

News—Job—Christmas

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Greetings, everyone; welcome to Sabbath services! Today will be kind of what we would call a potpourri or a mixture of different things. So what I'd like to do is start out with some news items that you don't get on the 'lame-stream' brainless media that we have in the world today, and things that you don't even get on some of those who consider themselves solid 'right-wing shouters of truth,' whoever that may apply to.

How many have heard of Jerome Corsi? He's the one who led the charge against the Democrat John Kerry and wrote the book *Unfit for Command*. He puts out a newsletter and he put this out October 10: [420 Banks Demand One-World Currency](#). Ever heard of that on the regular news? He has [Jerome Corsi's Red Alert](#), a premium online newsletter, published by the current number one bestseller author, WND staff writer and director of financial services at Gilford Securities.

The institute of international finance, a group that represents 420 of the world's largest banks and finance houses has issued yet another call for a one-world global currency.

There are too many pitfalls in everything that's going on. Here in America we're facing possibly a depression, so they're printing money and buying the bonds, trying to stave that off. In China and in India they're looking at having to restrain inflation so it doesn't gallop away, because a good number of the funds that were given to the banks during all of this crisis they used to make money by investing in the overseas market, or what they called the emerging markets. So they invested it in Brazil, India, and China, and so forth. They've got too much money over there chasing too few of goods and so inflation is going up. So one of the leading ones who asked this gave this out:

Charles Dallara, the Institute of International Finance's managing director, encouraged a return to the G-20 commitment...

Now remember we've talked about, and I've talked about it from the day that President George W. Bush set that up in October 2008. Remember when the crisis came—BOOM! And they said the market is ready to crash, 'we're going to lose everything.' But they never asked the question: Who was doing the selling? *It was done deliberately!* Just like I pointed out last week, that in 1987 when they had that crash—500 points in one day. That was a deliberate test for the new computer system for the DTCC, the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation, to see if

they could handle it. I'll just mention here, the most important thing that the Fed has to do is keep the stock market up, and hopefully to keep the bond market up. But if you watch any of those and know the interest rating things, this last week 30-year long bonds—now what is called par is 100%, dollar for dollar. When it's at a premium then you pay above par. When there is greater risk, you pay below par and you get a higher interest rate.

So for the past two weeks the 30-year long bonds have been selling between 94.65 and 95.2 with an interest rate of 4.something, meaning this: in the first year that you have the long bond you make nine percent on it. Now they're having to do that to get people to buy the bonds. You're going to be surprised because I'm going to read something that I told you that they'd do it this way, but I want you to understand they have to keep the stock market up. So it's going to go up, it's going to go down, it's going to go up, it's going to go down.

And all the talking heads on CNBC, when they come in, 'Oh, yeah, the market's turning around. Now's a good time to buy.' Why? In order for the Federal Reserve to loan the trillions of dollars that they have loaned, they have to use the \$33-trillion Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation (DTCC). They hold title to all the original bonds and stocks. Everybody else has beneficial ownership. They can buy, they can sell, but they don't own. If you don't understand that, listen to the sermon that I did on the financial affairs—*The World Financial System*.

So the G-20 is the instrument to bring all the banks in line. If you're going to have a one-world economy, you need a one-world currency. It's going to come about! This will result in quite a benefit for going toward world government. Because they're now beginning to see that with the modern communications that we have, and each of us has cell phones, email, computers. What happens here in this instant can be known around the world in three seconds; never before communication like this.

So they are seeing that politically it's almost useless to try and change the beliefs of the majority of people in these countries to elect in the super-international elite. There is a *super-international elite* who want to rule the world. So that's why they have to have a world bank and a world currency. Because if you have the currency, then it doesn't matter what your politics are. If you have everything centralized in a world bank—and they will probably formulate that by buying a lot of that debt and use that as assets for the backing for the world currency—then you can control everyone without

having to have training of the mind or anything like that, especially if its digital. If its digital, if you exist in a world computer, you're alive. If you're not registered in the world computer with digital money, you don't exist. Just like the movie, *Enemy of the State*. Interesting! You watch it. So they're going to be moving for a world currency.

