

# Prophecy and the Mark of the Beast

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How far are they coming?  
How far will they go?

I'm going to read you some things and what they are planning, what they are going to do, and spend billions of dollars on. As we read everything today, I want you to think, if you've ever seen on the news that big, huge area in Utah where the NSA is building how many millions of square feet to put in the most sophisticated computers possible. They are so sophisticated that we know virtually nothing about them.

- Why are they doing it?
- What is the ultimate goal?
- Is it really just the U.S. government that is involved?

or

- Are those people who want to control the world also using the United States to finance and build what they want for the future?

That may sound a little outlandish; however, there has to be a reason as to why they are building it. There has to be a reason why they are not telling us exactly what it is for. And how they are finding that almost every denial concerning listening and watching and monitoring has been proven false.

There are certain things that we need to look at in Matt. 24. I can't help but think of this when I look at all of the 'pot propaganda' going on in Colorado and Washington. They have known all along that the THS in marijuana destroys the mind. Now they have 'pot' (marijuana) that is so powerful that if you take one really full dose of that, it's going to take you years to overcome the damage that it does to the mind, just one time.

They show all of these defiant young people out there smoking their 'pot,' clouds of smoke coming up out of the crowds. Then they show all of these 'pot' stores where they sell 'pot' in almost everything: coffee, candy, cookies, bread, whatever. Also, they are having trouble with nine-year-olds selling 'pot' right on the school grounds. What are you going to do with that when it's legalized? Oh, but they can't smoke cigarettes. See where we have come?

Matthew 24:10: "And then shall many be led into sin... [How do you get led into sin? *By saying sin is good; righteousness is evil!*] ...and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another... [sounds like I just gave a summary of the evening news] ...and many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many" (vs 10-11). There's a

lot of activity in the field of 'religion' and Christianity about prophecy; some good; some not so good.

Verse 12: "And because lawlessness..." Here is the key: We are seeing lawlessness from the White House on down through to the lowest level possible. Dolores read me a clip of a small town where the mayor was getting \$600,000 a year.

"...lawlessness shall be multiplied..." (v 12)—not just increasing, *multiplied!* That means when there is an increase, then it doubles and that double-doubles and that double-doubles and that double-doubles. So, you end up with a mammoth amount of things. Who is really honest? Those who are honest are debunked. Those who tell lies are hailed as truthful. Those who tell the truth are looked down upon as liars, hate-mongers and all that sort of thing. Let's see how this is going to be:

"...the love of many shall grow cold" (v 12). We have seen that—haven't we? People are inured to what happens to people. They go along, run them over by car, shoot them down on the street, etc. Look at the large city—Chicago—just over Easter they had 45 severe shootings and 5 deaths in one day. Oh, a day to celebrate the resurrection of Christ! Aren't we good, righteous people?

For us this becomes difficult to bear, v 13: "But the one who endures to *the* end, that one shall be saved." We're going to have to go through a lot of it.

There in the past a lot of us thought, 'Oh, hooray, we live in the last days. We'll be alive when Jesus returns.' Okay, how exciting is it going to be through all of the troubles that lie ahead of us? You're going to be surprised what I'm going to read to you what they are going to do.

One good point, v 14: "And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be proclaimed in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come."

Verse 21: "For then shall there be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until this time, nor ever shall be *again*." Think about that! We've covered, how many times, concerning the Flood and why God had to destroy it. This is going to be similar 'as it was in the days of Noah,' *but worse!*

Verse 37: "Now, as *it was in* the days of Noah, so shall *it* also be *at* the coming of the Son of man. For as in the days that *were* before the Flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving

in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark; And they were not aware until the Flood came and took *them* all away; so shall *it* also be *at* the coming of the Son of man” (vs 37-39).

Notice how it is explained again, Mark 13:19: “For *in* those days shall be *great* tribulation, such as has not been the like from *the* beginning of *the* creation that God created until this time, nor ever shall be *again*; and **unless *the* Lord had limited the days, no flesh would be saved...**” (vs 19-20). That’s an astounding statement.

We like to say, when it comes to doctrine, the Word of God is Truth. All the Word of God is Truth! All the prophecies are true! When it says these things, it’s going to happen. So, God limits it for the sake of the elect.

What was it that was said after the Flood when they were at the Tower of Babel? ‘*This they begin to do and nothing that they imagine to do will be withheld from them*’ (Gen. 11). That tells you the great potential that men have. It also adds to it the interference of Satan the devil. It also tells us how it’s going to be.

Here’s a little bit concerning the coming animosity against Christians. Remember, as I pointed out in Rev. 17, there are two classes of martyrs:

1. the saints
2. the martyrs of Jesus

There are a lot of people being killed today who are what we would call *professing Christians*; they are being killed mostly by the Muslims. You would have to say, after that, that there are many more radicals than there are moderates. However, *they won’t be forgotten by God!* But now, here in America, it’s starting to come down in reverse.

