and does not... It says “**hate.**” That's how it's translated in the King James and many other translations into English. But by context and by definition that it's using here, it's to “love less.” It's making a comparison here. It's not about hating anyone. There are so many things that are so messed up in scripture. I look forward to the time that the Bible can be cleaned up, cleared up, and made right for people to read it.

But again, it says, **If anyone comes to Me and does not love less their father and mother...** So, when someone comes to the Church, comes before God, desires to know this way of life, begins to become interested in it, begins to live it, comes to a point of baptism, if you will, and commitment to God, it says here, **If you do not love less, in essence, their father, their mother, their wife, and husband, and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and their own life also, they cannot be My disciple.**

That's quite a commitment. And yet, that's the commitment we make at baptism. That's what we tell God, in essence, that this is our commitment, this is it, persevere to the end. We have to ask God for the help to be able to do that, but that's the attitude. This is what we want. This is what we've chosen, and we're willing and wanting to fight for it all the way until this is completed in this physical life.

Again here, this says a lot because this is what we've seen year by year by year ever since the Church began as a whole. That's why Paul, I marvel at what he had to say, when he said he marveled that people were so soon removed from the truth that they'd been given about Joshua the Christ, and it doesn't take long. The pulls of the world, the pulls of family, the pulls of whatever it might be, the things that happen in our lives. People have to make additional choices to the one they made that led up to baptism. Because our life is filled with choices, and those choices never end, but it's through those choices that we're able to develop character, that this attitude, this thinking, becomes more permanently ingrained in our being and our minds and becomes a norm for us. That's what it should be, a norm for us to persevere to the end, that we are living Israel, the name, truly.

Now, backing up to **verse 16—Then He (Joshua) said to them, A certain man gave a great supper and invited...** It's the same word as "called." It's about being called, **called many to that supper.**

And so, the analogy here is, the parable, in that respect, is about the calling of God and calling people to this way of life, giving them the opportunity to enter into a marriage relationship, as it were, on a spiritual plane (not a physical one, but a spiritual plane). That's why these analogies then are given like this.

It says here then, "a great supper." I think of some of the crazy thinking of some people. Sometimes we can be so physically oriented and read things into something that's said. This is not about, as some have thought about, they can't wait till that great supper. I've heard people in the Church make those comments in times past, people who've been around a long, long time. Amazing. And talking about "I can't wait till that great supper." It's like, it's not about a supper. It's not about a great dinner. It's not about somehow, somewhere, maybe up in the sky or wherever it might be, and we have this great big banquet.

Can you imagine 144,000 out there? I don't know who's going to do the serving, but maybe the angelic realm, the way people thought about it. This is not exciting in the sense of something on a physical plane. This is not what God has given it about, in that respect, about a big meal and about this great banquet. It's about something that's spiritual. It's difficult for people sometimes to get certain concepts in their mind, certain understanding. Well, candidly, it's because of God's spirit. The more we have of God's spirit, the more we're able to understand things on a spirit plane.

It's about a relationship to God. It's about how we think toward God. It's about that which we've committed ourselves to, and finally, when it becomes a reality and it's done, it's accomplished, it's been fulfilled. That's what this is about.

And so, it gives us physical example, and it says, **And sent his servants at suppertime to say to those who were invited, Come, for all things are now ready.** Interesting. Everything is now ready. And there does come a time, literally, when it is finally, as far as the Church is concerned, and the 144,000 who are

resurrected, those who have lived in the past 6,000 years that are resurrected into God's Family. And so, they've had to become ready in their time. They're ready.

Then finally, the time comes for it to be accomplished, which means it's time for Joshua's coming, for God's Kingdom to be established on earth, for God's government to be established on earth. We understand those things. So, it's talking about that occasion and that time, that we're approaching it. That's the context here. We're approaching it.

And so, people, all people, have had to go through a process of themselves being made ready. It's like Preparing for the Kingdom of God. We have a process we're going through that's unique to us, that we are focusing on and have been blessed to focus upon, and even more so because now we're at that time, in essence, that Joshua's going to return and this is going to be fulfilled. But we all have to be ready when our time comes. We live a short lifespan, in essence. Except for those in the first 1,200, 1,500 years, a little bit different, obviously.

Anyway, so it says, **Come, for all things are now ready. But they all as one began to make excuses.** And so, it's interjecting something here that's very common, that shouldn't be common when people are called, when people are invited. I think what an incredible thing that God Almighty, the Great God of all things, everything is there for a purpose of His Family, of becoming Elohim. All that has been worked for toward that point in time, and then to think that those who are going to be given opportunity for that, that they're given a space of time to understand, to learn, to begin to live, to make choices as to this way of life (and each person has to be responsible for that themselves, and can only be responsible for that themselves), and to think here, invited and called, and yet the norm has been the majority have made excuses why they can't be there.

It's not thought out that way. It's not concluded in the mind that way. It's not believed in the mind that way. For if that was the forefront of one's thinking, "This is what I believe with all my being. I know it..." But you can't keep knowing it and keep holding onto it without God's help. And that's where the problem is, especially within the Church over the past 2,000 years. It's something we have to choose to keep focused upon. It's something we have to keep focused upon in the sense of doing the things that we're told to do. "Seek you first the Kingdom of God."

Is that first in our life? Is that where our thinking is? Is that our focus? Everything that we do, I don't care what it is in life, it's focused upon that goal and that purpose. Now, if that becomes less, begins to break down, well, that's what's happened to the majority who have ever been called.

This is just simply stating something that I don't think we fully grasped to this depth until the last seven or so years, just how great this situation really is, and that this is not owed to anyone. And you have to fight for it, and you have to persevere, and you have to be determined to do so with all of your being. We might love and desire and want everyone to make that choice, but we are incapable of giving this to anyone.

Then hard decisions have to be made in the midst of that when someone close to us, friends, family, whatever it might be, makes a different choice, and we determine to continue to pursue going forward.

We all have to confront it. I think it was early 1980s, I can't remember exactly the year, it might've been '81, '82, somewhere in there, when I got a phone call—I think it was shortly after the Feast we had just attended—and my father was telling me that he wanted to be the first to tell us that they had attended the Feast in Branson, Missouri. It's like, "Branson, Missouri? We have one in the Ozarks. What were you doing down in Branson?" "Well, that's where Garner Ted was." Whew.

This was something rather new in the Church in the sense of a large, a larger group, a very large group, that left the Worldwide Church of God, that left God's Church. And so, that group had started quite a bit earlier, obviously, than that. His father had had to put him out more than once. But the last time, well, that was the last time. They went and started their own organization, and different ones began to be drawn to it for whatever reasons.

