

# Cause of World Problems and How to Cope

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath Services.

Today we live in a world of delusion and illusion, and a false reality. Everyone wants to have things nice and smooth, no effort in anything. It just comes so easy. Today we're going to see the contrast.

You watch the news—and we're going to watch a little bit of news here—they show all of these tragedies and then they come on with advertisement and many, many of them are for medications. Everybody's so happy and everything is just right. It says, 'This may help you, if you don't die from it.' I'm just summarizing. 'You can get headaches, you can vomit, you can have loss of memory, lose your vision, but this is good for you.' That's the reality we are in.

Let's see God's summary of it here. We will introduce the news clip that we have here about 14-15 minutes with this.

Isaiah 30:1: "Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD... [all the children of Israel] ...'Who carry out a plan... [we're going to see a lot about the plans of what people are trying to work out for the future] ...but not of Me; and who form an alliance, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin."

Verse 8: "Now go, write it before them in a tablet, and note it in a book... [we have that book; we're reading from it] ...so that it may be for the time to come forever and ever... [at the end of the age] ...that this *is* a rebellious people, lying children. They are children who will not hear the Law of the LORD" (vs 8-9).

That begins in all the Sunday-keeping churches. The main fault of everything in the United States of America lies at the pulpit of the Sunday-keeping churches. Everything, because they will not hear the Law of the Lord; they reject it.

Verse 10: "Who say to the seers, 'See not,' and to the prophets, 'Do not prophesy to us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions; Go out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.'.... [we don't want God] ...Therefore, thus says the Holy One of Israel, 'Because you have despised this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely on them; Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant. And He shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel; that *is* smashed in pieces....'" (vs 10-14).

As we read these prophecies, let's think on every prophecy that will be fulfilled to the maximum, not to the minimum.

"...He shall not spare, so that there shall not be found in the fragments a shard to take fire from the hearth, or to take water out of the pit" (v 14). That's quite an indictment.

I saw on the news the picture that a man took when it was the flooding back in the Midwest. We're going to see some it here in the news clip. He was in his house and all of a sudden the house started to move. Then it stopped, then one of the doors burst open, because of the water, and the whole house filled up with water, almost got him. He was on the second floor. Suddenly. 'Oh, well, I can ride this storm out; I've done it before.' I couldn't help but think of that.

What we're going to do, we're going to take a little break and we're going to watch about a 14-15 minute news clip covering quite a number of things that are going on in the United States of America.

(see DVD for video)

That was quite a news clip showing different things going on. Now I've got a stack, because there are other things more astounding than what we saw. I told you I've been saving up for you, so here it is. I'm not going to be reading but only the headlines and a comment or two, but I want to read you this:

"A 'liberal paradise' would be a place where everybody has guaranteed employment, free comprehensive health care, free education, free food, free housing, free clothing, free utilities and only law enforcement personnel have guns. And, believe it or not, such a liberal utopia does indeed exist. It's called prison." ~Maricopa County AZ Sheriff Joe Arpaio  
[\(https://founderswisdom.wordpress.com/2015/06/13/4436/\)](https://founderswisdom.wordpress.com/2015/06/13/4436/)

Let's see where human beings want to go. This is the Tower of Babel, the end: Ray Kurzweil. He's the head of the Singularity University. One of those who teaches there and is on the board is the president of Google, Eric Schmidt. He says that 'human beings will be hyborgs by 2030.' That means you will have special attachments. You can back up to a computer, plug your brain into it and download different things.

The amalgamation of man and machine will be the 'biggest evolution in biology'  
claims Professor Yuval Noah Harari  
<http://www.ad-hoc-news.de/the-amalgamation-of-man-and-machine-will-be-the-biggest--/de/News/43876285>

No it won't! Men want to become gods *their* way, so this is taking what we find about Adam and Eve in the book of Genesis and multiplying it for the end-times. How close were they to this before the Flood? We don't know! What did Jesus say? '*As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of man.*'

Remember who I just mentioned, the head of Google?

Google patents a system that could one day download the personality of a celebrity or even a deceased loved-one into a robot.  
(conspiracy-cafe.blogspot.com/2015/04/google-patents-system-that-could-one.html)

Scientists urge caution in using new CRISPR technology to treat human genetic diseases

(news.berkeley.edu/2015/03/19/scientists-urge-caution-in-using-new-crispr-technology-to-treat-human-genetic-disease/)

That is a technology where they go in and they clip out a gene and put in a substitute one. When they do that, that stays in the gene-pool if it's passed on. This makes all homosexuals justified in what they are doing:

Babies made from skin may be boon for same-sex couples

(wnd.com/2015/02/babies-made-from-skin-a-boon-for-same-sex-couples/)

Taking the stem cells of live human beings, manipulating them and creating new life.