They recently had that they did not want at any ceremony any mention about God relating to a ceremony in the Armed Services, because that goes against their regulations. Now it’s hitting the workplace:

Student claims community college rejected application because of Christian faith

By Todd Starnes, 4/24/14, www.foxnews.com

Brandon Jenkins was denied entry to a radiation therapy program at the Community College of Baltimore County because of his Christian faith and was advised to not wear his religion on his sleeve, a lawsuit filed in federal court alleges.

They even wrote him and said that he cannot come to this college because of his religious beliefs. That they are not allowed at the college and they are not allowed in the practice of the radiation therapy in the hospitals where he was going to go to work. ***The First amendment***<sup>[transcriber’s correction]</sup> ***means nothing!***

I remember one time that parents of their boy, I think he was in seventh or eighth grade, something like that, and they wanted time off for the Feast of Tabernacles and to be able to have excused absences. The vice-principal said, ‘No, it won’t happen. All of those days will be charged off and he will not be able to graduate.’ They asked me for help and for an excuse. So I sent an excuse.

I wrote a letter to the effect that the first amendment<sup>[transcriber’s correction]</sup> tells us that Congress ‘shall make no law concerning religion,’ whether for or against and ‘shall not prohibit the free exercise thereof.’ So, I asked in the letter: Are you greater than the Congress of the United States as an official of a school system? Are you not of a lesser power? I admonish you to please consider this and grant the days for this young man to have off to go to the Feast with his parents.

That cleared up the whole thing. That was years ago. You have to answer back to those things. You can’t just let it happen, but it’s going to come more and more and more.

Everybody can have free speech *if* you are liberal, an atheist, or if you have same-sex marriage, or if you are a criminal. But if you are an honest citizen against sin, against law-breaking, you can’t have free speech. Or if you want to preach about Jesus Christ, you can’t have free speech. I think there are enough lawsuits in the works now that let’s see how the Supreme Court rules on a lot of these things.

When they rule against free speech, then you know we are getting closer to the end. But also consider this: Congress shall make no law to prohibit the free worship of religion.

Add in the Muslim; think about what his religion tells him to do with infidels; what it tells him he can do to women, female children. They can marry them at one-year-old. Have sex with them at nine-years-old. They can have four wives. A wife can never divorce her husband. If she is raped, if she does not have four men as witnesses—which would be foolish, indeed—she then is killed because of false allegations. That is a free expression of religion in the Muslim communities, called Sharia Law. So, that’s coming.

We’re going to see, since all these things are the worse than they have ever, ever been, we are going to see it coming from every side, in every way. In the forefront of it now we are going to see

the up-tick in technology to improve computers so they can think like human beings think. There's billions of dollars being spent in it.

I've got an article here from the *San Jose Mercury News*. It's called Brain Quest. They want to know how the brain works.

Smarting Up. Tech giants such as Google and Facebook are betting big on artificial intelligence aiming to get computers to think more like users. IBM, Microsoft, Facebook, Apple, and Google are spending billions of dollars.

Google, Facebook and other tech companies race to develop artificial intelligence

By Brandon Bailey, 4/23/14,  
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The latest Silicon Valley arms race is a contest to build the best artificial brains. Facebook, Google and other leading tech companies are jockeying to hire top scientists in the field of artificial intelligence, while spending heavily on a quest to make computers think more like people.

You're looking to the Supreme Court, and everybody today has been taught to think with emotions, rather than with reason. What are you going to do when the Supreme Court itself becomes unconstitutional. They are to uphold all law by comparing it to the Constitution. What are you going to do?

They're not building humanoid robots—not yet, anyway. But a number of tech giants and startups are trying to build computer systems that understand what you want, perhaps before you knew you wanted it.

They already have some of that.

“It's important to position yourself in this market for the next decade,” said Yann LeCunn, a leading New York University researcher hired to run Facebook's new A.I. division in December. “A lot is riding on artificial intelligence and content analysis, and on being smarter about how people and computers interact.”

That is one aspect of it. So when I was calling to check on my reservations for the conference, they ask for your number. So, I gave them my number, always the office number, never the home number. As soon as I gave the office number, they said, ‘Well, Mr. Coulter, what would you like?’ So they are already incorporating it in there. But this also

tells you that other people could use it and manipulate it.

Meet AISight—The Artificial Intelligence Software Being Installed on CCTV Networks Globally

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I think those are surveillance, wherever it is.

If you thought that CCTV cameras tracking your every move in public was bad enough, you're going to just love AISight (pronounced “eyesight” of course). The invention of a Houston, Texas based company called BRS Labs (which stands for Behavioral Recognition Systems) is headed by former secret service special agent John Frazzini, and this Orwellian surveillance platform brings artificial intelligence to all of those creepy cameras that have been installed everywhere around you.

They are going to put them everywhere. England, they have it everywhere. You can't even sneak up to a light-post and whisper a secret, because there's a microphone right up in the light-post.