And from that point on, it was like there was no relationship. There was no relationship at that point in the family for a long time. That's because of a choice I had made and partly because of the choice they had made. We didn't have anything in common on a spiritual plane anymore. And in that regard, it was painful. It's painful in the mind to think that family members make choices like that. And yet, we're hit with that. Because God has worked in families in Worldwide, and those things take place, and we experience them. Then we go through an agony.

And in time, we begin to learn from that agony and from those experiences that the reality is we can only change us. No matter how much we might love, care for, desire to see someone make other choices, the reality is we each have to make our own choices and our own determination to persevere. That can involve a lot of pain.

I remember the first time I ever shook my father's hand at Sabbath services one time after coming back from Ambassador. I remember the first time I tried to give him a hug at a Feast of Tabernacles toward the end there, where he couldn't do it. He pushed me back. He couldn't hug his own son. Now, I don't know what all he went through in his life to experience some of those things and to feel that way, to not be able to show that kind of emotion or have that kind of a feeling, but something was missing in that regard. But that was painful too. You go through different things.

Every child has a desire, I think, as something that God has given to us, to have a relationship with our parents. People want to know who their parents are. Even if they're adopted, there's still something inside that you want to know. You want to know where you came from. And so, we have those ties that are something that are just kind of in the mind.

And so, we all go through different experiences, but when it comes to God's way of life, it comes to choices, and it comes down to family. What family? Whose family? And the reality is, we don't have the

fullness of family until we're in that Family. That's a truth, powerfully so. Because in that Family is everything that God desires that mankind live – that kind of relationship with God, that kind of relationship with others that we begin to experience in part in the Church.

Then we have difficulties there oftentimes because the majority of people I've ever known are not with us today. The majority of people my wife and I have known over the years in God's Church... Houston, large numbers. For me, going back to looking at Wichita, Kansas, it was right at 600 when I first came into the Church there. Went down there to get away from a college that I'd been in because I knew I had to get away from that environment and those people in order to change. So, I went to another area, and the majority of those are gone. Houston, where are they? What's happened?

We look back, and we've had some difficult times to go through, and those times that have made it difficult are because of relationships. Because the reality is, there's only one Family that's going to be forever. It's the Family that gives true family, true relationships, genuine relationships closer than any physical family could ever be, in God's Family. God offers us that forever. I can't comprehend that fully, but I believe it. I know it.

So, we receive those things, and we make choices then. Is that the fight we want to continue in? Because that determines our perseverance. How much do we desire and want what He offers? Because what we have on this earth is temporary. It's all temporary in comparison. It may be when it's all said and done, at the end of the Last Great Day, that the overwhelming majority of mankind has not chosen God. I personally believe that's true.

The vast majority of mankind does not choose God. Time will tell, or we'll be told those things later on, or not until we experience it. Then we'll know. But because of what we've gone through in the Church and what we've gone through in seeing the history of mankind, and we think, "Well, it's going to be so much better once the Millennium..." And it is. It's going to be so much easier for people to make choices, to have a right environment in which to make choices. But it doesn't mean that everybody's going to choose it. Not inside. And that's going to be kind of tough during that period of time.

Great White Throne, I can understand better, because you look at what people are being resurrected from. In times past, the kind of world they lived in, the kind of lives they had, it's kind of horrifying in one regard, scary in one regard. But only because they're such a large Family, the God Family, that will be on earth at that time and the things that are able to be taught, that there are going to be able to be choices made that people can change, but there are so many who are so set in their ways, the mind of people before they ever die their first death, that they're not going to change. Choices, choices, choices. It'll be their choice.

So again, **And send his servants at suppertime to say to those that were invited, those who were called, Come, for all things are ready.**

Verse 18—But they all, as one, began to make excuses. All as one. Now they're supposed to have been one with God, and that should've been the choice that was made early on. Because the analogy is one of baptism, being in God's Church, and then growing in God's Church. Because that's what this is about. This isn't about something out here that is just about a physical thing in regard to this. It's about a spiritual one, and it's about a relationship with God, and it's about a calling from God Almighty, and it's about how that calling has been chosen, or how it's treated. Christ is telling very early on what it's like.

Isn't that amazing? Very early on, giving warning. That's what this is. It's a powerful warning of what it's going to be like. Choices, perseverance, how we think, what we want. These didn't want it. They wanted something else. That's been the majority of people who have been called into this way of life. Awesome! "Many are called," and it means what it says, "few have been chosen," are being chosen, if you will.

"But they all as one began to make excuses." Something to think about, what that means, and what people have done in times past. What are those excuses? What? What could separate someone from making a choice to persevere, to hold on, to fight for this way of life? What is it that enters the human mind that becomes more valuable, more meaningful, more desirous than God? Than the truth? Than what God has placed before us, of being a part of His Family? Because that's what it comes down to.

But they all, as one, began to make excuses. The first said to him, I bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask that you have me excused. Well, it's a very physical thing, but you know what? People who leave, it's always a very physical thing. It's not spiritual anymore because that's gone. It begins to be erased in the mind. It begins to be lost because other things begin to be more tantalizing, more appealing. That's just the truth. That's just what it is. Or we would be into the thousands right now. We'd be into the hundreds right here in Cincinnati. But we're not. Because if you get to the point you can't hear spiritually, you can't make those choices anymore. That's what's happened in the Church through the Apostasy. Can't hear anymore. That's what happened toward the end of the Apostasy. Can't hear spiritually anymore.

But you think, what a horrible thing we went through. But we've learned from that. That's why it's going to be one of the greatest tools for teaching throughout the Millennium and the Great White Throne. Because you can be in God's Church physically in body, but not spiritually, and that's what happens.

Then another said, I bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm going to prove (to try, to test them out, to examine) **them.** Yeah. Because that was more important. A job, something related to a job, whatever it might be that is tantalizing to a person, a promotion, the possibility of more income, especially if you work on the Sabbath, eventually. Those things have happened in God's Church. Because once gone, those things become even more powerful. They do because you don't have anything to fight with anymore because you're not trying to fight anyway. You just surrender to it. That which you were called out of, you surrender to it.

So, each one of us has to make our own choice. Powerful, isn't it, the responsibility, the opportunity, but the responsibility as to what we do? Because this is not owed to anyone. And for God to lovingly, graciously give to us all that He does, to open up our minds above all others on the earth in the past 6,000 years, if we don't grasp the value and how rich that really is, how awesome that really is, and treasure it accordingly, then something else becomes our treasure. Something else becomes more important.

I ask you to have me excused. (Verse 20) Still another said, I've married a wife and therefore I cannot come. I have other priorities. That's what it is. I have other priorities. I have priorities now in my life that don't include the Sabbath. They don't include going to Sabbath services. They don't include being with others that they have known maybe for years and years and years in Sabbath services.

That's why, candidly, sometimes I have to deal with, in my own thinking, being stabbed in the back. Because “we walked to God's house side by side, and counsel blended sweet,’ and I thought you were my close friend. I thought we had a strong relationship. But we didn't, did we? Because you have exposed that.” That's what it comes down to, and that's a very hurtful thing to have to go through.