The world's first head transplant volunteer could experience something worse than death

(sciencealert.com/world-s-first-head-transplant-volunteer-could-experience-something-worse-than-death)

What if it went wrong? Remember one of the first movies that they made when they had motion pictures? What was it? *Frankenstein!* Not much has changed.

Now here's what's going to affect us: We're already well into our fourth year of drought here in California. I'm always inclined to say, I do once in awhile, but not very often. When someone says, 'What a lovely day it is; the sun is out and it's nice.' Remember what I said about a false reality. I said, 'Yes, it's lovely until there's no more water.'

US Government Actively Trains To Round-Up And Destroy Christians, Resisters—The Purge Of God From The Military Was Lead-In To War Against Americans  
(allnewspipeline.com/Purge\_Of\_God\_From\_Military.php)

They dismissed a general recently for publicly professing his belief in Christ and his faith in God.

Trans-Species Organ Farming: The Good, the Bad and the Creepy

(humanlifereview.com/trans-species-organ-farming-the-good-the-bad-and-the-creepy/)

That is, take cells from aborted infants, put them into different animals and grow hearts, kidneys and things like that. God has a better plan: *Obey Him and yours will last!*

Now we get into the economics. {Note the sermon, *The Mark of the Beast is Here*} Remember what you saw, smaller than the size of a grain of rice. That came out and that was called 'Digital Angel.' How does Satan appear? *As an angel of light!* What is he going to do? *He's going to bring you benefits:*

- the benefits of sin
- the benefits of abandoning God
- the benefits of embracing 'me'

Cashless Control Grid: 25% of Australians Would Get a Chip Implanted in Them to Pay for Stuff

(thedailysheep.com/25-of-australians-would-totally-get-a-chip-implanted-in-them-to-pay-for-stuff\_052015)

If anyone doubts that we're in a stock market bubble, show them this article. Everything is all falsely held together.

The Coming Crash of All Crashes

(beforeitsnews.com/economy/2015/05/the-coming-crash-of-all-crashes-2727640.html)

What can we do? If you haven't been getting your house in order for the last ten years, you're going to be in dire trouble.

Then a little bit more in prophecy that has to do with economics. Remember years ago when I gave the sermon concerning Pakistan and China and the Khyber Pass? Guess what they're doing? They are doing exactly what we covered back then, plus China and Pakistan have entered into a \$46-billion super-highway that will run from China, down into Pakistan. Then out of Kazakhstan there will come oil lines and natural gas lines. It will go into China exactly as we discussed around ten years ago. They're going to build that highway all the way to the Middle East. What is the final use of it going to be? 200-million man army, strung out all along that highway.

Russia to join China-led development bank

(news.yahoo.com/russia-join-china-led-development-bank-100236095.html;\_ylt=AwrTcdIEW39VUNAAqH0nnIQ;\_ylu=X3oDMTByb2lvbXVuBGNvbG8DZ3ExBHBvcwMxBHZ0aWQDBHNlYwNzcg—)

Leaving out the U.S. and bringing in the Eurasian countries and Germany, and I think France is ready to join it. But, of course, our friends in Russia are really thrilled about what we do:

A Russian analyst urges nuclear attack on Yellowstone National Park and the San Andreas Fault Line

(endtimeheadlines.org/2015/03/russian-analyst-urges-nuclear-attack-on-yellowstone-national-park-and-san-andreas-fault-line/)

The reason would be, is that below the surface in Yellowstone the magna is only 1500 feet below; that the largest caldera in the world. The United States could be brought to nothing in hours.

But if you tell them about God you're mean, you're nasty. It's like I just read, 'Speak to us smooth things. Let's all get together and we'll all sing wonderful, happy, happy songs.'

They've discovered an ISIS camp only a few miles from Texas in Mexico. 'Nah, they're just JVs.'

How many people will have to migrate out of California when all the water disappears? 13-million!

(infowars.com/how-many-people-will-have-to-migrate-out-of-california-when-all-the-water-disappears/)

We saw the bird flu, egg shortages. You're probably going to be paying \$5 or more a dozen pretty soon.

What I want you to do is think of it this way. All of these different things have been developing incrementally over the years. It's kind of like there's a master turner at the top. ***That Master Turner is God!*** He's waiting, every disaster that comes along, how much repentance is there. Who is really turning to Him sincerely? If they don't, then the Master Turner turns it some more and it tightens, and it tightens. The day is going to come when it will be so tight, it will all burst! Every fear, every evil thing is going to come gushing forth like the breaking forth of the wall, or the bursting of a dam.

Three Sources of Antibiotics That Threaten Human Health

(wakingtimes.com/2015/02/05/three-sources-antibiotics-threaten-human-health/)

Medicine, agriculture, and pharmaceutical processing plants dumping drugs into the wastewater.