These cameras are designed to look at the face, zero in on the eyes! It can pick up heartbeat, adrenal rush. If you have all of those things, you might be a terrorist, especially in the airport. If you're rushing to catch a plane, you may be delayed and miss your plane, because you're going to have to explain why you are not a terrorist.

I was glad to see this woman get a settlement on her problem with TSA going through the airport. She had a nursing baby. I won't tell you the rest of what they wanted to do, but it was so bad they voluntarily settled for \$64,000. *Artificial intelligence!*

Let's look at something else. All of you have cell phones and they want you to update and get the newest and latest. They already know where you are, who you call, how long you spend on the phone. If you have your phone on while you are driving, they can just track you wherever you are. If you have it off and you get to where you are going and turn it on, there you are. Which then adds to the mystery of Flight 370. Where did the plane go?

Here is what they are working on. How many times have we said: It's not buying and selling, it's control.

The Mark: Scientist Claims Human Microchip Implants Will Become “Not Optional”

(by Mac Slavo, 4/24/14, [www.shtfplan.com](http://www.shtfplan.com))

Technologies designed specifically to track and monitor human beings have been in development for at least...

Guess how long? *Twenty years!*

In the virtual realm, software programs are now capable of watching us in real time, going so far as to make predictions about our future behaviors and sending alerts to the appropriate monitoring station depending on how a computer algorithm flags your activities.

Are you a crook? or Not a crook?

That is in and of itself a scary proposition. What may be even scarier, however, is what's happening in the physical realm. According to researches working on human-embedded microchips...

That can track you, listen to you, investigate what medicines you are taking, what you are eating, and all of those things.

...it's only a matter of time before these systems achieve widespread acceptance.

Remember the one that we showed on the mark of the beast, the tattoo? They're going to have it. It's going to be invisible and permanent. And 'Oh, you're such a nerd not to take this.'

In the virtual realm, software programs are now capable of watching us in real time...

Chances are you're carrying a couple of RFID microchips now. And if you are, they're sending out a 15-digit number that identifies you. That number can be picked up by what's called an ISO compliant scanner. And they're everywhere, too.

It's not possible to interact with society in a meaningful way by not having a mobile phone...

I guess I don't interact with the public. I don't have one. But most people do.

I think human implants are likely to go along a very similar route. It would be such a disadvantage to not have the implant that it essentially becomes not optional.

It will be required!

Here's another microchip article. When you get down to nano-technology, as one comment was made here, when you have carbon nano-technology, then you can have things in your body so small you don't even know it. You'll find out that they will have that so that the carbon nano-technology will work to pick up the electrical system from your own

electrical nervous connections in your body to make that thing run. That's what it will come to.

### Injecting under your skin: 'Human microchipping'

by DNA, 4/17/14, www.topinfopost.com

Thousands of technology enthusiasts use it as the ultimate app, enabling them to lock and unlock their homes, cars, computers and mobile phones with a simple wave of a hand. But there's a catch: they must have a microchip inserted into their bodies.

People, especially all the techies, they'll say this is great. Remember, we're getting into a generation that many times we didn't think would ever be here. Jonathan is half way in between. So, in ten years he's going to be in the 'old' technology realm, except he keeps up with it pretty good. But the new ones coming along...

Think of this. I thought of this in relationship to all of those 'potheads' that smoke and lose their memory. They could say, 'This will help with your memory. We'll put this in you and we'll repair whatever was done with the 'pot,' keep smoking it, we'll fix you.'

Now then, here's something else that they are doing. Remember how I brought it out—a couple years ago—3-D printing of the human body. How do they do that? They take adult stem cells from you, mix it into a solution and then they can make an organ for you. Want a new heart? *It's your own, we'll print it!* Think about that.

### The next step: 3D printing the human body

by Rhiannon Williams, 2/11/14, www.tekegraph.co.uk/technology/news

Bioprinting, or the process of creating human tissues through 3D printers, is a highly contested area of technological innovation.

They will get it so it will just be normal. We're moving so fast in technology that what is normal today is outdated. Then it shows a picture of the human body and how they can begin doing things like that. These people who ruin their bodies, give themselves over to Satan the devil, *yes, indeed!*

How about the movie *Avatar*? We're on our way to doing it. They want humanoids. I don't know how they do this, but now there are babies born with two mothers. They do it genetically. They take the egg of a woman who has a lack of mitochondrial genes in her egg to be fertile and they siphon out of an egg of a woman who is fertile. Insert those into the woman whose egg is not fertile and then implant

it in the woman and a baby is born, and it's born with the genes of two mothers.

Where is all of this going to go? Let's see why this is going to take place. We won't go through all of Rev. 12, because we've gone through it many, many times before. If you're not up what we have done before, just go on CBCG.org and you can download any number of sermons on *the mark of the beast*. But here is what I want to emphasize this time.