But then you come to understand, you have to go through the process of thinking and realize, “That hurts. I wish it weren't so, but it is so. But I'm going forward. This is my Family.” That's what we have to decide. You have to make that choice over and over again throughout your calling.

So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant... In the world, that's a response. Now, too often, people translate that to God, that God is an angry God. No, He's a zealous God and a jealous God for His truth, His way of life, of what He wants to give to us. Because He's zealous about it, He's jealous about it, but not as we think of jealousy. That's why I hate some of those words that are sometimes used. Because we tend to think of human emotions and human thinking, and this is about righteous judgment because of God's right way of life, and because of how His Family is to be in unity and oneness with that. Each one that's invited has to make that choice themselves.

Uncomfortable? Yes. Unpleasant? Yes. Excruciatingly painful sometimes? Absolutely. But then we become focused, “This is of far greater importance, and no matter what, this is my choice.” No matter what anybody else decides. You have to do that to the point if you're the last one standing, what are you going to do? That's what we had to do with the Apostasy. That's what we had to choose at the Apostasy. That's what everybody had to come down to at the Apostasy. Is there going to be anybody else?

Because you have to go by your convictions. You have to go by what you've been living. You have to go by what God has given you in the mind, and what you strive and want to hold onto on a spiritual plane.

So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the

poor, the maimed, the lame, and blind. Now, on a spiritual plane, what does that mean? Well, it means basically the way we all are before we're called. Because we don't have anything spiritual in the mind. We really don't. "The poor," those who don't have a high estimation in themselves, those who are not haughty and proud, those who can be worked with. That's why it talks about, "For you see, your calling, brethren, not many mighty, not many noble," and so forth, "are called," in Corinthians there.

And the servant said, Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room. I think of the timing of some of this. It's now ready. And when you really get to that point, then it takes on a whole new light. There's still room. I think of what happened starting in 2008 and on. People who gave up their crown that late in the game, in that respect, people had been around for some time in PKG, and that which took place in their lives. And so, others had the opportunity then, were given that opportunity to grab hold of the crown. Incredible. God has given that.

I think that's awesome in that regard, because no matter what, when, how, anyone that's able to persevere and come into that Family, welcome with open arms. We are Family, spiritually, in every way.

And so, it says, "There is still room." And I think 144,000. There's an exact amount. What an awesome thing. God's so meticulous in all of His planning that before anything was ever created, this was already determined, this process. Can we comprehend? I mean, try to appreciate something like that, that God is going to give 6,000 years to mankind, knowing what mankind would be like, knowing that many would be called and that few would be chosen, knowing those things about human nature and the human mind when you give that to human beings, when you give free moral agency to every human being and then offer your holy spirit as God did then, and a drawing and a calling, that the physical, that that pull, "lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes" is so great, that if it can't be combated because we want it so much that we pray and seek that help in our lives that we can't become Elohim.

So be it. Because there's a process to become part of Elohim. There's that which we have to go through and grow in in order to become part of God's Family. And only each one of us can make the decision, is it worth the fight and the battle and the sacrifice? Because there's a lot of sacrifice that goes with that. Sacrificing of self, sacrificing of our own wants and desires, and instead choosing God's will, wanting God's will in our life, wanting to do things God's way, not our own.

Then the master said to the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that my house may be filled. I believe that some of those things happened around 2005, 2006, and in through there, candidly, on a spiritual plane.

Awesome what we go through, the process of having our minds opened up, and the patience, the love, the favor of God Almighty. It's an incredible thing that He can change the mind. He can change the mind! He can transform the way we think. I am so thankful for that. I hate self, selfishness, meaning selfishness. I loathe selfishness with all my being. I'm jam-packed full of it. Every one of us is. That's what we have to

see. We have to see our selfishness and see how it emerges, and it becomes more refined as time comes along.

The more refined God's way of life becomes in us, the more we're able to actually see the spirit of it deep inside the mind. Selfish, selfish, selfish. And you can't be anything else but that, except with God's help and the strength you receive through the help of His holy spirit in your life. But that selfishness is always there. Always, always, always. It's a battle. Candidly, it's there every day of your life. Whether we see it or not, it's there.

For I say unto you that none of those who were called (invited) will taste my supper. It's not just a nice platitude or a nice little story or a nice little parable. It has great meaning in it. And so, He's showing here that if we don't persevere, this is what happens. We'll not taste of that. And tasting of that supper is not a one-time meal. It's being filled with that, filled with life, filled with food, water, spiritually on a spiritual plane, forever, because of God dwelling in us forever. Awesome. No longer any "lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" as physical human beings, because we're not physical anymore, and that's automatically gone then. I'm looking forward to that, where that's no longer a part of our human reasoning and thinking, where it's no longer a battle in the mind because we're not that way anymore. We're at one with God. Awesome!

Again, it just comes down to the reality God has to be first, and we should want that. We should desire that. We should be thankful that we can participate in that in those choices in our life, and cry out to God for the help to make sure that's always in front of our focus, our vision, to persevere, that God's first.

Let's turn over to Matthew 6.

This way of life, it's not meant to be easy. It's meant to be a battle. Because it's only in the battle that this mind, through choices, can be transformed. Incredible! I marvel at God's creation. We should marvel at this process of the human mind that can literally be transformed to think differently, to become different than what it is in its determination, in its choices, and so forth.

Matthew 6:19. Then I marvel going back and reading some of these things and it takes so long to grow and to really come to more deeply appreciate some of these things we're going through and reading about and seeing them on a spiritual plane and understanding why He was giving these warnings and these different teachings that He gave that are so incredible, candidly.

Matthew 6:19—Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth. Because that's what human beings want to do, strive to do. That's how the mind thinks. If it can accomplish it, it tries to do that. As we get older, that's a common thinking. And it's a good thing to do in one regard, but if it becomes our focus, if it becomes our primary goal above what God gives to us, then we're missing the mark and don't

understand it's all God's. We can share in it with God, or we can just become selfish in what we're doing, what we're building up, and what we're trying to accomplish in our lives apart from God.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroys and where thieves break through or break in and steal. So, it's on a spiritual plane. Sometimes we don't grasp the power that's out there. Not only from our own wrong choices, but the power that's out there to pull us into making wrong choices, that magnifies certain thinking or whatever that might come into the mind that we have to battle.

Self is where you have to fight it. It's in the mind. By the time it becomes or is lived, it's gone too far and can further hurt and ruin the thinking of the mind. God's desire is to heal the mind. That's the process we're going through. The mind being transformed is a process of healing spiritually. It takes a long time. It takes until it's over with, until you're dead, or until you're changed, if you're one of those few that it will happen to.

