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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning into the message this morning. I am always honored and humbled that you think these messages are important enough to take an hour out of your busy schedule and listen to what I believe God has given me to tell others.

I don't play church. And in case I haven't made myself clear enough - I hate "church". "Church" - since its inception has been the enemy of Christ. It is the enemy of the Kingdom of God. It has transformed its demonic heart and face into an angel of light - and has been the biggest obstacle to the establishment of the Kingdom of God - and - listen now - it is the biggest obstacle to the Will of God being done on earth as it is in heaven. Church is the religious arm of the state. Virtually everything in the Bible that is supposed to be attributed to God and to His Son - Jesus, Yeshua the Christ - the "church" has redirected all that - whether it be the Laws, the Statutes, the Judgements - whether it be protector and provider - the "church" has transferred all that belongs to Yahweh and to His Son - to the state.

And, as we see today - for the greatest majority of people in the world today - nearly 100% of the people alive - believe essentially - that government - man's government - is God. That's where we are today - and the "church" is the reason why.

Now, just because I have such a hatred for the enemies of Christ and what they do - that by no means - means that God's people are not to gather around the Word for Bible study - even preaching - for singing - for fellowship. In addition to Ecclesia - that is what we should do and we should do so on a regular basis.

Our Conferences are not Ecclesia and we are just fooling ourselves if we think that. If we will not obey and join ourselves in Ecclesia - we should still do whatever we can - whenever we can - to join ourselves together with people who believe the same way we do. The Conferences are great - not Ecclesia - but definitely better than nothing. So, please, I just can't stress to you enough - how important it is for those of you who listen to me preach every week - and these messages have reached you - please make plans to attend the fall Conference. It's what the world calls Oct 28 through the 31st. We meet just outside of Springfield Missouri at the Maranatha Bible Camp and Retreat Center. The facilities are top-notch - excellent. It's a great time of fellowship and getting to know one another better - and I just can't encourage you enough to attend.

Lord willing. Lord willing. Alright - going to get right into today's message - which will be continuing from last week. Right away. Let me ask you. Do we need to pray about coming to the Conference? We should - because we should pray about everything - because that's what we were told to do. But I ask you, is the Lord willing for His people to assemble themselves?

Is there any question as to whether it is the Lord's Will for His people to come together?

I realize that what I tried to present last week was very difficult for some to swallow - and again - I believe one of the reasons it is so difficult is because this is a matter that maybe we have never re-examined in light of "church" doctrine.

I believe we are really missing something - and a major piece to the puzzle if you will - by not thoroughly going through the whole concept of the Lord's Will and how we fit into it.

I pray about the Conference. But I do not need to pray about whether I should go. The Lord has commanded me to assemble myself with other believers - I do not need to pray about this. This is the Lord's Will.

This is like telling your children to do something - then having them turn right around and ask you for permission to do what you already told them to do. I already told you what my will is. I told you what I wanted you to do. You don't need to turn right back around and ask me for permission to do what I just told you to do.

My will gets done - when my children obey what I told them to do. If I ask my children to do my will - and they don't do it - my will is not being done. This is the exact same way it is with our Heavenly Father.

He told us what to do. It is written in the pages of the book He so graciously provided for us. You do realize that prior to the 1400s - if you can trust history - the English speaking people did not have Bibles. We have such a great advantage - or so it seems - over what those who have gone on before us had. Yet - the reality is - we have probably done far less of what we were supposed to do - with way more. That's a sad commentary.

But again, we can point some fingers, yeah. We can. But ultimately, it's like they say -

when you point 1 finger going one way - there's several more coming back at you.

We can blame the “church” and the “churchmen.” Absolutely. But ultimately, who are the dummies who believed them?

I have often thought to myself - if our eternity depends on our system of belief - who in their right mind would completely trust just another flesh and blood man to determine what we believe and what we don't believe.

I enjoy nothing more than for one of you to write to me and ask me for more proof of what I'm saying - or what I'm trying to say. I enjoy nothing more than when I hear from you with Bible passages that you found while you were obviously searching for yourself to find out whether or not what I am saying is true or not. I don't want you to believe or even trust me - I want you to believe and trust the truth - because you found it yourself.

Of course, of course, I want you to believe what I am saying - because I believe what I am saying is the truth from the Word of God. But I want you to have the same belief I have because you can go to the Word and verify it. You can find it the support you need. When you are the one that's found it - there's just something more - something better - more convincing - more sure. Your beliefs have to be YOUR beliefs - they can't be my beliefs because I told you so. I hear from people all the time telling me they are seeing things from the Word for themselves - and that's by far the best way.