Revelation 12:9: "And the great dragon was cast out, the ancient serpent who is called the Devil and Satan... [Of course there's a first application of this and a second application] ...**who is deceiving the whole world**; he is cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him."

Let's see what is developing now. That is why the super-elite in the world are all connected with all the leading nations. They are all one big get-along/go-along family. They get their rewards from the 'god of this world.'

Here is the *beast*, last part of Revelation 13:2: "...and **the dragon gave him his power, and his throne and great authority.**" What's going to happen with the whole earth?

Last sentence in v 3: "...and the whole earth was amazed **and followed the beast**.... [What do they do?] ...And **they worshiped the dragon**, who gave *his* authority to the beast" (vs 3-4).

What did Satan tell Jesus in the temptation? '*If you worship me, I'll give you all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, because it's been given to me.*' So, those who worship him today, what do they get?

- the world
- the kingdoms
- the money
- the power

They may appear, on the outside, to be very nice upstanding individuals; some may not. But nevertheless they are there. You always ask: How did that happen when someone is elected? Remember this last election? Remember what I said?

This country had a choice between Romney and Obama. Romney was perhaps on a level of the world—even though he is a Mormon, on the level of keeping the commandments of God in the letter—the most righteous man to run for President that we have had since who knows when. What did all the people do? *They voted for the 'pothead'!* They are lawless and they don't want to do what is right. They would rather worship the beast than to do what is

right. They count the benefits from Satan greater than the blessings of God.

Verse 4: "And they worshiped the dragon, who gave *his* authority to the beast. And they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who *is* like the beast? Who has the power to make war against him?'"

We see something else and we see this happening. I want you to pay special attention to this new pope. He may not be the last one, though he is supposed to be the last one. But just like every one of the prophecies, there is a failure point and I predict that he will die and that prophecy will fail and they will have a 'great revelation' from *their god* to bring all religions together. So great that the Muslims will even stop killing Christians for a while.

Verse 11: "And I saw another beast rising out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, but spoke like a dragon;" And he exercises all the authority of the first beast before him; and he causes the earth and those who dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (vs 11-12). Then he talks about the mark of the beast as solidifying the kingdom. That's something!

That tells you the powers that we are fighting against right now; they are going to build up. Let's see how Paul identified this power. It's in the world. Let's recall 2-Thes. 2 that *this man will declare himself to be God* and the world will accept him because he will be anointed by the false prophet, who will call down fire from heaven. You talk about causing people to really follow it! Yes, indeed! But here it is.

Ephesians 6:10: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in *the* Lord, and in the might of His strength." These things are above what we can do. Our battle is a spiritual battle. Yes, there are physical things we have to contend with, too, that is true.

Verse 11: "Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." There's nothing more cunning. There is nothing more destructive. There is nothing that is more seductive either than the technology of the mark of the beast where you can get anything you want with a wave of the hand.

Verse 12: "Because we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against principalities *and* against powers, against the world rulers of the darkness of this age... [called the super-elite today] ...against the spiritual *power* of wickedness in high *places.*" That's where it all resides.

We look at down here at our level and there's nothing to be compared with that. That's why we need the Spirit of God and the strength of God.

Luke 18 is talking about how we need to beseech God day and night with the parable of the widow who came to the unjust judge.

Luke 18:8: “I tell you that He will execute vengeance for them speedily....” That is God, because God will execute it v 7, because we cry out to Him day and night and He patiently watches over them.

We have the tools and the power against the evil of this world until the time comes when there will be the martyrdom of the saints. We’ll know when that comes. God will give us the strength to go through it if we need to go through it. However, how long down the road this is going to be, we don’t know. Many of us thought we’d already be in the Kingdom by about 25+-years. However, that hasn’t quite worked out that way.

Jesus says: “...Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, shall He find the *true* faith on the earth?” (v 8). Think about that. That’s why we have the motto: *Restoring Original Christianity for Today*. Because the world has lost it and many in the Churches of God have lost a great deal of it. It’s so upside down that it’s just like Isaiah says: ‘Woe to those who call evil good and good evil’ (Isa. 5). That’s where we are!

Like Isaiah said that Israel is corrupt ‘from the soles of her feet to the top of her head, filled with wounds and bruises and putrefying sores and no one is able to solve the problem’ (Isa. 1). Then he says there is a remnant. *That’s us, brethren!* So don’t ever get down that there aren’t a lot of people. Yes, you don’t need a lot of people. You need God. That’s why we have Church at Home ([www.churchathome.org](http://www.churchathome.org)), too. Let’s keep all of that in mind.

In line with that, come over here to Luke 17:5: “Then the apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’.... [everybody wants to have more faith] ...But the Lord said, ‘If you had faith as a *tiny* mustard seed, you might say to this sycamine tree, “Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,” and it would obey you” (vs 5-6). If it really did that, just think how vanity might take over.