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. So, we have to think, what does that mean? Well, it's about what we're growing in. It's about what's growing in our mind. It's about what we desire to take place in the mind. Because you're not taking your body with you. Anything you've built up in this life, you're not taking that with you. This is all going to turn to dust. It's what's in the mind that counts, and what you've done with it. Awesome!

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break through and steal. Coming here, my wife and I had a bit of a conversation about a part of this. We said, you know, this, this is all going to go down the toilet anyway. It doesn't matter. Everything. At some point, what good is the dollar going to be? We're getting close to that already. What good is gold going to be? That's why the example there, "They're going to throw their silver and their gold in the streets," because it's not going to be of any value.

People are just going to want the most important commodity. In many cases, it's going to just be food, clean water. Incredible that mankind has to live through such a time, far, far worse than World War II in order to be humbled on a worldwide scale, in order to have a mentality that wants to see peace on the earth, to where leaders come together and want to be united in that.

Now, they tried. League of Nations, a United Nations, and how did that go? Look at how sick it is, how perverted it is, how disgusting it is, how it's used in such a wrong way because of human nature, because of mankind, and because of those who've gained the greater control, if you will, in the sense of what they're doing and how they're striving to do it because they're more of one mind and hate certain ones in the West, mostly, and those who actually worked to get it situated and started.

"Nor rust destroys, where thieves do not break through nor steal." Because we come to a point where we realize we place everything in God's hands, everything that He's given to us is what's important to us,

what we're building, what's being changed in our minds. That's where our treasure is. It's in this mind that's being changed. It's in the ability to have that take place. It's in the power that exists that God wants to give to us that's our treasure, and that we want more of. That's why we're motivated to pray, to fast, to do the things we need to do, to realize that we need God every day of our lives, to continue in the fight, to remain strong. Because we can lose it. We can become weaker in it. So, it has to be a daily determination. What is it that's of the greatest value to us, above everything and everyone else?

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. It's just, isn't that amazing? On a spiritual plane, that's the way it works. If this is our treasure, that's where our heart will be. If we recognize the value of God's people and fellowship, that's where our heart will be. It'll be involved in that. Because this is our arena for learning. It really is. This is a powerful tool that God has given us. Church, the ability to come together, the ability to share together, the ability to get to know each other better, the ability to share things of life together. Because we know we're all of the same mind. At least we pray we are.

But I'll tell you right now, we're not. Because I know that this year, some are going to leave or be put out. I know it's going to happen because the treasure isn't what it should be. It isn't valued to the degree it should be. The desire to pursue above everything else isn't there. No one else can make that choice for us. We have to make it ourselves, and we have to be engaged in the battle for it. We have to do the fighting. That fight is a matter of relying on, looking to God for the strength to fight that that we're incapable of.

We have to do everything we can as though we're doing it ourselves, like Herbert Armstrong used to talk about, but understanding the help and the power of it all to motivate that, to keep that consistent comes from God Almighty. It truly does. If we know those things, we hold onto those things because that's where our treasure is, because that's what we value. Awesome. We have nothing to worry about. From the day God called us, we have nothing to worry about.

When I think of some of that, I can't help but think of a family I knew in Kansas. Because I talked in a certain vein when I was around them, they asked me one time, they said, "How do you know you're going to be in God's Kingdom?" Well, how does anyone know? I didn't say it that way, but I was a little stumped by that and thought, "Well, why don't you? Isn't that what you wanted? Isn't that what you desired at baptism? Don't you believe what God says that He's placed before us, that we have opportunity for? Don't we believe about His Kingdom that's coming, that we're living toward the end-time now, and we're getting closer and closer to it? We're at the end of 6,000 years. Yes, that's my desire. That's what my thinking is."

And then several months later, I remember one time going out through their garage area and seeing in the middle of the garage a box, cardboard. It was probably two and a half foot high by about two foot around. I looked down in it, and it's filled with crosses and statues from their church of their Catholic days. This is after some time of them having been in the Church. Thought, "So, who's keeping these? The

husband or the wife? Or both? Why would you do that? After all you know, after all you understand, why is this in the middle of your garage? Leave it to me. I'll take care of it quickly. There's a gallon of gas over there. I would love to take it out there and see it burn." I didn't say that. But then it gave me some understanding and no shock at all when they were no longer a part with us (or some of their relatives), most of them. Incredible. What's in the mind?

Sometimes you think you know someone because we walked to God's house side by side. I didn't know that counsel blended sweet all that well sometimes because I'd look back, and later on, too, remember going back and forth from Sabbath services between that particular area and Salina, Kansas, where services were held at that time. And it's close to, if I remember correctly, close to a two-hour drive. And on the way home, they had what I would call, oftentimes, "roast minister." They would chew apart things that were said in the sermon. Boggled my mind! How can you say something negative? Anyway.

So, these things have always been with us. Sometimes people not fully committed, perhaps started out that way. But at some point, if you reserve something in the back of your mind that you might go back to and need those things, and you might want to put them back up in your house again sometime, you're not going to make it. The very fact that you kept them and disobeyed God, you're not going to go very far. And they didn't.

But we do that as human beings if we're not careful. If we're not sincere before God? That's what I marvel at. God knows everything we do. He knows everything we say. And far beyond that, He knows everything we think. God has that power. No one else does. Joshua, it's been given to Him. He knows what is in the mind, knows what our battles are by the way we think, knows what it is we have to conquer and overcome, will help us and lead us in things that help us to address the various things that are in our lives, so that we can change. Because that's what their desire is for us, they want us to be able to change. But eventually choice comes back to here. What are we going to do once certain things are exposed to us?

That's why we go through a lot of different trials in life. Because sometimes, so often God uses those as opportunities to bring things to the surface that we otherwise wouldn't be able to see, so we can deal with it, so we can get rid of the dross, the things that aren't good. Because we are so deceptive as human beings, especially when it comes to ourselves, of really being able to see ourselves for the way we are, it takes sometimes some difficult things in order for that to come up, so we can deal with it. Then it's a beautiful thing when we do. That's what God's desire is to see the impurities come to the surface so that we can then address it. Because if it doesn't come to the surface, we can't address it.

Sometimes if we're not careful, we can be negative about difficult things in life, but they can be good things we can go through. No matter what hardship you go through in life, you can grow, and they can be opportunities for further growth. They really are, if we understand what God is doing and how He's doing it. Awesome.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The lamp of the body is the eye. It's a matter of what we see, what we value, and how we think. What is it? What are we attracted to?

If, therefore, your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. Beautiful, when we understand the spirit of it, when we grasp and comprehend what God's telling us, what Joshua gave to us to be recorded for us, and showing us choices, how we think. What is it we want? What is it we want to hold onto? And do we grasp we can't hold onto that without God, without God's spirit, and that we have to desire and cry out for it day by day in order to change and grow because we can't do it on our own?