Let's look into religion and see what's happening here. How many have ever been to Dearborn, Michigan? You wouldn't recognize it now because they call that 'Michiganistan,' 90% Muslim. Would you want to go in there and shop?

State of Atheism in America

(barna.org/barna-update/culture/713-2015-state-of-atheism-in-america#.VX94BS5yXq0)

It's growing. One in four do not believe in God.

Church of England Pastor Welcomes Muslim Prayer Services

(charismanews.com/world/48756-church-of-england-pastor-welcomes-muslim-prayer-service)

The Rising Danger of Chrislam

(endtimestrumpet.wordpress.com/2015/03/10/the-rising-dangers-of-chrislam/)

Joint meetings with supposed-Christians and Muslims; reading of the Bible and reading of the Koran. Isn't that sweet and lovely? Rick Warren is the one who started it. Now, this takes the cake:

Minister Who Denies God's Existence: I Don't Appreciate Being Told I'm Not a Christian

(christiannews.net/2015/03/23/minister-who-denies-gods-existence-i-dont-appreciate-being-told-im-not-a-christian/)

Remember the book. I did a series on Church at Home: *Christianity Without God*, by Lloyd Geering. In reading that book, I think it was about ten years ago, on the way to the conference in Cincinnati. That's when it struck me we needed to have Church at Home—and we now have it. So he welcomes everybody—atheists, anyone. 'We're all good, nice people.'

Tell you what, everybody is good and nice until they run out of stuff and then you have the riots. When things really get bad and there's no food and everyone rushes out to the supermarket, they're going to be standing in line and everyone is going to guard that line. Do you think that someone would let a little woman go in first? *Probably not!*

New Trend: Radically Inclusive Churches that Embrace All Religions and All Lifestyles

(infowars.com/new-trend-radically-inclusive-churches-that-embrace-all-religions-and-all-lifestyles/)

What does God call the society? *Sodom and Egypt and Babylon the Great!*

New Bible Versions Remove Father and Son of God Because it Offends Christians

(video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search;\_ylt=AwrTceDRen9VYREAtkknnlQ;\_ylu=X3oDMTByNWU4cGh1BGNvbG8DZ3ExBHBvcwMxBHZ0aWQDBHNIYwNzYw-\_p=New+Bible+Versions+Remove+Father+and+Son+of+God+Because+It+Offends+Christians&fr=yhs-mozilla-001&hspart=mozilla&hsimp=yhs-001)

When people sin against God, God raises up the enemies. We've covered that. There are a few people out there who are trying to do good.

Christian Gentle Side in Full Swing, God has given us a preview in the Middle East

(video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search;\_ylt=AwrTccye39VC0sAv3MnnlQ;\_ylu=X3oDMTByNWU4cGh1BGNvbG8DZ3ExBHBvcwMxBHZ0aWQDBHNIYwNzYw-\_p=Christian+Gentle+Side+In+Full+Swing.+God+Has+Given+Us+a+Preview+In+the+Middle+East.&fr=yhs-mozilla-001&hspart=mozilla&hsimp=yhs-001)

Just think what they will do when they get here. Just think when that implacable satanic hatred that we see on display over there becomes reality, ***and it will!***

Persecution, Collapse, and Economic Totalitarianism

(endoftheworldasyouknowit.com/showthread.php?27351-Persecution-Collapse-and-Economic-Totalitarianism)

### Financial Train Wreck Coming

(video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search;\_ylt=A86J79hfH9VmyQANEMnnIIQ;\_ylu=X3oDMTBnNWU4cGh1BGNvbG8DZ3ExBHBvcwMxBHZ0aWQDBHN1YwNzYw—?p=Financial+Train+Wreck+Coming&fr=yhs-mozilla-001&hsprt=mozilla&hsimp=yhs-001)

Guess what Pope Francis-I is doing. He's such a righteous man that he and the Vatican are researching aliens. You don't have to research them, just read the Bible. But since you don't read the Bible, they are aliens to you. It is God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy angels, and the demons that are on the earth.

When Christ returns to the earth, what do you think is going to be the motivating factor for fighting Christ, even after the resurrection and the Sea of Glass? 'The aliens are going to take over and we've to all get together and fight and go against it.'

- Does Satan prepare the way?
- Does God use their delusions?
- Yes, indeed!

Sometimes it's not nice to talk about terrible, terrible things like this. I told you several times to read the book of Jeremiah. Even Jeremiah got really depressed that he had to tell all this bad news to everybody. God said, 'Remember, I said I would spare your life. Remember, I would protect you.'

Then He could have said after Jeremiah was brought out of the sewer, 'See, I told you so.' *But Lord, look at all this goop!* 'I didn't say you wouldn't fall into unclean places. I just said I would be with you and help you.'