Verse 7: “But which of you having a servant plowing or shepherding will immediately say *to him* when he comes in from the field, ‘Come and sit down *and eat*’? Rather, will he not say to him, ‘Prepare what I may eat, and gird yourself, *and* serve me while I eat and drink; and afterwards you may eat and drink’?” (vs 7-8). They really need a union there—don’t they?

Verse 9: “Is he thankful to that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not.... [notice the story in the parable] ...Likewise you also... [the apostles] ...when you

have done all *the* things that are commanded you, say... [‘My, how marvelous it is. Look at how good we are.’ *NO!*] ...‘We are unprofitable servants... [if you do only what you have been told to do] ...because we have done that which were obligated to do” (vs 9-10).

How do we go above and beyond? *We go above and beyond spiritually* through our attitude and love of God, our dedication to the Word of God, and so forth. This may offend some people, sometimes it does.

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In the light of all of this:

- What should we do?
- How are we to live?
- What kind of mindset do we need to have?

There has never been a time when Satan’s way has been made so glamorous. When you can have it, like it says there in Rev. 13, that you don’t need any identification. You don’t need any credit cards. You don’t need a bank account. That all you have to do is have it on your right hand or in your forehead, just like it says, and you just do a little wave here or a little nod there and you have whatever you want right in your lap.

We have an extremely difficult situation because of the way that the world is going to become. It’s not pleasant to contemplate the fact that we will be viewed as oddballs; that we will be viewed as enemies of the state. Nevertheless, what should we do?

Luke 12 talks about the return of Christ, so this applies to us. We are to be watching because we don’t know when He’s coming.

Luke 12:41: “Then Peter said to Him, ‘Lord, are You speaking this parable to us *only*, or also to all?’ And the Lord said, ‘Who then is the wise and faithful steward, whom the lord shall put in charge of his household, to give *to each one* the portion of food in season? Blessed *is* that servant whom the lord, when he comes, shall find so doing” (vs 41-43). Jesus can come upon us in two ways:

1. in judgment, because we are not doing what we are doing and that is during our lifetimes

That’s not His return.

2. His actual, literal coming

We need to be doing what God wants us to be doing, so He says, v 43: “Blessed *is* that servant whom the lord, when he comes, shall find so doing. Of a truth, I tell you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant shall say in his heart,

‘My lord delays *his* coming,’ and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidservants, and to be gluttonous and become drunk” (vs 43-45). Sound a little bit like Laodiceans? *Rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing!*

Verse 46: “The lord of that servant will come in a day that he does not expect, and in an hour that he does not know, and will cut him asunder, and will appoint his portion with the unbelievers.” We’ve also seen that happen in the Church of God—haven’t we? *What God has done to the Church because of sin!*

Here’s our individual responsibility, v 47: “And that servant who knew the will of his lord, but did not prepare, nor did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*.” There’s going to be a penalty.

Verse 48: “But the one who did not know, and did things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few... [There’s still a penalty, but not as severe. No one is going to escape.] ...For to whomever much has been given, from him shall much be required...” I want you to think about that with what we have today, all that we have today. What we must set our minds to be doing. Sometimes that works in difficult situations.

“...and to whom much has been committed, from him they will demand the more” (v 48). Let’s see how we can do that. It has to be in resisting Satan the devil and in protecting our minds, our emotions, and our thoughts. We are living in a time when our minds, emotions and thoughts are bombarded constantly through television, through radio, through people, through music, through ads that you see as you’re driving by, through walking through the checkout counter where you check out. Everything—there’s a message, a message, a message, a visual flash here, a visual flash there.

So let’s see what we need to do. We’re going to spend most of the time now in the book of Proverbs. Here is what we need to be doing. This is why Proverbs are so good. Proverbs are meant for young people, but they are also meant for any age. In today’s world where so many things are blurred between right and wrong, good and evil, we need to study the Proverbs so we know. Also this tells us how we can resist against the things of Satan the devil and what is coming down the pike.

Proverbs 4:10: “Hear, O my son...” As we read these things I want you to think of it in spiritual terms. We are the sons and daughters of God, not yet born into the Kingdom.

“...and receive my sayings; and the years of your life *shall be* many.... [for us that’s eternal life] ...I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have

led you in the right paths” (vs 10-11). Think about having the whole Word of God today, how true that is.

Verse 12: “When you go, your steps shall not be hampered, and when you run, you shall not stumble. Keep hold of instruction... [don’t lose what you have learned already] ...do not let go; keep her, for she *is* your life. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not into the way of evil *men*” (vs 12-14). Wickedness today is made to look so glamorous and glorious.

Verse 15: “Avoid it; do not go in it; turn from it, and pass on!” Like it says of idolatry: Flee idolatry, flee sexual immorality. Get away from it.

Verse 16: “For they do not sleep except when they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away unless they cause *some* to fall, for they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shines more and more to the perfect day” (vs 16-18). That ties right in with the return of Christ, ties right in with what I covered on the last day of Unleavened Bread that we are to be perfected.