Verse 23—But if the eye is bad, your whole body is full of darkness. What a horrible state to come to, that this could happen. This is not talking about the world. He's talking to the Church. His guidance and direction, His teachings, they were all geared to helping us understand spiritual things that the world has not been given the ability nor capacity to address in their lives yet. But for those who are called, we have that ability, capacity, if we use it properly, if we're crying out for it. And so, that's what this is about.

This happens in the Church then. The eye, the thinking, what a horrifying thing that it can come to the point of being in absolute darkness on a spiritual plane. That's when other things are of greater value. Choices, choices, choices, and those are painful to watch sometimes.

I think of all the people, all the friends, all the meals we had together with people going back since 1969. I see hundreds and hundreds, and I believe a few thousand people that are no longer there anymore, that are no longer a part of those memories, truly. Then I think of people who've come into PKG, that sometimes I've flat forgotten their names. I can sometimes see a face, sometimes I can't. Those who were around a little longer, I can see the faces and sometimes forget their names because they're out of mind. They're no longer a part. Given an opportunity. And so many of those at the beginning who were a part of Worldwide who were given an opportunity to be awakened out of a spiritual sleep.

I think of the scripture, because I feel that way, "Like a firebrand plucked out of the fire." Given opportunity to be revived (Incredible!), to be awakened completely out of sleep, out of sluggishness. What an awesome blessing. And yet, there are people who've even experienced that, not just the first calling, but the second time. To me, it's even greater. To be awakened out of a spiritual sleep, to see truths and things that hadn't been known, hadn't been seen, to understand that we lived through the Apostasy. How could anyone deny in all the scattered Body that we had an Apostasy? It boggles the mind, even on a physical plane, let alone a spiritual one.

But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. And so, it has to do with what do we see, what do we value? Because it comes in through the mind. We think, "lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." What is it we want out of life? What is it we desire?

If, therefore, the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness? So, at some point, it can begin. All who leave, at some point, it begins, whatever that is.

No one can serve two masters. You can't have both. And so, if the process begins somehow within anyone within the Church, God will bring us to the point, it will be absolutely certain, what is our choice? That out there? What is it we want? Do we value that more than what is here? Because that's what it comes down to. God will put us through a test, whatever it takes, for that to be brought to the surface and choices to be made.

God wants us to make the right choices. That's why I often think about the kind of love that God has, that is so much greater than ours. If we think we've loved anyone, in a physical way, on this earth in any fashion or form, and try to compare that in any fashion or form to God's love for us or for all people, we're sadly mistaken. His is far, far, far greater. His greatest desire is that we would choose Him, because that's the only way to be a part of His Family. That's why He created mankind – so we could have Elohim.

If therefore, the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness? No one can serve two masters. For either he will, it says “**hate**” **the one and love the other.** It's that word about love less again. So, you can't love two equally here. You can't be in the Church and in the world, one step on each side. Many people have tried it. It doesn't work. God will bring an end to it. He'll force the time we have to decide.

At the Apostasy, people were forced into that situation. Just like I've mentioned so many times, those two elders I invited in up there, Toledo area, and I told them, "This is your time. You don't have time. This is it. This is what's going to happen. This is how it's going to happen. And the Church is going to look to you, to what you do and your choices that you make." They chose the other way. I didn't know that at the time.

And then, because I talked to them in firm terms, they started telling others in the Church that I was so hard on them. Why? Well, because I told them the way it was, what was true, what was right, and they couldn't take it. No shock, they went a different direction. So, it's what do we love most? They didn't know perhaps themselves until that day what they were going to choose. Sometimes it happens that way. You don't know sometimes until a specific moment in time. It's when God makes it obvious, reveals it, shows it.

So again here, **For either we will love less the one and love the other** – one's going to be first, in other words. It's just the way it is. **...or else he will hold to the one** – hold onto, support, hold fast, all these words, persevere with, **and despise.** Literally meaning “to think little of or nothing of, look down on,” because one is esteemed more. That's what a person's going to gravitate to. **...and despise the other.**
You cannot serve God and mammon.

So, it comes from the meaning of whatever is trusted in. For human beings, so often, obviously, because we're physical, it does come down to physical things so often. It can be physical wealth. It can be physical desire of something as far as pride and importance is concerned because of the mind of haughtiness and

pride. It can be of those kinds of things, or that which is as the word means here, whatever is trusted in, in essence. Whatever is trusted in. So, that's what mammon is.

What do we trust in? Wealth? Importance? Somebody? I've known so many people who have left the Church of God because of somebody, not someone – not because of God Almighty, but because of some other physical human being. What a choice. Shows what people can do when drawn by lust. Because that's what it boils down to. So often, that's what it is. Not about a really important, meaningful, lasting relationship that's going to transpire. Because you know what? It never does. Because when you go opposite of God's way of life with what you have known, and you go against that, and go and start living something else, your life begins to be a “living you know what.” Horrible.

And yet over and over again, people have had to go through those things. Not blessed. Not blessed in things that you've had opportunity to be blessed in in your life because of the truth. Now it's going to be the exact opposite. You're going to suffer. You're going to suffer. You're going to be unhappy, unhappier, because God allows a spirit world then to become involved. Incredible. So, that's why when it talks about fearing God, that's what we should fear, ever departing from God, ever leaving God, ever choosing something else besides God.

And so, I think here, where's it going to come from over the next year? You know, we may only have one more year. Things are closing in so fast. This world is on the brink of financial disaster far greater than what it was in 2008. Things are out there simmering and being held together with lies and manipulation right now. And because people choose to think a certain way, “It can't happen, it won't happen, we'll just keep doing this...” Eventually it just blows up. But it's going to blow up in God's time this time.

And if we can comprehend how vast this really is, and what's taking place even with BRICS and so forth. Hope we all know what BRICS are. Not something you build a house with. In this case, it's what you destroy it with. But anyway, you think about what's taking place in the world, and this is what's leading to a world war.

Because if you can't settle things with a reset... because that's how human beings think, “We need a reset.” When government officials, when governments begin to think that way and are willing to go to war because of it, they are going to try to fight for having their place in that reset, that they're going to come out on top. Not too bright in a world with nuclear weapons today. That's why God has to intervene and stop it. But I marvel at being able to see it today in ways that we can. It's coming so fast.

Got to wonder. Wondered about this for a long time. But it's getting narrower and narrower because of what's happening in the world. Incredible what we're watching, what we're seeing take place.

God calls us, and He desires we succeed. He gives us all the tools that we need to accomplish it, to succeed. All the tools, all the means, everything on a golden platter, candidly, there for our taking, there for our receiving into our life, in essence. All about His Family. Awesome.

I think of how it simply becomes a choice of whether we're convicted to persevere. Sounds simple, but it's not simple, because it's a choice in us that no one can give to you. It's up to you. Is it there no matter what happens? As Christ even said, as we read in Luke, "Even your own life also?"