Cell Phone Trap. There are a lot of things you need to be careful of with the cell phone. Don't put it in your pocket, that lowers your sperm count. Don't put it in your pocket up here, because it will affect your heart, because those are all run by microwaves. When they're activated, it's like a little microwave oven, heats up the cells. When you hold it up to your ear, especially with children, they have run scans on children while listening to cell phones and it heats up all the cells around there. So the longer that you use a cell phone—and don't have any device, I don't know if those devices are any good, but whatever—you should limit your cell phone use and keep it off while you carry it on your person. If you have it clipped on your side right here, guess what that's right next to? And if you have it on all the time, that's right next to the liver. You need to think about all of those things.

Swedes who have used cell phones the most and for the longest times have more malignant brain tumors than others.

Why are we all of a sudden getting brain tumors, everywhere?

After a decade of use, the risk of brain tumors is doubled. Similar results were found by scientists in Israel, Finland, Russia and England. [Dr. Lennart] Hardell has also found that teenager using cell phones after a decade with four times more brain cancers.

I'm all for teenagers not having any cell phones or have anything to text their friends on. Get your brains in gear and think and learn how to spell, learn how to read, learn how to use your mind. 'Oh, but my friends!' Yes, yes, yes, your friends, but what about God? You need to think about that as early age as possible.

Here's another little short article. What have the Chinese been saying? 'Oh, we're not going to buy any more treasury bonds from America.'

China Raises US Dept Holdings as Others Offload (altnet.org): United States top creditor, China, increased its stockpile of American debt in September...

So don't believe everything you hear. It's propagandized to keep the people in power. Very seldom do I tell jokes, so here's one. The Arrogance of Authority:

DEA officer stops at a ranch in Texas, and talks with an old rancher. He tells the rancher, "I need to inspect your ranch for illegally grown drugs." The rancher says, "Okay, but don't go in that field over there," as he points out the location.

The DEA officer verbally explodes saying, "Mister, I have the authority of the Federal Government with me." Reaching into his rear pants pocket, he removes his badge and proudly displays it to the rancher. "See this badge? This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish... On any land. No questions asked or answers given. Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?"

The rancher nods politely, apologizes, and goes about his chores. A short time later, the old rancher hears loud screams and sees the DEA officer running for his life chased by the rancher's big Santa Gertrudis bull...

With every step the bull is gaining ground on the officer, and it seems likely that he'll get gored before he reaches safety. The officer is clearly terrified. The rancher throws down his tools, runs to the fence and yells at the top of his lungs: "Your badge. Show him your BADGE!"

That story is no bull, but it has a lot in it. Now they're having trouble with the wind farm because they're killing the eagles with those big windmill farms. What are they going to do now?

On the serious side: You've heard me talk about the *mark of the beast* with an invisible tattoo—right? Now the Greek means *on* and *in*. But if you *put it on*, but tattoo it individually it becomes *in*, because it's a part of you. It's not like a glove you can peel off or a band-aid you can pull off. Now listen to this. We don't understand what these scientists are doing in their secret little laboratories and all the things they're experimenting with. So this will give you just a little idea here:

Spanish Researchers want to Tag Human Embryos with Bar Codes

This is so we can know who it comes from and who it goes to. Isn't that lovely! Make sure that we get the right parents with the implant and all of that, yes, indeed. So they're doing it with mice embryos.

Euro-zone is in Bad Need of an Undertaker Financially (telegraph.co.uk)

And it is, going to get worse. We're going to find out that the United States will be in better shape than Europe. Here's another one: New York Times article. This is the one, right here.

A Secretive Bank Elite Rules Trading in Derivatives (*The New York Times*, December 11, 2010—nytimes.com):

In other words they rule it. How did they do that? Remember I've said it's all planned? To go up, to go down; to go up, to go down. That's only one little aspect.

Secretive Banking Elite Rules Trading in Derivatives: On the third Wednesday of every month, the nine members of an elite Wall Street society gather in Midtown Manhattan. The men share a common goal: to protect the interests of big banks in the vast market for derivatives, one of the most profitable—and controversial—fields in finance.

That's the one that was taking down Wall Street in 2008.