Verse 19: “The way of the wicked *is* as darkness; they know not at what they stumble.” They don’t even know what life is about. You see some of these things on television; these people don’t know anything. It is absolutely just crazy.

Verse 20: “My son, attend to my words... [that’s why we study the Bible] ...incline your ear to my sayings... [just like we read what Jesus said] ...Let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart, for they *are* life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh” (vs 20-22).

Verse 23 is the thing we need to do. Think about this in relationship to some of the things that we find ourselves coming across.

- Have you ever had a flash of an image on television that you’ve had a hard time getting out of your mind?
- Have you ever had a commercial, some stupid commercial that you don’t want anything about that you heard it and it’s in your mind?

I bet all of you have sealed into your mind: Coke is the real thing. And you still have in the back of your mind every one of those nasty little Christmas hymns. *Yes!* So, think about the impression that these things make. What you see, what you hear, what comes to you, all of it.

This is the most important thing that we can do, v 23: “Above all... [that’s everything that is covered here] ...**guard the door of your mind with**

**diligence**, for out of it *are* the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and devious lips put far from you. Let your eyes look right on, and let your eyelids look straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet, and all your ways *will be* established. Do not turn to the right hand nor to the left; remove your foot from evil” (vs 23-27).

Let’s see how we do this. Prov. 2 gives us the process and the way as to how we can achieve these things, Proverbs 2:1: “My son, <sup>[#1]</sup>**if** you will receive my words and treasure up my commandments within you.” Is that not New Testament doctrine? What does it say in Heb. 10:16? ***God is going to write His laws in our hearts and inscribe them upon our minds!***

Verse 2: “So that you incline your ear to wisdom... [all of God’s Word] ...and apply your heart to understanding.”

- God wants us to think
- God wants us to know
- God wants us to understand

This is why we are not to react emotionally to things as they are taught to do today.

Verse 3: “Yea, <sup>[#2]</sup>**if** you cry after knowledge *and* lift up your voice for understanding; <sup>[#3]</sup>**if** you seek her as silver and search *for* her as for hidden treasures” (vs 3-4).

You’ve got all of these programs, various ones that, seeking gold. Now they have it, *Ice Cold Gold*, going to Greenland; all the most wonderful places in the world to go, frozen over. There they’re looking for gold and for rubies. But death is just around the corner from them. There or they go to Alaska, or they go to the jungle. There was a group that went to Alaska to get gold. They made enough money, so now they went down to Guiana to get gold. Instead of having frostbite and frozen tundra, now they’ve got the jungle heat, mosquitoes, snakes, everything down there, looking for gold. But they do anything to get it.

How do we react to the *treasures of God* that He works for us? What are we to build on the foundation of Christ? How does that read? *Gold, silver, precious stones or wood, hay, and stubble!*

Notice v 5: “**Then**...” People want to have immediate results, but what we do spiritually comes with spiritual work step-by-step. It’s not instantaneous.

“...you shall understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; out of His mouth *comes* knowledge and understanding. He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly” (vs 5-7).

Notice what God does in our lives and how He interacts with us, especially all of us who have the Spirit of God. If you don’t have the series, *How to Use the Spirit of God*, then order it: write for it, call, email, whatever. We’ll get it to you.

Verse 8: “He keeps the paths of *right* judgment and preserves the way of His saints.” Jesus said, ‘*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*’ You see how much New Testament doctrine is really buried within the book of Proverbs and in fact the whole Bible.

Verse 9: “**Then** you shall understand righteousness and judgment and equity, every good path. Wisdom shall enter into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasing to your soul” (vs 9-10). That’s what we need:

- we need wisdom
- we need understanding
- we need judgment
- we need to know *how* to do these things

We can be very direct in how we do it, but we need some wisdom in doing so. Notice what that will do:

Verse 12: “To deliver you from the way of the evil *man*... [who is the most evil man to come but the beast] ...from the man who speaks wicked things, Those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness” (vs 12-13). Haven’t we seen that happen? Go back into the world?

Verse 14: “Who rejoice to do evil *and* delight in the perversities of the wicked, whose ways *are* crooked, and *are* devious in their paths” (vs 14-15). What’s the name for that President? *Slick Willie* and *Tricky Dick*; Democratic and Republican. Yes, we must be ‘fair and balanced.’

Verse 16: “To deliver you from the wanton woman...” Who is the wanton woman in the world? *None other than Babylon the Great*, which is centered in Rome.

“...*even* from the stranger *who* flatters *with* her words, Who forsakes the guide of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God, for her house sinks down to death, and her paths to the dead” (vs 16-18).

Everyone who is 50 and over needs to keep that in mind, because that’s when most of men and women make terrible mistakes in their lives because they are seeking to re-establish the fountain of youth. Unfortunately, that won’t come until New Jerusalem.