There are a few good people in the society trying to do good.

### Supremes warned: 'God's judgment' now looming:

The brief was filed by the William J. Olson law firm and the U.S. Justice Foundation on behalf of Public Advocate of the U.S., Joyce Meyer Ministries, the Lincoln Institute, the Abraham Lincoln Foundation, Institute on the Constitution, Conservative Legal Defense and Education Fund and pastor Chuck Baldwin.

(wnd.com/2015/04/supremes-warned-gods-judgment-now-looming/)

They are trying.

Let's learn a very important lesson. The lesson is this: **Whitewashed Christianity**—and that's called 'dressing with untempered mortar'**—and political solutions will never solve the problems!** That is the

root cause of the problems that has led to the situation that for the past 100 years or more *this nation has systematically turned its back on God!*

As I mentioned, you go back in the Bible and please remember, if you have everything of your Bible on a media device or a computer, *The Bible in Its Original Order* (hardcopy) needs no electricity. I suggest do not rely 100% on digital Bibles. They may fail you. But the printed one you can open up at any time. So, if you don't have one, get one and read in there, *Rome's Challenge to the Protestants* (Appendix N). Then do a historical study of the demise of Christianity from 1893 to this day.

What was Rome's challenge to the Protestants? 'You claim that you go by the Bible alone, yet you keep Sunday.' Which is a Catholic institution. They warned them in no uncertain terms: 'You either keep the Sabbath as God says—and the Seventh Day Adventists, because they didn't know about other Churches of God—or get on Catholic ground 100%; or we will come upon you in all of our arrogance in a way that you would least suspect.' We see it today!

I know some people do not like to hear these things, but we're kind of like in Jeremiah's time; we have to say them.

- those who have ears to hear, *need to hear*
- those who need to return to God, *need to return to God*
- those who will continue to rebel, *beware*

You are going to fall into the hands of the living God and your life will be like a fly swatted with the biggest fly swatter that could be and you will look just like that fly. Splat! **God means it! His Word tells us so!**

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How is all of this important to us? *Because we live in the end-times and we are affected by everything that goes on!* The only way that we can arm our mind and our heart is by understanding what is happening, so that we don't get caught up in it ourselves. Realize that God knew all of this would take place, because He created mankind, He knows what Satan will do, He knows the intentions of the hearts of men cut off from God when they take their free moral agency and go against Him.

Why is the world in the mess that it is in? *Because they want to get rid of God!* They want to become their own gods. They want to become their own saviors. Remember, concerning transhumanism, I did a series of sermons on CBCG.org and I did a series of sermons on churchathome.org.

Psalm 2:1: "Why do the nations rage and the people plot in vain?" Stop and think about it. Even

with free moral agency, men can **never, never** figure out what is right when they reject God. When they do, their troubles multiply more and more and more.

Verse 2: “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Christ, saying, ‘Let us break Their bands asunder and cast away Their cords from us’” (vs 2-3). That’s why we’re in the mess that we are, in every area of life:

- religion
- government
- economics
- education
- social life
- family life

Every aspect of human behavior has been perverted. The only difference is God reaches down and calls out some. That’s the only difference. We are to learn from these things because God is going to give us the responsibility under Christ to correct it.

Verse 4: “He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD scoffs at them. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and in His fury He terrifies them” (vs 4-5). That’s coming! We read of that just recently.

Here’s a very interesting Psalm that helps us understand how we can live in this world the way it is, and yet, still survive:

Psalm 64:1: “Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint...” If you have complaints, take them to God. If they’re more than you can handle, tell Him they’re more than you can handle. Ask Him to show you a way out and how to handle it. Sometimes you get up against things—how long do you bash your head against the wall.

“...preserve my life from fear of the enemy. Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked, from the rebellion of the workers of iniquity, who sharpen their tongues like a sword and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words” (vs 1-3). I think that describes their attitude toward God and Christianity and the imposition of the things that we see set before the Supreme Court today and the way that people respond.

Verse 4: “So that they may shoot at the blameless from concealment...” Isn’t that something? All of a sudden they come up with a law and you are caught.

“...suddenly they shoot at him, and fear not. They encourage themselves in an evil plan; they talk of laying snares secretly; they say, ‘Who shall see them?’ They plot injustices, saying, ‘We have made a perfect plan.’....” (vs 4-6). Add in there the super-elite. Put in there Rev. 13, the coming world government, a ‘perfect’ plan.

“...For the inward thought and heart of man is cunning. But God shall shoot at them and with an arrow; suddenly they shall be wounded” (vs 6-7). All of that is coming.