They also share a common secret: The details of their meetings, even their identities, have been strictly confidential. Drawn from giants like JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, the bankers form a powerful committee that helps oversee trading in derivatives, instruments which, like insurance, are used to hedge risk.

You buy insurance and then someone takes out a derivative for so much, saying, based on the risk, will they have to pay out on the insurance or will the insurance not have to be paid out. And they do it likewise with derivatives with buying oil. That's one of the reason Southwest Airlines has been so effective. They bought all of their oil for years, years, years in advance at \$40 a barrel. That's why their prices have been able to stay so cheap. While the big airlines didn't do that and what happened? Went up, up, up, and pretty soon they couldn't afford it. So these instruments are used to hedge risk.

In theory, this group exists to safeguard the integrity of the multitrillion-dollar market. In practice, it also defends the dominance of the big banks.

That's why the little banks are being gobbled up.

The banks in this group, which is affiliated with a new derivatives clearinghouse... [Isn't that nice?] ...have fought to block other banks from entering the market, and they are also trying to thwart efforts to make full information on prices and fees freely available.

If people don't believe in a conspiracy, then you don't believe in Satan the devil. This is one little group, meeting one little place, having to do with one part of a gigantic market. Here's what derivatives do:

Derivatives shift risk from one party to another, and they offer many benefits, like enabling Dr. Singer [people] to sell his fixed plans without having to bear all the risk that oil prices could suddenly rise.

Have you noticed, I don't know if you have or if you pay attention to it, but I do all the time, they said back in September that for the rest of the year oil was going to go between \$80-90 a barrel. So they've edged it up it's gotten up to \$88, back to \$87, and then they'll have one bad day and it'll go down to \$84, and then it'll go up again. All of that is rigged, just like it is here. The super-elite who control everything are rigging everything. So you can be guaranteed there's going to be a world currency to come.

Derivatives are also big business on Wall Street. Banks collect many billions of dollars annually in undisclosed fees associated with these instruments—an amount that almost certainly would be lower if there were more competition and transparent prices.... [control] ...Just how much derivatives-trading costs ordinary Americans is uncertain. The size and reach of this market has grown rapidly over the past two decades. Pension funds today use derivatives to hedge investments.

So they buy bonds from a certain company, or a certain country. They buy stocks out of various different countries and then they go the derivative markets and they say, 'Now we want to buy a guarantee for this investment.' And that's what the derivative does and it pays billions and trillions of dollars.

But big banks influence the rules governing derivatives through a variety of industry groups. The banks' latest point of influence are clearinghouses like ICE Trust... [I don't know what that is.] ...which holds the monthly meetings with the nine bankers in New York.

A lot of people ask the question, 'When Christ returns, why does He have to nearly destroy everything?' Because it's going to be so awful and terrible what men have done that that is the only way you can begin to start to clean it up—Destroy it! Bury it! Get rid of it!

More pressure from the educational-elite. Here's another story that an Augusta, Georgia, graduate student alleges school officials demand that she be 're-educated in morality,' giving her the choice of giving up her Christian beliefs on homosexuality or being expelled from the school's

counseling program. That'll end up in the Supreme Court.

Let's see some other things here. Here's the article on the Chinese copper mine in Afghanistan. I think I'll put some excerpts on this in my next letter. What happened was this. Remember I mentioned the Chinese were awarded a big contract to mine in Afghanistan.

How many here have ever seen the Kennecott Copper Mine in Utah? It is a huge hole in the ground more than a mile across and a mile deep. They have been mining ore there. First of all they take and dynamite all the ore that they want to get out along this level. There are levels and levels and levels as it goes down to the bottom. So they start up here and then they go down and they go down, then they get a little deeper in the middle. Then they start at the top and they go down and they go down.