In the meantime, if the best you can get is what I tell you, or what you read from Michael's Minutes or other comments on the website - then I'll settle for that - just for a while - but your beliefs have to come from your study of the Word.

For too long, far too long, we've allowed the slick dressed - the slick haired - smooth tongued talkers to dictate to the rest of us what we are supposed to believe - and yeah - that's killed us - but when we find life again - when get reborn into the true Kingdom of Christ - we don't believe what we believe because it's popular - or it's accepted - we believe it because that's what the Word teaches and we can back it up.

Some day when we stand before Christ - blaming others for adopting their teachings - isn't going to stand. That doesn't change the fact that they have caused the greatest amount of damage to our generation - but at some point - we have to stand on our own two feet and take responsibility for what has happened in our generation.

The Will of God is what was written in His Word and what we have seen in nature - that tells us the way we are supposed to live.

When God's people do what He says - His Will is being done.

When God's people do what He says - they perform His Will - then He is in control.

I believe we err - e-r-r - if we try to say to ourselves that regardless of what is going on - God is in control. As if to say - God is the one causing all the evil taking place around us to happen. I'm afraid that's what most people think. All the evil that has just exploded - I mean - it's been on a steadily increasing pace - but over the last year - it has just exploded - this is not God is in control as in God is causing all this to happen.

This, I believe, is as dangerous as the "God is fulfilling Bible prophecy" lie.

The result - and I have seen it my whole life - the result is - people basically do nothing for the cause of Christ - because God is in control and whatever happens has already been determined.

Now, I know lots of people who still hold to that belief - but they are not just sitting idly by and twiddling their thumbs. But the reality is - the biggest majority of people who claim Christ - are sitting on the sidelines doing nothing - because they have been told - that God has planned every single thing that is happening right now - down to the very hairs on your head - and there's nothing anyone of us can do about anything. Don't worry - don't be concerned - God is in control.

Well, friends, look around. Where has that gotten us? Can we really look at each other and say that all that evil that's going on right now - God is the Author of it - and in the end - it's all going to be perfectly fine? No need to resist any of this. No need to talk about it. No need to warn anyone - this is all the plan of God - He is in control.

I do not believe that now - and I have not believed it for a long time - you can ask my wife. Things are the way they are because our generation has put our fist in the face of God and said, "We will not have this man to reign over us."

And exactly like the example was from I Samuel chapter 8 - tell the people all these bad things are going to happen to them because of the choices they made. But nevertheless, we will have a king like all the other nations.

Now, let's try to reason this out. The Scriptures tell us to reason. Isaiah 1:18

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

No great mystery here in the word reason. Except that the end purpose of the reasoning is to get it right. Yawkah - to be right, correct, to argue, to decide, to justify or convict, - appoint, argue, chasten, convince, judge, maintain, plead, rebuke, reprove, surely in any wise. It's a good thing.

We've got some pretty big problems staring at us right in the face right now. Probably the biggest I've ever seen in my lifetime. And there's a reason why we are here - and I'm telling you it's not God's fault. This is not His Plan. This is not His Will. His Will is not being done right now. If His Will was being done - there would be a Commonwealth of Israel. There would be a people gathered together living in a community where the Laws, Statutes, Judgements, and His Perfect Will would be - at the very least - preached and attempted to be instituted.

But that is not taking place. That's the Will of God.

To say that anything else is the Will of God - and that's what's being done today - is grave error. If the Will of God is anything and everything that's taking place right now - then the reality is - there's not a single thing any of us could - or SHOULD - be doing about trying to effect change in our generation. To me, that's really really simple. But I realize there are some out there that just about had a coronary last week - when I introduced this.

So - I want us to reason. I want us to argue - not in the sense that the world understands argue - not yelling and screaming - and pouting around if we don't get our way - but let's put our heads together - instead of just sitting around blaming the "church" blaming the "politicians" - which why blame them anyway - they are doing exactly what they do - let's put our heads together and figure out what the problem is - figure out why we - who are supposed to be of God - is there something we are doing - or something we are not doing - that has produced the fruits in this generation.

If some of think that there is something we should be doing - and others think there's not a single thing we should do - because after all - nothing is happening that is not

God's Will - then let's reason - until we come to a conclusion. Before we go much farther - turn to Ephesians chapter 4. Let's look at verse 1.