The other day we were driving along and I like to watch all convertibles. I was telling Dolores, ‘I look at them and most of the time there’s a middle-age man in his re-invigorated youth driving in his convertible; 50% of the time there’s a younger



woman with him. This time we're driving up on this convertible and I said to Dolores, 'I wonder if it's a middle-age man?' We get up alongside, it was a middle-age woman. But she didn't have any passengers with her.

Verse 18: "For her house sinks down to death..." What is the Vatican built upon? *The catacombs of a pagan cemetery!* How fitting!

Verse 19: "None that go unto her return again, nor do they take hold of the paths of life—In order that you may walk in the way of good... [that's why God has given everything] ...and keep the paths of the righteous. For the upright shall dwell *in* the land... [in our case, the Kingdom of God] ...and the perfect shall remain in it. But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth... [Rev. 20, the Lake of Fire] ...and transgressors shall be rooted out of it" (vs 19-22). That's how we need to approach it.

Let's look at some other Proverbs that are very interesting, indeed. Today everyone has an opinion. Opinions are a sacred thing. Very few are seeking Truth. But if you have a brilliant idea in evil, you can probably make some money in the world, but what will your life be like?

Proverbs 16:2: "**All** the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirits.... [here's how to overcome that]: ...Commit your works unto the LORD... [do what God says] ...your thoughts shall be established" (vs 2-3). That ties right in with 2-Cor.10, *bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ!*

Verse 4: "The LORD has made all for His own purpose..." God has a purpose for each one of them, as we read there on the last day of Unleavened Bread, that God will fulfill His purpose for you.

"...yea, even the wicked for the day of evil. Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; *though joined* hand in hand, he shall not be unpunished" (vs 4-5). They will prosper in evil for a while, but just step back and watch what happens, how it comes about. God is never mocked. It always take place!

Here's how we overcome, v 6: "By mercy and Truth..." Mercy comes through repentance. Truth comes through the Word of God.

"...iniquity is purged... [that's how you get it out of your system] ...and by the fear of the LORD *men* turn away from evil" (v 6).

Here is what we want, as long as possible, v 7: "When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him."

Never forget this: **Remember your spiritual riches**, not just the riches in this world, v 8: "Better

*is* a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice." You can read some more.

Not only is there a way that seems right to a man (Prov. 14:12), but notice Proverbs 12:15: "The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes, but he who listens to advice *is* wise." Whether you like the advice or not, if you listen and think about it and it's good advice, you better follow it.

This also tells us what we need to do, Proverbs 21:1: "The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD *as* the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He will." Think about that in relationship to Christ, the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit leads us. We need to yield to it.

Now contrast that with v 2—which ties in with Prov. 12:15—v 2: "Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes, **but the LORD ponders the hearts.**" *God knows!* If you think some of the technology that men are inventing and you think how marvelous that is, God has it hands-down already better beaten, but He is righteous and perfect. *He knows the hearts.* He's called in the New Testament, **'The heart knowing God!'**

Verse 3: "To do righteousness and justice *is* more pleasing to the LORD than sacrifice." See how nice these Proverbs are. It keeps us right on the path, the straight, the narrow, the right, the wrong, the good, the evil, etc.

The next time you watch some of these politicians, remember v 4: "A high look, a proud heart, *and* the plowing of the wicked *are* sin." That fits a good number of people in politics, entertainment, etc.

Verse 5: "The plans of the diligent *tend* only to plenty, but everyone *who is* hasty, only to poverty." How clear that is. That's why we sent every one of you the Proverbs DVD; you can play that. You don't even have to have your Bible open. I read it for you and Randy has it so the page turns. You can read it and think about it while you watch it. We have the whole DVD designed this way: You study one Proverb, a whole chapter, every day. There are 31 chapters in the book of Proverbs. So, in the months that you have less than 31 days, then you double up on a couple of the shorter ones.

When you are done with it at the end of the month, you go back and start again and go through it. When you are done with it at the end of that month, you go back and start again. So, every day for a month you go through a chapter of the Proverbs. After you go through it quite a few times, your mind will start connecting a lot of these things together. You might try that, as if you didn't have enough to do.

Verse 6: “The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro by those who seek death.” Beware of all ‘get-rich’ schemes. 99.999% of them are frauds.

What all of these things will do, as you study them and go over the Proverbs, it will help you get your thinking straight, so that you’re not tossed to and fro. That you can begin to immediately see: right and wrong, good and evil, what is right, what you should do. It will help you discipline your mind. That’s the whole process of it.

Proverbs 10:29: “The way of the LORD is strength to the upright...” God will strengthen you. Remember where we started: be strong in the Lord (Eph. 6). There it is right there.

“...but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity” (v 29). What is Christ going to do when He comes back to this earth? *He’s going to destroy nearly all of it!*

Verse 30: “The righteous shall never be moved, and the wicked shall not remain in the land.” Now apply that to the Kingdom of God.