What they do, they have these big scoopers that can scoop up eighty-five tons of raw earth. They dump it in these big trucks. You've seen these big trucks? They use them up in Canada, too, for the oil sands. Then they drive these down and dump them. They also have trains. In addition to the trucks they have trains and they have these big ore cars and they dump the ore in it, long trains. Then it goes down the mountain about five or six miles around to the smelter. The way they process it, it's quite a thing. They leave all of the cars on the side, and then they have another little locomotive push in each one of the ore cars singly. Then they have it on the track where they can strap it down and just turn the whole ore car upside down and empty out everything that is in it. Then it goes into the conveyers and crushers. They take these rocks of whatever size and they crush them down to 1/32 of an inch going through the things which filter it out. This goes into the smelter. They gets lots of copper, but what is the biggest money maker of this mine? *Gold!*

So China is there. Now they're stymied, because there is a 2600-year old Buddhist monastery right on the site. Isn't that interesting, you can't get in there yet. So the Chinese are trying to have them hurry, hurry, hurry, excavate and get it out. The Chinese want to get them in and out in three years, and the geologists want to be there for fifteen years. They don't know how it's going to go, but once they start that they're going to run all the ore back to China to smelt it in western China, you wait and see.

Remember what I talked about Afghanistan and the Khyber Pass? It's exactly what they're going to do. Plus China has also on the drawing board high-speed trains that you can get to Europe in two days, one going in a northern path through Manchuria and on into Moscow, and then down to the European Union. The other one comes down from Manchuria on the north side of the Chinese

border, and then comes through Kazakhstan, Turkistan, Uzbekistan, and all of those 'stans' and then comes on in and goes into Europe, probably through Georgia and the Ukraine.

They have everything to do it. They have the equipment. They can lay that rail, they can lay miles and miles of rail every single day. They have huge machines, which sit on the track and others, which bring these huge long rails. They have a machine ahead of this that puts down all of the ties, so they can lay miles every day. They'll be able to build this thing pretty fast.

Speaking of China, not only do they have the high-speed train, if you watch CNBC there's a special report on trash and China is drowning in trash, because they don't know how to take care of it like we do here in the United States. It is a really a polluter. So between inflation and trash and sewage, their leap into the 21st Century is going to have a long pause while they have to get everything ready, otherwise people are going to start dropping dead of plagues and polluted air over in China. That's how bad it is.

Here's a nice little wonderful thing: [A Pill to Experts Make Breakthrough to Help People Forget Traumatic Past Events](#) (dailyemail.co.uk) {paraphrased}:

Mad scientists develop a pill to erase memories by removing proteins from the brain.

Oh, isn't that lovely. Without pills it's called Alzheimer's disease—isn't it?

They say they are only using it in mice for now.... [Oh, how wonderful that is.] ... but the intended use is on humans. They already are spinning this as a wonderful aid to help people forget bad memories. And how much memory could be erased? Will it affect human identity, which is based in memory? Could it be used against a person's will?

'Oh, they'd never do that.' If it can be misused or abused, it will. That brings you up-to-date on the news.

How many of you heard any of these things on the news? If you depend on your news coming from your television station or your radio stations or the talk shows. Talk shows will give you more. If you have a computer and you don't get online and get some news from some of the original sources, you're not going to have a clue as to what's going on.

Now let's shift gears. Before services we were talking about the goodness that human nature has. There are people who want to be the best that

they can be. Isn't that one of the ads for the Marines? 'Be the best you can be. We just don't take anybody, you are the select few. And when you give your life, it's a wonderful thing, because you're keeping all of these good, loving, honest politicians in office and you're saving the world for freedom.'

Also the good things that people do, all the charitable relief, that's good. It's good to help your neighbor; it's good to do those things, that's correct, but they never ask the question: Why do these things happen? Is there a God that maybe causes a lot of these things? 'Oh, well, God would never do that.' Wait till the heavens roll back as a scroll and you're going to see what Christ is going to do. Look at how many things that have been done in government that started out to be good, ended up being a colossal failure.

Now let's look at religion. We're right here on week before Christmas time. We have all these wonderful songs. Isn't it interesting, they get all the good positive songs for Christmas so that you'll be sure to get in the Christmas mood and go spend money, so that all of these corporations can make money—right? *Nah, it's not for that, we're honoring Christ.* Do you honor Christ with selfishness? *Oh, well, we do it in a small way and we reverence Christ, because it's His birthday.*

Well, you have to remember Cain. ***Never forget Cain!*** Here's the very first lesson in the Bible. It's not what any human being thinks or their good intentions that they have, it matters: What did God say? You can take sin and you can dress it up, lovely, sweet, find, wonderful, great, everything is marvelous. That's what they do with Christmas. But God didn't command it; it's not in the Bible. Just because the Bible talks about the birth of Christ, has nothing to do with Christmas.