I think of the young man who was just shot. You look at news around the world, look at different places of the world, you know what's in the news over there? Europe, Asia, different places? It's about him. It's about what happened here in the United States. A Thunder heard around the world. Powerful. One person, you think, had that kind of impact? Yeah. Shows where we are, shows what the world is like. Certain nations can make fun of it and mock at it, that this is happening, which they've been doing. Others, hopefully, in some respect, learning a little bit from it, but not much, because that's the way we are as human beings. Sick, sick world we live in. Truly is.

We're getting so close, and yet even as it gets closer like this, I think of World War II and things you can go back and read and see in museums. I think of going through the Holocaust Museum and seeing all the newspapers on all the things they knew, that they didn't act upon because they wanted to keep it away from them. Why this nation didn't get involved for so long because of that very kind of thinking, "It's over there." Until it finally got closer, you know, things that took place; otherwise, they would have stayed out longer. And it's kind of the same sort of thinking now, except this time, ought to be a little sharper, a little smarter.

Exodus 34. So, it's good to see what God tells us about our choices once He calls us. How important that is. It's life or death. That's how important it is.

Exodus 34:12—Take heed to yourself unless you, or as it is here, or else you'll be led to make a covenant with the inhabitants. Now, we think of covenant sometimes, we think about this writing and agreement, and you're writing this down. No, this is on a spiritual plane. It's about the thinking of the mind and compromise that's made. And this is what He's warning them about, about other nations around them, that you end up making a covenant with them, in essence, rather than Him, rather than God Almighty, and you start doing something different than what you've been told you should do and you begin to let down and you begin to compromise because, in essence, you're making a covenant with them to be with them, to be like them, to be a part of them. That's what God warned about as far as other nations were concerned.

Take heed to yourself, unless you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you're going, unless it becomes a snare in your midst. So, everyone who leaves, it's like they set up their own trap. It's like a giant mousetrap. And now they're trying to push that thing over and then latching it and then putting something down there that says, "Dumb enough to touch that?" Then you go down there to see if it really works, and it slaps you. I'm sorry. It's pretty bad. But that's how stupid we are as human beings sometimes. It's just as dumb as doing something like that.

"Unless they become a snare in your midst." It's God's warning. Be careful, because anything you do in moving away from this, that's the way it is in the Church; anything that's done out there, it's just a trap, and it becomes so much greater than you. It'll have so much more power over you, so much more control over you. Why? Because you've made a covenant with it, you've compromised with it. God's covenant is no longer in the forefront.

But you shall destroy their altars, break their pillars, and cut down their wooden images. All having to do with false religion. I marvel sometimes, reading some of the things in the Old Testament, to see how long, how many hundreds of years in some cases, they kept certain things. Like we read recently about the crazy little pole. And that wasn't even from a different religious belief or anything; it was what happened in the wilderness, and the snake wrapped around it. You think, had to come to a point where it had to be destroyed, that's what was felt, so the people would quit looking up to such symbols as a matter of healing, that God never gave it for that purpose anyway.

So anyway, the crazy things we do as human beings sometimes, the reasoning that goes into our thinking, and how something can be held onto is mind-boggling. And yet God lets us see those things if we want to see them, what's out there on a spiritual plane, and how ugly it really is. Is that what we really want? I mean, we're so close, and you think, "Is that the choice?"

...and cut down their wooden images. For you shall not worship some other god. For the Eternal, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God. So again here, not in the sense of human beings, of being jealous of someone else. God is not jealous of anyone in that definition. But jealous for His purpose and His plan. Zealous is a better term that fits better into there. But with jealousy, if we understand the thinking of the mind of that which we hold onto and keep in here with all of our being and desire that others receive that into their lives because that's what it's about. God wants us to have that, His way, His truth, that which gives peace, that which gives a sound mind, that which gives happiness in life, and joy and fullness and riches that are meaningful.

So, zealous of His plan and purpose that requires an exclusive relationship with Him. That's what it's about. It requires an exclusive relationship with God, as far as Him being placed first in our life. And if it's less than that, well, again, He's jealous for that because it can't be any other way. He desires that people embrace that (but that's their choice) because it's the only means we can change. Incredible to think how this mind can become transformed. If we understand that, what God's doing and offering us? Incredible. Then finally born into His Family. That's why I marvel if we just objectively look at something sometimes. But it requires more. It requires insight of God's spirit in our lives, that we have this vision of what God's really offering us, and a belief in that to grasp what God is placing before us, what He's offering us.

I can't remember if it was a sermon I was listening to last night or not that Jeremy gave (I have to be careful I don't go into that) for the Feast. Anyway, I think of the Milky Way Galaxy and how huge it is,

how vast it is. The God Family and what we're going to be able to begin doing with it, I mean, we could literally be as far as counting of man's time, millions and millions of years just working with it. One teeny, little galaxy. Huh. Teeny.

I think its radius is what, 100,000 light-years across? I think it is. It's either the diameter or the radius. I don't remember. I don't know that they really know for sure anyway. But anyway, to think it takes light that long to get from one side to the other and if we stop and do something with a part of it, like a solar system, and we're doing something with a solar system, and there are tons and tons and tons of them out there just in that Milky Way alone, how long are we going to be doing all that as a part? And the excitement, the joy, the fullness of life, of sharing.

We don't even comprehend those things. We can't yet. But it starts with belief. Believing God, trusting in God, knowing all that's been put out there. I can't help it. I absolutely am blown over up here to think about how long, how much is out there. How long God spent to get to this point now? We can't even begin to comprehend the kind of fullness, excitement of life that God Almighty has for the first great harvest, the spring harvest. 144,000. All that sacrifice to prepare it for this first phase. Almost there. And then the next 1,100 years is going to go by so fast. Incredible.

And if we don't see those things and don't want those things and the kind of relationships we'll have, truer than any human relationship we could ever have? All goes back to what we believe, what we want, where our treasure is, truly. Is it worth the fight? Is it worth the battle? Is it worth the sacrifice? Is it worth the persevering? Because for some it's not. Some are already messing around out there. It's like feces in a toilet. They're just flushing it down, flushing it away. That's how it is treated. At least I used the word feces.

You know what, I'm going to stop there. Next week.

I want to spend just a little bit of time going through just a little bit of news. I've had news prepared for the last four weeks, I think, and haven't gotten to it yet. So, I'm not going to go through all those things that we've gone through already, but so much going on out there. There really is. Things we need to look up every once in a while. You can look on your computer and look up world news, whatever, every once in a while, and see what's out there. Not just from the United States, not just from CNN or Fox or whatever, but, you know, France 24 or the Deutsche one. Dutch. German, should say, and some of the different sites that are out there, and see how people are thinking.