- [1] I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- [2] With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- [3] Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- [4] There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- [5] One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- [6] One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

I would argue that THIS is the Will of God. Verse 5 - One Lord One faith, One baptism - this is the Will of God for His Creation. He wants us to see Him as the One - and Only Lord - He wants us to have one faith - one system of belief - and in the New World - there is only One baptism. Very important we get that one right. In the Old World - there were a lot of baptisms. And I mean a lot. In the New World - One.

But we mainly looked at Ephesians 4 for the purpose of One faith - one system of belief. He wants His children to all be of the same system of belief. Let's reason together - let's try to convince ourselves of the truth - based on the Word of God. Nothing whatsoever wrong with that.

That's why it really stinks to hear people say, "Well, I guess we'll just have to agree to disagree." Ok. Fine. When we settle for that - whose Will is being done? Is that our will or is that God's Will? I believe that's our will. If He said there is one system of belief - then two brothers in Christ ought to be able to come to the same conclusion. Now, I know why that doesn't happen sometimes. And it's because we think that reason means to argue as in fuss and fight and say things we shouldn't say to each other - then we wreck friendships and relationships and then set back the Kingdom of God another generation.

I'm sure I've told you this before. When I was in - and I don't like to admit it - but when I was in something called "Bible college" - I witnessed young adult men fighting - and I mean fist-fighting over their arguments concerning predestination versus whosoever will. And among God's true children - it should not be so. We need to reason - we need to discuss - we need to argue in love - but it should not end up with our becoming

enemies over the fact that we are trying to come to a oneness in our faith - our system of belief. There's so many things out there right now that have done a great job of separating us - we should not contribute to the separation in our pursuits of truth.

So, in continuing our discussion last week - predestination versus free will.

I believe there is an answer and I want to continue to try to persuade you of what I believe that answer is - and the biggest reason I want to try to persuade is you - is because if we are not getting this right - it is the reason why we are inactive - we are not advancing the Kingdom of Christ. It isn't God's fault. And what I mean by that is - for those who insist that everything going on in the world today is because God is having His Will - then we must conclude that - it may not be the most correct way to say it - or palatable way to say - but if God's Will is being done - and evil is proliferating - then it is God's fault. And, if someone believes that way, then you just conclude that it isn't actually a "fault" - that's just the way it is. But the problem then is - that men give up - and conclude that if this is the Will of God - there is no reason to try to effect a change.

To try to make a change - if this is the Will of God - is to go against the Will of God - and of course - Christians should never go against the Will of God. I believe our definitions and understandings are simply not correct.

Please take your Bible and turn to Romans chapter 9. I believe Paul was dealing with the very same issues in his day and I feel like I can use this chapter to make my point. Verse 1. Now I am going to read this very slowly. Not because we are stupid - but because there are so many profound things in this chapter and I want us to think about them as we go. I'm not going to comment on each verse because I want to get to the end. Verse 1.

[1] I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

[2] That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

[3] For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

[4] Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

[5] Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

[6] Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all

Israel, which are of Israel:

[7] Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

[8] That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

[9] For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son.

[10] And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

I do want to stop here for just a second. It simply cannot be argued against that the Bible plainly teaches predestination, foreordination. Things planned before the foundation of the world. These verses are going to prove that beyond any shadow of a doubt. But the Bible also teaches Free Will. I do not believe the two can co-exist. I'm going to reason this - argue this - discuss this - and hopefully make my point. I said this last week - I'll say it again. I believe predestination - foreordination - those things were for the Old Covenant World - concluding with the first century. I believe when the New World began - predestination and foreordination were replaced with Whosoever Will - and to me - this provides the greatest amount of hope for a lost world and a lost generation that we could ever have. I scream inside with joy and excitement everytime I meditate on what Whosoever Will means. It gives me chills. It gives me hope. It makes me want to get up in the morning.

It is the hope beyond hope that displaces the enormous amount of doom and gloom that bombards us at every turn - and if I could somehow transfer that faith - that system of belief to all of you out there - I believe unimaginable things could take place - yet in our generation - for the Kingdom of Christ. Verse 11, speaking now of Jacob and Esau.

[11] (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

[12] It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

[13] As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

To me, this is as clear as can possibly be. I ask you this morning. Did Jacob have a say so in this matter? Did Jacob have a choice? Did Esau have a say so in this matter? Did Esau have a choice? No. Neither of them had a choice. This was the plan of God -

predestined - foreordained - before either of them were even born - God had already planned this ahead of time. Why? Because everything in the Old Covenant World was planned ahead of time. Did God know the Israelites were going to reject Him as King and demand a king like all the other nations? Absolutely He did. He planned it that way. Every single thing that happened in the Old Covenant World happened exactly as planned - to the year - to the month - to the day - to the second. It had to. In order for Jesus, Yeshua the Christ to be revealed at exactly the right time and place - everything from His revelation and before - was planned down to the most minute detail.