It's like this. God has sent out billions and billions of Bibles in the world, His personal message to each one of us, and every word is God-breathed. But how many people really read it and understand it and want to obey it? People come along and say, 'Well, you know, this commandment's old fashioned and this other commandment is old fashioned.' And then they're talking about the post-Christian age. Have you heard of that? That means when Christianity now is without God?

Remember the book—what was it, nine years ago now, eight years ago?—*Christianity Without God*. How many have read that book? You ought to see if you can get it and read it. That's an eye-opener. These are all the religious elite that are doing it. As we covered with the ***IF Statements of the Bible*** (sermon series), this is the fundamental thrust of the Bible and what God expects from us.

Genesis 4:3: "It came to pass that Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground...." Does God require fruit of the ground to be brought to Him? *Yes! Firstfruits*—right? Belongs to Him, and the firstling of all the animals belong to Him. A lot of people say, 'Well, you know, they didn't have the Ten Commandments back here because there's no record of it.' Really?

- Is murder one of the commandments? *Yes!*
- Is having 'no other gods before You' one of the commandments? *Yes!*

Well, God has certain commandments to do things. People look at that and say, 'Well, Cain must have been good hearted to do this. Why was God so angry with Cain?'

Notice what Abel did. "And Abel also brought of the firstlings of his flock *and* of the fat of it...." (v 4). Now where do you find detailed instructions concerning firstlings? In the book of Exodus, the book of Leviticus, the book of Deuteronomy—don't you? Is God 'the same yesterday, today, and forever'? *Yes!* Would He give one law to Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and all their descendants and then give Israel another law? *Of course not!*

"...And the LORD had regard unto Abel and his offering" (v 4). Why? *Because He did it according to God's commands!* He's called righteous—isn't he? (Heb. 11—it is the very first one mentioned. It says, '***By faith Abel brought an offering to God and his righteousness speaks on this day.***' Which means what? *It's according to the commands of God!* Is there any righteousness apart from God? Even the righteousness that men do in their good, any good has to come back sooner or later to God, even the human goodness that we have, without God's Spirit.

"But He did not have regard unto Cain and his offering. And Cain was extremely angry and his countenance fell. And the LORD said to Cain, 'Why are you so angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well... [There's that word again. Meaning what? What is *well*? Equivalent to 'right.' If you do right:] ...shall you not be accepted? But if you do not do well, sin lies at the door....'" (vs 5-7).

Now what is sin? '*Sin is the transgression of the law. Sin is lawlessness.*' And what is greatest lawlessness that people do? *They want to come along and add or take away from the commandments of God!* Now if God gives rules and commandments, He alone can change or modify them, not men. That's why Christ came to show the true spiritual meaning of all the laws and commandments of God.

“...sin lies at the door... [We’re not helpless to sin, because God says]: ...Its desire *is* for you, but you must rule over it!” (v 7). How? *By resisting and rejecting it*—correct? *Yes!* Notice what happens. If you don’t repent and you store up that bitterness, and of course, this is directly from God. Cain probably said, ‘Now look, I’m the firstborn. I’m supposed to get all the blessing and why does God treat me this way? And who is this Abel my brother to come in and get favor with God and have standing with God, and God won’t accept me.’ So what happened? *He killed him!* Does a little leaven leavens the whole lump? *Yes, indeed!* Sure it does. Let’s talk a little bit about Job, so I’m going to give you a Bible study assignment for this next week. I want you to read the entire book of Job.

Let me just tell you this, something you need to understand from my experience. When I first read the book of Job, I thought God was wrong. You need to understand the difference between the physical and the spiritual and you need to understand that whatever God says—written or given, in this case, to Job directly—that’s no credit to you for anything, because God expects it. Now that may sound a little harsh.