Let’s see something that is at the root core of all of it. Remember, the Proverb tells us that ‘a man’s way is justified in his own site,’ and ‘the way of man is the way of death,’ but it seems right. It seems good.

Just to give you one example politically. How has ending poverty worked? How has all the police forcing worked? They can’t get enough police, and when they do they won’t let them work. What happens, you had Ferguson, then Baltimore, Los Angeles and Chicago, killing almost 300 people.

That’s why you have to beware of things that sound good. Listen to the politicians when they tell you how they’re going to solve the problems. The main ingredient they are missing is *God*. The next main ingredient that is missing is *repentance*.

Jeremiah 17:5: “Thus says the LORD, ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man...’” Automatic law! **You can’t do away with the laws of God, because they are spiritual and they function automatically!** You can proclaim them in your rebellion that they have been done away, but then you’re standing in the seat of God to tell God that you know more than Him.

“...and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the LORD. For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes. But he shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land that is not inhabited” (vs 5-6).

Here we are; v 7 represents the people of God. This is why we need to know the things that are going on, so that we don’t get caught up in any of their schemes.

I remember a man came to me and he said, ‘What we need to do, we need to get all the brethren to get out and really vote.’ What would that solve? Vote for a man who doesn’t understand God? You can vote for someone who is the least evil, that you could do, but just understand, the most that that can do is maybe defer things for a while, but not much. Political things won’t work. So here we are.

Verse 7: “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD... [trusting Him in all circumstances] ...and whose hope is the LORD.”

In spite of everything that goes on, spiritual speaking, look at the reality of how we stand before God, v 8: “For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters... [tie in there Psa. 1] ...it sends out its roots by the river, and it shall not fear when the heat comes, but its foliage shall be green; and he is not worried in the year of drought, nor will it cease from yielding fruit.”

Then it goes back to the one who rejects God; here's the comparison, v 9: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?"

There are a lot of people out there who consider themselves nice and good people. As far as society goes, that is true. But do they love God and obey Him the way God says? If that were true, we would fill this whole building with people who are seeking God. It does no good to profess God and believe in Him. You're no better off than the demons.

"...desperately wicked..." The truth of Christianity is that when we come to understand the evil of human nature and constantly are overcoming it and repenting and trusting in Jesus Christ and God the Father, then God can help us remove this deceitfulness from within us. It is genetically in us, through what is called *the law of sin and death*.

Those people who appear very nice, if something goes wrong, BANG! They come out just like fury. "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it."

Verse 10: "I the LORD search the heart..."—even the heart of the wicked. Why did God bring the Flood? Go back Gen. 6, because 'the imagination of man was only evil continually.' That resulted in corruption and violence and filled the whole earth. That's exactly what we are looking at today. But there was one man—Noah—and he loved God and God preserved him. The world hated him.

I think God did it just right, *perfect* He had Noah, his family, and all the animals in the ark for seven days. I imagine all the people gathered around and said, 'Look at that idiot, Noah. They're all in the boat.'

Just last week there was a documentary on Noah. One of them said, 'They couldn't have gotten all the animals on the ark.' You get all of the main species there. Can God create other animals at any time, even through natural pro-creation? *Yes, He can!*

What happened with Isaac and Jacob? *Isaac was the father of Jacob, but Jacob had a twin brother!* God told Isaac's wife, Rebekah, that there were two nations in her. From the same mother and father. One of them came out so hairy, like a goat. The other was plain. God can do anything!

Not knowing that they said, 'We've got a modern scientific explanation for this. Noah had a genetic bank and he had all of these stored tubes, with all of the genetics in it, so that he got out of the ark as a mad scientist and put it all together. Then there were all of the animals and things again.' Is the heart deceitful above all things and desperately wicked? *Yes, indeed!*

Verse 10: "I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins even to give to each man according to his ways... [whether he is righteous or whether he is wicked] ...according to the fruit of his doings." Who said works don't count? Read Rev. 2 and 3. Jesus said, 'I know your works and I judge you by your works.'

Verse 11: "As the quail that hatches eggs it has not laid; in the same way he who gets riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the middle of his days, and in his end he shall be a fool."

In spite of all that, in spite of all the sins that they were doing, God is still merciful. God offers a way out. So, here He did for the people. Did God really want to send them off into captivity and have them killed, raped, and all of this sort of thing? *No!* Did God really want to burn the city of Jerusalem, where He placed His name and put His temple? *No!* He even gave the king a way out a little later.