Again, I ask you. According to this example - did Jacob have a choice? Did Esau have a choice? They did not. Was the Whosoever Will - as in

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Did those boys - Jacob and Esau - have a choice? Keep your finger here in Romans 9 and turn over to Hebrews chapter 12. Once again, speaking of Esau - let's pick it up in verse 16:

16] Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

[17] For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Esau sought repentance - carefully - with tears - weeping - crying - but look - he was rejected. He did not have a choice in the matter. It had already been determined. It was planned and there was nothing whatsoever that Esau could have done to change the plan. And not only that - he wanted to change the plan. He repented - wept over the tragedy that occurred in his life - but he was rejected - because what he had done had already been planned.

Now friends, if this is the same for us - wow - what a discouraging way to view life. Yet, I've seen it many times in my almost 60 years. People who have just given up - they've declared that it is just God's Will for them to be lost - they have no hope. Why not? Here's a great example from the Word. If this is so - in the New World - we are - in my opinion - men most miserable. But I'm telling you that I do not believe this is what God has for us in the New World. And this why - "Behold I make all things new" and this

New is light years - day and night better - than the Old. This new way, this new Covenant, this new Kingdom - is not even comparable in the least to what was contained in the Old World. And because of this - I have a never ending hope - I have never ending joy that even though our generation looks like it has all the traits and characteristics of an Esau - the difference is that we can change our circumstances when we repent - Esau couldn't - but we can.

When we choose Christ, when choose the Kingdom of God - because we really do have a choice in the New World - we can and will receive all the blessings that God has and wants to give to His obedient children. No matter what the rest of creation is doing, is trying to do, no matter what evil they involve themselves in, no matter what evil they may plan for us - our repentance and our subsequent obedience can change our generation. The destiny of our generation was not planned before the creation of time. The Old World was - but not the New World. Not in the New World - where He said - "Behold I make all things new." This world is not the same as the Old One.

Now, go back to Romans chapter 9 and let's read where we left off from verse 14.

[14] What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

We need to understand what is going on here with the writings of Paul. These people were living in the greatest transition of time in the history of mankind. Paul is trying to help those people - and ultimately us - and listen even more so for us than for them. They were still in the Old World. Their steps were ordered. Their hairs were numbered. Their for lack of a better word - their destinies had already been determined. For us - not so. It's not the same. We have a choice - Praise God - we have a choice. Jacob and Esau did not have a choice - we do. What freedom! What joy to know that we have a choice. We can accept Christ - there is nothing preventing us. Keep your finger here - turn to I Peter chapter 2. Let's begin in verse 1.

[1] Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

[2] As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

[3] If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

[4] To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

[5] Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to

offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

[6] Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Keep in mind again - this is the end of the Old Covenant age. Did these people have a choice? Did the ones who believed on Him - have a choice? Verse 7.

[7] Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

[8] And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient:

Now watch.

whereunto also they were appointed.

They were appointed. And not only that - they ALSO were appointed. Which means in clear English - those who chose Christ were appointed and those who did not choose Christ were appointed. This is the way it was in the Old World. The word appointed - is tith ay mee - advise, appoint, bow, commit, conceive, give, kneel down, lay aside, down or up, make ordain, purpose, put, set forth, settle, sink down - the only choice in the word appointed is God's choice. The people did not have a choice. He appointed some to believe and some to disbelieve. The obedient were appointed and the disobedient were appointed. Verse 9.

[9] But ye are a chosen generation,

Who did the choosing here? Did the people choose? They were chosen by God. The first generation of believing saints - which was also the last generation - either way - the last generation of the Old World - the first generation of the New World - was chosen by God. The time was chosen. The place was chosen. The people were chosen. It had to be this way. This was the rock upon which the New World was being built and it was established before the world began. They were chosen. Whosoever Will was not part of the equation yet. Whosoever Will was certainly talked about. Christ talked about it in what we quoted from John 3:16. But the full implementation of Whosoever Will did not happen until the New Covenant World was firmly established. Keep going.

[9] But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

[10] Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Now, go back to Romans 9, please. We left off from verse 15. We were reading about Jacob and Esau - clearly in the Old World - now let's go on.