Because, again, just because it comes from different sources doesn't mean that there's not something there to see, to learn from, how they see it. Because how people perceive the world is just like news that might come out of Russia. It's how they're focusing. It's how they're thinking. It's what they're trying to get others to see and think about, to consider. And you see where their minds are. You see where their minds are and what's taking place in the world. And it's very sobering. Truly is. It helps to stir up an understanding, a depth here, we're getting so close. Truly are.

WW3? French Hospitals Told To Prepare For A “Major Military Engagement” Within Six Months.¹

“French hospitals have been advised to prepare for a large-scale war by next year in a government letter that was leaked to the media.”

If governments are starting to feel that way, if Europe is feeling more and more that way? I'll tell you what. Somebody has to be pretty blind and foolish if you're watching any kind of European news whatsoever and not understanding they believe with all their being they're headed into a world war. This is where their thinking is. It isn't far behind. They've been through it before. Century after century after century, it's the way it's been. That's their thinking, and that's where they believe they are now. That's why they're dealing with certain things in the manner that they are. Strong, but with clay. But something's going to spark them one day to come to agreement.

So again, French hospitals have been told this. “There are reports that the French Ministry of Health has informed hospitals to prepare for a major engagement by March of 2026.” Think, why are they pushing that as hard as they are? Are there things that they know and see and believe? I hope you understand the answer to that is yes.

People are preparing for war. That's what nations are getting ready for. They know it's just a matter of time. They know it's coming. They know what's going to happen. They know they can't keep their eyes closed. And what Russia is doing right now, and Ukraine is happening, that's what's pressuring this over there, pressing them more and more into a corner. What are they going to do? How are they going to handle it? We know how they're going to handle it. That's not totally manifest, but we can see how it could happen quickly in that regard.

“Meanwhile, Germany’s military chief says NATO will be on alert as Russia prepares for Zapad 2025, a massive joint drill with Belarus, which has been described as a dress rehearsal for a real invasion. NATO chief Mark Rutte has warned that the world is ‘on the brink of WW3.’”

Isn't that amazing? NATO Chief Mark Rutte says that they're on the brink of World War III. He's not just anybody. He was in that meeting at the White House, expressed certain things, and so forth. But yet, this is what's in their mind. “...claiming a dual assault from China on Taiwan and Russia on NATO territory could spark a global conflict.”

Here's one that says, **China's gold buying spree drives dollar to the biggest decline in 50 years.**² “Last week, China showcased its military might by a growing alliance with US adversaries, including Russia, North Korea, and at least for now, India.”

¹ Durden, Tyler. "WW3: French Hospitals Told To Prepare For Major Military Engagement Within Six Months." Zerohedge.com, 7 Sep. 2025, www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/ww3-french-hospitals-told-prepare-major-military-engagement-within-six-months

² Peek, Liz. "China's Currency Coup: How Beijing Is Targeting America's Wallet And Future." Fox News, 9 Sep. 2025, <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/chinas-currency-coup-how-beijing-targeting-americas-wallet-future>.

I'll tell you what. I was a little surprised and taken aback by that one, by India. But it's because of what's happened with this tariff thing and how they're being treated. I can understand why they would do it. But it's not a real strong thing, but they're in a precarious spot. What are they going to do? Well, they've chosen to go this route for now.

"But that show of force is not the only threat..." You think, we're talking about nuclear powers. India has a lot of nuclear power. How are they going to use it? Sadly, by the time it gets to the Sixth Trumpet, they'll use most all of it.

"But that show of force is not the only threat posed by today's Axis of Evil. Equally alarming is the insidious attack by China and its allies on the US dollar, ringing alarms across global financial markets. China and other central banks have been stockpiling gold, diversifying their reserves away from US government bonds..." Do you know what that means? It means they're not feeding our piggy bank anymore. That's what it means. It means they're not holding it up for us anymore. They don't have their trust anymore. They want to get away from them. They're tired of being told what to do and how to do it. Can't blame them a whole lot, human nature as it is.

"...driving gold prices higher and treasury yields up, their allies have followed suit." This isn't just happening this year. This has been happening for quite a while. They've gradually been doing this for quite some time, and so is Russia. So, what do they foresee? What are they doing?

"Morgan Stanley reports, 'The value of the U.S. dollar against other currencies dropped about 11% in the first half of this year, the biggest decline in more than 50 years, ending a 15-year bull cycle.' The investment bank, writing last month, also noted that, 'The U.S. dollar ended the first half of 2025 with its biggest loss since 1973,' and predicts more deterioration over the next 12 months."

Another article here: **\$1.3T CRE MELTDOWN Sparks Bank Crisis the Fed Can't Contain.**³ "What happens when \$1.3 trillion in commercial real estate debt needs refinancing... but the buyers are gone, the buildings are empty, and the interest rates have tripled?" Large cities, that's what's been taking place ever since COVID. Why? They moved out, and some of them haven't moved back, and the cost.

"You get what we're seeing now: the quiet collapse of America's regional banks. Delinquency rates on office loans just hit 11.7%, the highest ever recorded... worse than 2008. And the 'liquidity buffer' banks once relied on? Gone. The Fed's reverse repo facility, which held \$2.5 trillion just last year, is now at zero. That's not a market blip. That's a fire alarm." You know, very similar to 2008, except this is being held off. And you think this one isn't going to trigger until it all triggers and all starts. God is in control of the timing of everything that's taking place, sustaining, helping certain things until it's time. Awesome. Hope you see God's hand in it.

³ ITM Trading. "\$13 Trillion CRE Meltdown Sparks Bank Crisis The Fed Cant Contain." Zerohedge, 9 Sep. 2025, <https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2025-09-09/13t-cre-meltdown-sparks-bank-crisis-fed-cant-contain>

“Meanwhile, the Treasury is flooding the system with short-term debt to chase disinterested buyers, crowding out liquidity and starving banks of the oxygen they need to stay solvent. Here’s what they’re not telling you: Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are now holding over half of multifamily CRE debt, meaning the government is sitting on a ticking time bomb. When this goes off, it won’t be a clean bailout. It’ll be depositors like you footing the bill via legalized bail-ins. The tools are already in place. The precedent has been set. And no, it won’t make headlines until it’s too late.”

Interesting perception. But so much of this is true in how things are perceived today, and like pushing it away, and it won't happen.

Another article: **Europe Is A Powder Keg.**⁴ “Americans who don’t spend time in Europe might not fully appreciate what a powder keg the Old World has become. However bad social relations in the United States now are, they are at least an order of magnitude worse on the other side of the Atlantic. European self-hatred is dissolving traditional cultural bonds. Mass immigration is compounding age-old rivalries.”