The king was so worried, what was going to happen. He said, 'Send Jeremiah secretly. I need to talk to him.' He said, 'Jeremiah, what does the Lord say?' Jeremiah said, 'The Lord says, if you will surrender and go with Nebuchadnezzar, you will live and I won't burn the city and I won't destroy the temple. You will be a vassal king.' *Oh, I can't do that.*

What did he try and do? *He tried to sneak out at night!* But what happened? *According to the fruit of his doings, the Babylonians caught him!* They brought him before Nebuchadnezzar and Nebuchadnezzar said, 'Gouge out his eyes.' He went to Babylon and died—"...according to the fruit of his [your] doings." That's not nice; how dare you speak so terribly. Well, think about all of the murders of the most innocent.

Verse 19: "Thus the LORD said to me, 'Go and stand in the gates of the children of the people, by which the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem.'" He had to go from gate to gate all the way around Jerusalem.

Verse 20: "And say to them, 'Hear the Word of the LORD, kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the people of Jerusalem who enter in by these gates! Thus says the LORD, "Take heed to yourselves, and carry no burden on the Sabbath Day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem""'" (vs 20-21). The first key to return to God is *repentance and Sabbath-keeping!*

So, everyone who is angry at me because I jump on all those Protestants and Sunday-keeping and all their lies and falsehood, you better rethink about how God thinks about it. Because they're standing in the pulpit saying, 'Jesus did away with the laws of

God and we have unconditional love from God, and it doesn't matter what we do.'

Verse 22: "Nor carry out a burden from your houses on the Sabbath Day, nor do any work, but keep the Sabbath Day Holy, as I commanded your fathers. **But they did not obey...**" (vs 22-23).

Try this in a Sunday-keeping church. You go in there unwarmed and you tell them that 'you can return to God, you can get back to God, but everybody is going to have to not work on Saturday, nor shop on Saturday, nor go to ball games—football games or any other activities—on Saturday, beginning Friday night. Next Sunday will not be the day we're going to worship on. You're going to come here on the Sabbath, which is Saturday.' You better have a fast exit on the side to get out.

"...but made their neck stiff, so that they might not hear nor receive instruction..." (v 23).

Notice the mercy of God. I heard that Mike Savage didn't like certain things in the Old Testament. I heard him say it. Too much killing, stoning homosexuals and things like that. 'It ought to be revised.' It's there for a lesson and the revision needs to be with each one of us, ***not with God and His Word!***

Verse 24: "'And it shall be, if you diligently hearken to Me,' says the LORD, 'to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath, but keep the Sabbath Day Holy, to do no work in it; Then kings and rulers sitting on the throne of David shall enter into the gates of this city, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their rulers, the men of Judah, and the people of Jerusalem. And this city shall remain forever'" (vs 24-25).

That sounds pretty good. Would you be willing to keep the Sabbath to save your house from destruction? It gets down to practical terminology.

Verse 26: "And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and grain offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise to the house of the LORD. But **if** you will not hearken to me to keep the Sabbath Day Holy, and not to carry a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath Day; **then** I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it will not be put out" (vs 26-27). That's pretty strong stuff!

They didn't do it! They had another warning! Jeremiah didn't have a pleasant job, but he had to do it. Go back and read the first chapter of Jeremiah and God called him. He was a son of a priest and he said, 'I'm a youth,' meaning he was probably about 16-18

at that time. God said, 'Don't worry. I'm going to make your forehead like flint and I'm going to make you like brazen walls against this people. But you tell them what I tell you to say.' That's what we need to do today, brethren.

Jeremiah 19:1: "Thus says the LORD, 'Go and get a potter's earthen jar, and *assemble some* of the elders of the people and of the elders of the priests. And go out to the valley of the son of Hinnom by the entry of Potsherd Gate. And there declare the words that I shall tell you. And say, "Hear the Word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and people of Jerusalem...."" (vs 1-3).

We're right there at that point with this country today. The Supreme Court, the White House, all of the Congress, all of the governors and all of the state legislatures ***better listen up to what God has to say.***

"...Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, which shall cause the ears of him who hears it to tingle.'" (v 3).

If you don't believe that is going to happen and you reject repenting if you hear this, watch the evening news and the Middle East. They are dedicated to Satan the devil and evil. God will bring them and they will do the exact same thing here, because:

Verse 4: "Because they have forsaken Me, and have profaned this place and have burned incense in it to other gods..." A little Chrislam? How about all religions? 'Oh, let's have the Buddhists, as well. Oh, you're intolerant doing that. You have to be tolerant and have atheists in and anybody come and still be Christian.' My, my, aren't we nice?

"...whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents" (v 4). They had post-birth abortion and that was sacrifice to Moloch.

Verse 5: "They have also built the high places of Baal to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings to Baal, which I never commanded nor spoke, nor did it come into My mind."