[15] For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

[16] So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Now friends, I ask you. Is this the type of situation you want to be in? I'll just tell you right now - for me - no way. I don't want to be in a world where no matter if I choose Christ or not - beg for repentance - seek it carefully with tears - I want to know that I live in a world where God will hear my prayers, He will forgive my sins, He will cleanse me, make me whole, make me right, I can choose Christ, I can choose His Kingdom, I can choose His Laws - and He will embrace me because in this world - He is not willing that any should perish - but that all should come to repentance.

Well, what about Esau. The Scripture says that he sought repentance. Sought it bitterly, weeping, crying, but what? He was rejected. Either we have a contradiction here in the Scripture - or a change has occurred. "Behold, I make all things new." The New World is dramatically different - in many ways - not just this way - but in many ways - it's different than the Old World - and thank God - praise God we live in a different world where we can change things by our repentance and our obedience. Verse 17.

[17] For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

Did Pharaoh have a choice? Is there anything that Pharaoh could have done to change his life? Not a chance. No possible way. The life of Pharaoh and every single thing he did in it was planned by God before the world even began. And it was all planned so that the many things that occurred in his life could be known by us in this World - so that we can learn exactly the way God operates - exactly the way God wants things to be - and

we can learn from the life of Pharaoh - see how God moved in the children of Israel in their interactions with Egypt and Pharaoh to show us exactly what we should be doing in this World. The steps of Pharaoh were ordered. They were planned and there wasn't a single thing he could do about it. Verse 18.

[18] Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

In the Old World good things happened, bad things happened - evil things happened - and every single bit of it was the plan of God. You could call the evil things "the Will of God." It would be correct to say that. Everything that happened, happened because God planned it that way - it was His Will for things to happen the way they did. But it all happened in the Old World - but it all changed in the New World.

In the New World, the Esaus, and the Pharaohs, they could repent. They could embrace Christ and His Kingdom - and they would find repentance and forgiveness - and wow - what an great thing to know. Our obedient lives, our skilful preaching and teaching of the Word of God could enter the ears of the Esaus and the Pharaohs and they could embrace Christ - turn from their wicked ways - and enter the Kingdom of Christ. But not so in the Old World. They did not have a choice.

But what about Joshua telling the children of Israel to choose this day whom you will serve? Did they have a choice? No, they did not. But God moved Joshua to say what he said specifically for us in our generations in the New World. We have a choice. We can choose the Kingdom of Christ and the King. Verse 19.

[19] Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

[20] Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

[21] Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

[22] What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

[23] And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

[24] Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

[25] As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my

people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

Paul is explaining predestination and foreordination to these people in the Old Covenant World. That's what's going on here.

[26] And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

[27] Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

[28] For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

There was just a little bit of time left in the Old Covenant World. That is what Paul is saying here.

[29] And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrhah.

Side note here. Purely for educational purposes. Does anyone else recall where we find the Lord of Sabaoth in the Bible? Here in Romans 9 we find the Lord of Sabaoth with a direct reference to what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah. We know that God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. The word Sabaoth means the military epithet of God. This is what makes God want to declare war. Why would we - having a choice in doing things or not doing things that would make God want to declare war - why would we do those things anyway? Because we have a choice. And we should choose not to involve ourselves in the things that makes God so angry He wants to declare war.

The Lord of Sabaoth is found in one other place and that is in James chapter 5. And it speaks directly to what the U.S. little g "government" has been doing for many years now. And that is stealing money from people's labor. When you hold back a labourers pay and do not pay him his full amount for his labour - it makes God so angry He wants to declare war. We should not be doing that to people - and we should not allow others to do that to us. That is not the Will of God. When people are doing those things - God is not in control. If God was in control - people would not be doing those things.

This is what I mean. If God was in control - it would "be against the law" to tax a man's labour. But God is not in control. The U.S. and all the rest of the ungodly little g "governments" in the world are in control. So they have devised these wicked, ungodly

systems of taxing men's labour - and their rebellion has separated us from our God - participating in such systems is not something we as followers of Christ should be doing. Verse 30, Romans 9.

[30] What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

[31] But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

[32] Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

[33] As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Now, in conclusion, and I'll plan on picking up here next week - unless something changes - turn to John chapter 3.

One of the things - and I admit this readily - is that people can and do get confused at some of the conclusions I have come to. And, it is because of my understanding of Fulfilled Bible Prophecy. Many times I hear people say things like the Old Testament and the New Testament. And they'll say things that lead me to understand they think the first 39 books were written in the "Old Covenant" and the last 27 books were written in the "New Covenant." That's not accurate. The entire - all 66 of them - all of them - were written in the Old Covenant World.