Here’s how it’s going to help us, Proverbs 11:5: “The righteousness... [which comes to us by God’s Spirit, God’s Truth, God’s love] ...of the perfect shall direct his way... [it’s going to work out] ...but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.”

If you want to know how that works, watch *American Greed*. I think that’s on CNBC. All they do is cover ponzi schemes. There was even this one plan, they went to these little old churches and they told them how they could double their money in nothing flat. What happened? *They started doubling the money for them to get them to send more money!* When it came to an end, everything was lost to these little churches, using the name of the Lord to do it.

Verse 6: “The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them, but transgressors shall be taken in their own lust.” That’s true! Also watch *Forensic Files*. That is on CNN *Headline News*. How they catch these criminals now with forensics is absolutely amazing. They caught this one man, he was tried, and convicted, sent to prison, said he was innocent. But while in prison he had a change of heart and he said, ‘If you will spare my life, I will show you where I buried the body.’ Yet, in court he denied and said he was innocent. But he was convicted on forensic information that made it absolutely clear he was the killer. He was convicted without a body being discovered until after he was convicted. So, then he said he would show them where the body is.

Another *Forensic Files* about an unsolved crime. They thought they knew who it was, but they

could never get enough information to make a case to bring him to court. One round of policemen and sheriff retired and the new ones came in and they got the cold case. That’s called the *Cold Case File*. They had gone over everything that they had recovered from the crime scene. They had the pair of socks of the woman who had been raped and murdered, but no one looked at them for any forensics. Twenty years later, with this new cold case detective on the case, he decided to look at everything and he saw that the socks had never been examined. He saw a little spot of something on the sock.

So, he sent it off to the forensic lab. This is 20 years later, mind you. So this tells you what they can do today. They cut that little part out of the sock, sent it to the forensics, and guess what they found? They found DNA from the man and DNA from the woman that he raped. There was absolutely no way around it.

God will deliver us, but the wicked comes in his stand. Let’s look at a couple more. I want to focus in on righteousness. This whole chapter is devoted to righteousness vs the wicked.

Verse 19: “As righteousness *tends* to life, so one pursuing evil *pursues it* to his own death. Those who are of a perverse heart *are* an abomination to the LORD... [you can take the word *perverse* and you can expand that out to many things] ...but the upright in the way *are* His delight” (vs 19-20).

Remember: through all of this, all the difficulties, God loves us, cares for us, watches over us, protects us in many ways we don’t even know. And strengthens us in many ways that we don’t know either.

Verse 27: “He who diligently seeks good seeks favor... [or grace] ...but he who seeks mischief, it shall come to him. He who trusts in his riches shall fall, but the righteous shall blossom like a branch” (vs 27-28). When will that be? *In this life somewhat, but exactly at the resurrection!*

Verse 29: “He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind, and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise in heart. The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise. Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth;’ how much more the wicked and the sinner!” (vs 29-31).

You can take each one of these Proverbs—this might be a more in depth study of it—and you can say, ‘How can I find the comparison of that in the New Testament?’ Then you will find a lot of New Testament doctrine in it.

Proverbs 12:26: “The righteous *is* more excellent than his neighbor... [who is not righteous]

...but the way of the wicked seduces them”—the fantasy of their plans and everything.

Notice they are all right here, just crop up right at us, Proverbs 13:5 “The righteous hates lying, but the wicked one is loathsome and comes to shame. **Righteousness guards the one who is upright in the way...** [we are to be strengthened in the Lord; righteousness comes from God] ...but wickedness overthrows the sinner” (vs 5-6).

I like this next one, v 7: “There are *those* who pretend to be rich, yet have nothing; and those who pretend to be poor, yet, *have* great riches.” That’s true physically and spiritually.

Proverbs 14:32: “When calamity comes, the wicked are brought down, but the righteous, even when he is brought to death, has hope.” That is the hope of the resurrection.

Proverbs 15:24: “The path of life leads upward for the wise, so that he may turn away from the pit below. The LORD will destroy the house of the proud, but He maintains the border of the widow. The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD, but the *words of* the pure *are* pleasant words” (vs 24-26).

You can go on and on. See how it always contrasts.

Verse 29: “The LORD *is* far from the wicked... [we could put there: However, Satan is near] ...but He [God] hears the prayer of the righteous.” All of these things help bring us to God.

All of these things we need to be doing. We need to be drawing close to God in every way.

Proverbs 19:1: “Better *is* the poor who walks in his integrity than he who *is* perverse in his lips and is a fool. For a man to be without knowledge, it is not good, and he who is impetuous sins. The foolishness of man perverts his way, and his heart frets against the LORD” (vs 1-3).

We don’t want to go into any of those ways and we can see with the coming of the world the way it’s going to be, that

- the Word of God is going to be ***our strength***
- the Word of God is going to ***give us the help*** with God’s Spirit to be able to withstand in the evil day all these things that come

That will help you prepare for the technology of the future.

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