“Europe is one spark away from exploding. Europe is a perennial battlefield. Many of our ancestors, after all, left the old country to escape religious, economic, and cultural conflicts that had endured for centuries. Those historic grievances — always simmering in times of peace before boiling over into outright violence — are passed from one generation to the next.” That's pretty good perception, the way the world has been over there.

“Modern European nations are the product of two thousand years of shifting borders and alliances, and native Europeans trace their family lineages back to regional tribes whose ancient territories do not fit neatly within the politically drawn maps of today. ... In the eighty years since the project for European integration began in earnest, those latent contradictions have transformed Europe into a tinderbox with even greater potential energy for self-destruction than existed before WWI and WWII.”

Stuff like this is constantly in the news, week after week after week. And people are blind to it, people are ignorant to it, people aren't alarmed by it. It's the way it was before World War II. You think people were any different back then in World War I here in this country? And today it's worse, because when news is out there, people pick and choose what they listen to. And a lot of times, they just choose not to listen to it because "Why think about that?" "Eh, that's over there."

Another article: **Poland says Russian drone incursions could not have been a mistake, contradicting Trump.**⁵ So, Europe is upset because Trump looks at it a different way, and their concern is that we won't back them up when needed. That's their biggest concern: what are we really going to do when everything takes place? It's going to be a lot of the reason for why they do what they do.

⁴ Durden, Tyler. "Europe A Powder Keg." Zerohedge, 11 Sep. 2025, <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/europe-powder-keg>.

⁵ Poland Says Russian Drone Attack Was 'No Mistake' After Trump Comments." The Star, 12 Sep. 2025, <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/world/2025/09/12/poland-says-russian-drone-attack-was-039no-mistake039-after-trump-comments>

Another article: **Trump Downplays Drone Incursion Into Poland As Likely 'Mistake', Angering NATO Allies.**⁶

Another one here: **Turkey In Netanyahu's Crosshairs For Harboring Hamas, After Qatar Strike.**⁷

How many saw that? I mean, that was quite an awakening to think that they would actually go to Qatar and explode something, likely from a jet, obviously, or a drone of some sort, don't know, to kill some Hamas leaders there. Because why? Because they're harboring Hamas leaders. They go there and live high on the hog, so to speak, in safety and security while others are suffering in Gaza, in those areas in through there. And yet they're up there and having it nice, and the people don't really care in one respect. You think, "What a sick, sick, sick world."

So, now Israel's going in there and just leveling everything. I don't know if you've seen some of the pictures of some of the stuff being leveled. They are leveling huge complexes. They mean what they say and they're doing it. It doesn't gain much kindness from the rest of the world.

It says, Turkey's in the crosshairs. What's going to happen if they do something up there? I'll tell you what, there's going to be a spark right there. And no matter what happens, always remember what it says about Turkey. They're going to do something toward one tribe or some of the tribes of Israel at the end here. Kind of already doing it, but anyway. And here they are, part of NATO. You think?

So, the article says here, "Turkey has long expressed support to Hamas leadership. Though Netanyahu did not directly name Turkey, observers interpreted his remarks as a veiled threat to Ankara, which has long hosted senior Hamas officials. 'The Shin Bet security service announced last week that it thwarted a Turkey-based Hamas cell's plot to assassinate National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir. Ankara quickly denied involvement,' the newspaper said. 'But the revelation raised an explosive question: Could Turkey have a hand in helping Hamas assassinate an Israeli minister?'" So, if they think that, Israel's not going to put up with that kind of thing.

"Any Israeli operation on Turkish soil akin to the Qatari one would be viewed by Ankara as an act of war. Turkey has vigorously denounced Israel for its Doha strike, after long condemning Israel for its actions in Gaza."

See, the point of this is, these things are happening all over the globe. Different nations that are fighting each other, different things that are going on, and just kind of simmering for a while. And the world is divided up and just ready. Like that one article said, "Like a tinderbox," the whole world is, not just Europe.

⁶ Durden, Tyler. "Trump Downplays Drone Incursion In Poland As 'Likely Mistake,' Angering NATO Allies." Zerohedge, 12 Sep. 2025, <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/trump-downplays-drone-incursion-poland-likely-mistake-angering-nato-allies>.

⁷ Durden, Tyler. "Turkey In Netanyahu's Crosshairs For Harboring Hamas After Qatar Strike." Zerohedge, 12 Sep. 2025, <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/turkey-netanyahus-crosshairs-harboring-hamas-after-qatar-strike>.

Again here, another article: **Israel says it targets Hamas leadership in Qatar's capital as blast heard in Doha.**⁸ So again, this rivalry now, this thinking with Turkey. They don't mess around, not now anyway.

Another article, one more here: **New Nato mission bolsters eastern flank after Russia drone incursion.**⁹ So, this has turned into something pretty big because all these drones, I think it was well over a dozen, I think it was around 19 or 18, went into Poland. And so, you can't say it's just one that kind of wandered off course when you have that many coming in there.

"More Nato countries will move troops and fighter jets eastwards after more than a dozen drones entered Polish airspace on Wednesday. Denmark, France, and Germany have joined a new mission to bolster the military alliance's eastern flank. Other Nato allies are expected to take part later." What was it I saw? Someone else sent some jets up there just, I think it was today, and going over the skies and so forth to protect Poland. So, you think it just takes one spark. When is it going to be? Well, we'll find out later on. But something could easily start within a year's time.

"Tensions have been high across Europe since Poland accused Russia of an unprecedented incursion. Some of the 19 drones that entered Polish territory were shot down, while others crashed into fields and even a house in eastern Poland." The point is, they went across, and they know where they came from. At least they think they know where they came from. Mystery? Sometimes people do things to stir up things in the world, even on other sides, if you get my drift.

"Warsaw said the incursion was deliberate, but Moscow downplayed the incident, saying it had 'no plans to target' facilities in Poland." Well, you can believe that. You can take that to the bank.

Sometimes you just have to laugh at some of the stupid things that go on out there. But again, just a few articles here that I picked out to read today, but showing again this world is in an absolute nightmarish mess, and it should stir up each and every one of us to realize we don't know the timing exactly. God has not given that to us at this point. Thought we had it at one time, and we didn't. We had to learn from that.

But now we're at a point where we see what's happening in the world, and we should be stirred up. Do you want this? Because I am tired of seeing people leave God's Church. But you know what? I also know it's going to happen until the end, and it's going to happen throughout the Millennium, and it's going to happen throughout the Great White Throne. What a horrible thing the human mind can be, truly.

⁸ Federman, Josef, and Jon Gambrell. "Israeli strike targets Hamas leaders in Qatar." AP News, Associated Press, 9 Sep. 2025, <https://apnews.com/article/qatar-explosion-doha-e319dd51b170161372442831a8023db5>.

⁹ Lau, Stuart. "China's Xi Jinping meets Vladimir Putin in Moscow." BBC News, BBC, 12 Sep. 2025, <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0q719qg1wko>.