We've talked about this extensively in the Matthew 24 series - the Old Covenant World did not end until AD70 - when the temple was destroyed. The Old World did not end at the cross. It ended when the temple was destroyed.

From the time of Christ to AD70 - that was the last days. The end times. The latter days. But all those days were the last days of the Old Covenant. The entire Bible as we have it today - was all written in the Old Covenant and every single character mentioned was in the Old Covenant.

The challenge then - and I do not believe this is difficult - is to figure out what was specifically for the Old Covenant World - and what is for the New World. We need to find the principles from the Old World - it's where we learn the mind of God - how He wants things done - we see all the Ifs and the Thens - we see what God wants - even

though - hardly ever - did the people in the Old World actually do what He wanted. But it had to be that way. That was all for our learning and our admonitions.

John 3 is a beautiful glimpse of what would soon be the norm - the standard - for the coming New World. It's the Whosoever Will. It's what was coming in the New World - in the time where God said, "Behold, I make all things new." John 3, verse 1.

[1] There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

[2] The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

[3] Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

[4] Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

[5] Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Alright. Stop here for just a minute. Was this conversation between Jesus, Yeshua, was this conversation some spur of the minute, luck, chance, happenstance where Christ just happened to bump into Nicodemus one day and this conversation just happened? Absolutely not. This conversation and everything that led up to it - was planned before the foundation of the world. Could something have happened in Nicodemus' life that could have made him miss the opportunity to speak with Christ? Absolutely not. Nicodemus had no choice in the things in his life that brought him to the exact second he would be having this conversation with Christ. He did not have a choice. This conversation - and the recording of it - was planned before the foundation of the world - and this was a glimpse of what would soon be coming in the New World.

Predestination and foreordination was soon going to be completely replaced with Whosoever Will. I believe this.

Before we go on, let's look at one more example. Please turn to Matthew chapter 27. Let's begin in verse 1. Matthew 27, verse 1:

[1] When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:

[2] And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to

Pontius Pilate the governor.

[3] Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

[4] Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

[5] And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

[6] And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

[7] And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

[8] Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

[9] Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

[10] And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

The life of Judas - the betrayal that Judas did - the death of Judas - the 30 pieces of silver - the potter's field - did Judas have a choice in any of this? Absolutely not. I say it was planned before the foundation of the world. Judas did not have a choice. Everything he did in his life was planned before the foundation of the world - because he had to betray Christ at exactly the day, hour, minute. It was appointed by God to bring an end to the Old Covenant world.

Thank God things are different in the New World. A man can be presented with the truth and power of the Word of God which is quick and powerful than any two-edged sword - the Gospel can be preached - and men have a free will of their own to choose Christ or reject Christ. Their choices are not predestined before the foundation of the world.

You say, "Charlie, then that attacks the sovereignty of God." I do not believe it does. God can do whatever He wants to do. He is God. If God chooses NOT to know what happens tomorrow - so that Free Will - and Whosoever Will can be the standard - can God do that? Why not? He's God. He can do whatever He wants to do.

I'm getting ahead of myself. I need to save that for more time. Go back to John 3, verse 5.

[5] Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

We need to stop here for just a second? Keep your finger here and turn to John chapter 7. I'm not going to hurry here. If I run out of time, I'm going to just end it and then pick back up next week. John 7, verse 31. Speaking of Christ.

[31] And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?

[32] The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.

[33] Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me.

[34] Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come.

[35] Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?

[36] What manner of saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come?

[37] In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

[38] He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Remember please, the Word of Christ:

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Turn back to chapter 4. And let's begin in verse 1:

[1] When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

[2] (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

[3] He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

[4] And he must needs go through Samaria.

[5] Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel

of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

[6] Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

[7] There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

[8] (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

[9] Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

[10] Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

[11] The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

[12] Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

[13] Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

[14] But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

[15] The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

Remember please, the Word of Christ:

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Turn to Revelation chapter 22. Let's begin in verse 1. We're going to have a pretty big problem on our hands here in just a minute.

[1] And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

[2] In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

[3] And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb

shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

[4] And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

[5] And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

[6] And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

[7] Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

[8] And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

[9] Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

[10] And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

[11] He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

[12] And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

[13] I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

[14] Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

[15] For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

[16] I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the Ecclesias. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

[17] And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Remember please, the Word of Christ:

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

I'm out of time. I'll pick back up right here, next week.