Here’s Job, loved his sons, and so forth. Job 1:1: “There was a man in the land of Uz... [not the wizard of] ...whose name *was* Job. And that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and turned aside from evil.” Is that not what God expects of us? *Yes, indeed!* Why then, did Job go through everything he went through? We’re going to learn a lesson, which is this: ***To be good in the flesh is not being good in the spirit!*** To be good in the flesh and even follow God’s commandments in the letter of the law, God expects that of everyone. Job thought that all of this was because he was righteous, and he thought it ought to qualify him to be on a level with God. His three friends were really of no help.

Verse 2: “And there were born to him seven sons and three daughters. And his possessions.... [lists all of them] (v 4): ...And his sons went and feasted in their houses, each one on his day.... [I don’t know if this is birthdays or whatever it may be.] ...And they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. And when the days of feasting were concluded, Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings *according to* the number of them all.... [So he said, ‘Come on over here, we’re going to have a burnt offering ceremony.’ So they did that.] ...For Job said, ‘It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.’ Thus Job continually did so” (vs 2-5).

- Can anyone else live your life for you?
No!

Job really loved his sons, everything about his sons.

- Could he be righteous for them? *No!*
- Could he live their lives for them? *No!*

(go to the next track).

Verse 6: “Now there was a day when the sons of God... [angels in general] ...came to present themselves before the LORD. And Satan also came among them. And the LORD said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ Then Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.’.... [Going to and fro, ‘seeking whom he may devour.’] ...And the LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and turns away from evil?’” (vs 6-8)—which he did.

A lot of people can do that. You can find a lot of people who are very righteous and kind and giving and all of this sort of thing. But does it mean that that qualifies them for eternal life? It keeps them from committing the unpardonable sin, that is for sure, but what is necessary for eternal life? *Spirit of God!*

I’m going to give you another assignment. I want you to go through the sermon series, *God’s Grace and Commandment-Keeping*, every single one of them. That will tell you that the only way you can please God spiritually—Job pleased God in the flesh, blameless, upright. That constitutes giving blessings to him because he did that, very similar to what God gave to Israel concerning their covenant.

Verse 9: “And Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘Does Job fear God for nothing?.... [That’s nothing that he’s doing that.] ...Have You not made a hedge around him, and around his house, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But put forth Your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse You to Your face’” (vs 9-11). So then all these trials came.

If you think you’ve had a lot of trials and troubles and difficulties, wait till you read the book of Job. Living in this modern end-time with every convenience at the touch of your finger, you don’t have a clue. Let’s see what he went through.

- Why would God do this? *Because he was upright and blameless!*
- What is the ultimate purpose of everything that God puts us through?
- To be good in the flesh or to receive eternal life? *To receive eternal life!*

That’s a conclusion that we find in Job 42, the last chapter.

“And the LORD said to Satan, ‘Behold, all that he has *is* in your power. Only do not lay your hand upon him.’ And Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD. Now there was a day when his sons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in the oldest brother’s house.... [Here are the waves of trials and difficulties and disasters—BAM! BAM! BAM! One after the other. I want you to think about as we read this, how bad is your trial? Because a lot of people, ‘Oh, boy, I’ve got this trial.’] ...And there came a messenger to Job and said, ‘The oxen were plowing, and the donkeys feeding beside them. And the Sabeans fell *upon them*, and took them away. Yea, they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword. And I only have escaped alone to tell you’” (vs 12-15).

- Now the first question would come up, ‘Why would God let Satan do this?’
- Isn’t God evil for having these people killed?’
- How does God view physical life?

Let’s just look at it God’s way. What did God say to the man who said, ‘Let me go bury my father. Then I’ll follow you.’ What did Jesus tell him? ‘Let the dead bury their dead.’

So the truth is, since all of us have *the law of sin and death* within us, without repentance and mercy and forgiveness—which God did not open up except to the patriarchs until Christ came—you’re as good as dead and your next breath could be your last. That’s why you have to understand about the second resurrection. Your life was not wasted. Can the Creator do to any one anything He desires at any time? *Yes!* Shall the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you doing?’ You have no understanding. That gets back to the primary question concerning Cain and Abel when we first started.