Remember, God says *all* nations are like a drop in the bucket. So, lest anyone defy God by saying, 'Don't speak these harsh words.' Don't come after anyone who says that, me or anyone else, because if they speak the Word of God... Let me tell you something very interesting here:

Jeremiah 23:19: "Behold, the tempest of the LORD has gone forth in fury, a whirling tempest. It shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until He has executed and until He has performed the purposes of

His heart; in the latter days you shall understand it perfectly. ‘I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings’” (vs 19-22).

God would have held back His hand of correction. But would they do that? *No, indeed!* How merciful is God even in spite of all of the evil that goes on? *But you have to have someone who can do something about it!*

Jeremiah 5:1, God says to Jeremiah: “Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in her open places, if you can find a man... [I gave a sermon on that some time ago, *One Man Can Make a Difference*] ...if there is one who does justice, who seeks the Truth; and I will pardon her.” That is, the whole city of Jerusalem and all of Judah.

Many times when people read and accuse the Old Testament of being so nasty, hateful and murderous, they never read verses like this and so they don’t understand it.

We’re going to spend a little time in the Psalms. Did you know you can find just about everything in the Psalms:

- Passover, not all the facts
- Unleavened Bread
- Trumpets
- Pentecost
- Atonement
- Tabernacles

All of those are there. It speaks in here many times about all the nations of the world. Doesn’t that sound a little like Revelation? This is why we need to know and understand these things and use these Psalms as our prayers.

Psalm 59:1: “Deliver me from my enemies, O my God... [the biggest enemy is our own human nature] ...defend me from those who rise up against me. Deliver me from the workers of evil and save me from bloody men” (vs 1-2). This needs to be our prayer as things come along.

Verse 3: “For behold, they lie in wait for my soul; the mighty are gathered against me—not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD. Without my fault they run and prepare themselves; awaken to help me, and look upon me. And You therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to punish all the nations; show no mercy to any wicked traitors. Selah” (vs 3-5). That goes clear into the book of Revelation.

This is what needs to be asked of the nation and the people in general, Psalm 60:1: “O God, You have rejected us; You have broken us, You were angry; restore us to Yourself again.” What do we have in the book of Revelation? *144,000, great innumerable multitude!*

Verse 2: “You made the earth to tremble; You have split it open; heal the breaks of it, for it is shaking. You have shown Your people hard things... [there will be hard things] ...You have made us to drink the wine of staggering. You have given a banner to those who fear You that it may be displayed because of the Truth. Selah” (vs 2-4). That’s the preaching of the Gospel.

Verse 5: “Save with Your right hand and answer me, that Your beloved may be delivered. God has spoken in His Holiness: ‘I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem and measure out the valley of Succoth.... [notice who is involved]: ...Gilead... [Zebulun] ...is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; and Ephraim is the strength of My head; Judah is My scepter.’” (vs 5-7). You transfer that into the prophecies at the end-time and that will help give you a greater understanding of what’s going on.

Psalm 62:8: “Trust in Him at all times, you people... [this is what we need to do] ...pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.... [stop and think on this] ...Surely men of low degree are vanity and men of high degree are a lie... [Do we find that out to be true? *Yes, indeed!*] ...when weighed in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity. Trust not in oppression, and do not take pride in stolen goods; if riches increase, do not set your heart upon them. God has spoken once; twice I have heard this: that power belongs to God. Also to You, O LORD, belongs mercy; for You give to every man according to his work” (vs 8-12). Amazing, isn’t it? *Yes, indeed!*

Psalm 61:1: “Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.” As we read these words, I want you to think about your own situation. I want you to think about the problems and difficulties you are confronted with, your family, whatever it may be. Some of them may be very incalcitrant, but nevertheless, they can be dealt with if we turn to God.

Verse 2: “From the end of the earth I cry to You when my heart is overwhelmed...” Sometimes we get that way, it’s just overwhelmed, don’t know how to handle it. We get frustrated; we get angry; we get discouraged, we get down. That’s the time to get on your knees and return to God.

“...lead me to the Rock higher than me. For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower against the enemy... [then look forward to what has to give us] ...I will dwell in Your tabernacle forever...” (vs 3-4).

Quite a few things here in the Psalms that applies today. Here's what we need to do:

Psalm 55:22: "Cast your burden upon the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be moved." That is, moved away from Him, if you trust in Him.

Verse 23: "But You, O God, will bring them down into the pit of destruction; bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days but I will trust in You." That's how it has to be.

Isn't it interesting how with all the troubles and difficulties that we've been going through, how many times have we come to sermons where the Psalms become very important for us to gain understanding and stability and to give us understanding, so that we can trust in God and lead in Him and not our own understanding. That's when we get in trouble and the things in the world affect us and:

- our families
- our children
- our relatives
- our neighbors
- the towns and cities in which we live

Sin affects everyone. That's a living law that God has made. When there gets too much of it, we've just got to come to God continually and not be dragged down by it.

Psalm 34:11: "Come, hearken to me, you children; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Who is the man that desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry" (vs 11-15). God says the prayer of the righteous is His delight.

Verse 16: "The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth." They're going to have their day.

Verse 17: "The righteous cry, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles." It may be difficult. It may be hard to do, but God will deliver us if we yield to Him.

Verse 18: "The LORD is near to the brokenhearted... [not the haughty, not the vain, but the repentant and brokenhearted] ...and saves those who are of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous..." (vs 18-19).

We have those afflictions. They come; they affect us; it's part of life. We cannot live in a world that surrounds us with evil and not have things cause us problems and difficulties. But we have to go to

God so we can keep our bearings and know what we need to do and know how we need to have the right perspective. Here's the promise that you can claim:

- "...delivers them out of all their troubles" (v 17)
- "...but the LORD delivers them out of them all" (v 19)
- *all the afflictions*

Verse 20: "He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked..." (vs 20-21). Isn't it interesting that evil shall slay the wicked. The living law!

"...and those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. The LORD redeems the soul of His servants; and none of them who take refuge in Him shall be condemned" (vs 21-22). That's also a promise of eternal life.

I think about this every once in a while. We look at King David and he was a man who was after God's own heart. We read these Psalms and think about what he went through. What a life that he lived! Sometimes we go along and say, 'I wish I was one of the patriarchs or David,' or something like that. If you'd like to be one of the patriarchs, read the book of Genesis. Look at all the troubles that they had and even bad advice. Difficulties!

Look what the brothers of Joseph did to him and lied to Jacob<sub>[transcriber's correction]</sub>. 'Oh, the wild animals got him. Here's his coat.' Imagine what Jacob felt when he was united with Joseph, seventeen years later. Wonderful, loving brothers—for seventeen years the lie. Was that an affliction? Yes, indeed! Did God work it for good? Yes, indeed! So, we need to look to God that way, too.

Psalm 66:1: "Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth." Remember, God is going to solve all the problems of the earth in His time.

Verse 2: "Sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious. Say to God, 'How awesome are Your works!....'" (vs 2-3). The greatest work He is doing is *in us now, to be His sons and daughters*. That's an awesome thing!

"...Through the greatness of Your power, Your enemies submit themselves in obedience to You... [and they will] ...All the earth shall worship You and shall sing praises to You; they shall sing praises to Your name.' Selah." (vs 3-4). Fantastic, indeed!

Psalm 67:1: "May God be gracious to us..." Think about how gracious God was. Remember when Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights, and all of the renegades convinced Aaron that he needed to make a god, so he made a calf. They all worshiped it. It was a calf unto Baal, so they probably

had a grand Sunday service at Mt. Sinai, under the auspices of Aaron, who was supposed to be the high priest of God.

Moses heard about it, came down, broke the tablets, smashed them to the ground that God had written the Ten Commandments on. Then went back up, after things got straightened out, to God and said, ‘Oh, God, don’t destroy the people. Show me Your glory.’ God said, ‘I can’t show it to you, but I’ll show you the back part.’ Then announced, ‘God, gracious, merciful, kind, lovely and good,’ even though He proposed in His heart to destroy all the children of Israel for their wickedness. Because of the prayer of Moses—one man—they were all spared.

Verse 1: “May God be gracious to us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. Selah. So that Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations” (vs 1-2). That’s the goal. That’s what we are going to do when Christ returns.

Verse 3: “Let the people praise You, O God; let all the people praise You. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy...” (vs 3-4). Imagine what that’s going to be like:

- no more war
- no more fighting
- change of human nature
- change in the nature of animals

When I don’t like what I’m watching on one channel I go to NatGeo Wild. All the animals fight and war and kill, and plot; all of this sort of thing. Everything on earth is in a great fight and that won’t stop until the saints take over the world. What a thing that is going to be! We need to look at all of these difficulties around us as hard as they may be, let those be fleeting things because we come to God.

“... You shall judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. Let the people praise You, O God; let all the people praise You. The earth shall yield its increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him” (vs 5-7).

This is what we need to look to. We need to realize that if you think times are bad now, hang on. You’ve got to hang on ***to the hope and to the purpose and to our calling!*** God will see us through it. It may be difficult, but we’ll get there.

***When you think you’re really down and out, just think about what Jeremiah had to live through, being thrown into the sewer!*** Then ask yourself: How does my problem compare to that? ***But God saved him!***

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- 3) Psalm 64:1-7
- 4) Jeremiah 17:5-11, 19-27
- 5) Jeremiah 19:1-5
- 6) Jeremiah 23:19-22
- 7) Jeremiah 5:1
- 8) Psalm 59:1-5
- 9) Psalm 60:1-7
- 10) Psalm 62:8-12
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