Notice how quickly these came, v 16: “While he was still speaking, there also came *another* and said, ‘The fire of God has fallen from the heavens and has burned up the sheep and the servants, and destroyed them. And I only have escaped alone to tell. While he was still speaking, there also came *another* and said, ‘The Chaldeans formed three bands and swooped down upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and have killed the servants with the edge of the sword. And I only have escaped alone to tell you.’ While he *was* still speaking, there also came another and said, ‘Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house. And behold, a great wind came from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead. And I only have escaped alone to tell you’” (vs 16-19).

You talk about traumatic events, one after the other! That’s kind of like being dropped into the middle of the ocean all at once. So here’s what Job did. Now are there people who will stand up under trials for their own integrity? *Yes!* That’s the whole principle of ‘be the best that you can be’ under all circumstances.

“And Job arose, and tore his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground and worshiped. And he said, ‘Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there.... [to the grave] ...The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD.’ In all this Job did not sin, nor charge God foolishly” (vs 20-22).

Now you think, is that enough trial? This is where I had trouble, right here at this point, until I really went through and understood the whole book of Job. It took me a while to do so in reading and in studying and praying about it. You don’t go up to God and say, ‘What are you doing? Why did You give this commandment? Why did You do this to these people?’ God’s answer is, ‘I can do anything I want at any time because I’m righteous and I can take care of it.’

Job 2:1: “And again it came to pass on a day that the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD. And Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ And Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.’ And the LORD said unto Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a blameless and an upright man, one who fears God and turns away from evil? And still he is holding fast to his integrity, although you moved Me against him to destroy him without cause’” (vs 1-3). Now then it gets right down to the nitty-gritty of life—doesn’t it?

“And Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘Skin for skin, yea, all that a man has he will give for his life.... [Today that’s called ‘healthcare.’ People want to live.] ...But indeed put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse You to Your face.’ And the LORD said to Satan, ‘Behold, he *is* in your hand, but spare his life’” (vs 4-6). We’ll have to admit, none of us have ever suffered even an infinitesimal amount of what Job is going through here.

“And Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head” (v 7). How many have had a carbuncle, just one? That is so painful, imagine your whole body with boils and carbuncles. When you finally squeeze the core out of a carbuncle, it’s about this deep, and its bloody and

its pussy and its messy, and its painful—here’s poor Job. Remember he shaved his head.

“And he took a broken piece of pottery to scrape himself with. And he sat down among the ashes” (v 8). How do you take care of it? You just scrape the top of it off, scrape your legs, scrape your stomach, scrape your face, top of your head. I don’t know how he got to his back, but those are the most painful on the back, on the back of your legs, all over. Then it would bleed and the puss would ooze, so he would throw ashes on himself, trying to keep the flies away. Well, the flies came. Talks a little later on the worms destroyed his flesh, because he could look down and see maggots.

“And his wife said to him, ‘Do you still hold to your integrity? Curse God and die!’... [Get it over with. Nice helpful, loving wife.] ...But he said to her, ‘You speak as one of the foolish women speak. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips” (vs 9-10). That doesn’t say what was going in his mind. What this does when you read it, you will find every philosophy of men trying to explain God and evil and they can’t answer the truth. The only one who did was Elihu at the end.

“Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, and they each one came from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For they had met together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and did not recognize him, they lifted up their voice and wept. And each one tore his robe, and *they* threw dust upon their heads toward heaven. And they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights. And no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that *his* grief was very great” (vs 11-13).

Can you imagine that sight? So you don’t blame Job for what he said here. After that, after seven days and seven nights and all the mourning, the puss, the blood, the scraping, the ashes, the flies, the maggots, and yet, he was still living. How much can a body take and still live? There you go.

Job 3:1: “After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his *birth*. And Job spoke and said, ‘Let the day perish in which I was born, and night in which it was said, “A man child is brought forth.” Let that day be darkness. Let not God look upon it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. Let darkness and the shadow of death claim it. Let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it” (vs 1-5). They argued back and forth, they argued back and forth, so I want you to read all of it. We’re going to go toward the end of the book here. As you go through Job 31, I want you to mark all the *Is*. Circle every *I* as you read through here to find

out how self-righteous that Job really was. What we find here with this is that all the things that Job was doing to obey God, he took credit for himself as if it was his own righteousness. There are two other things that you will find as you go along:

1. Job got so absolutely *infuriated with his three friends* that couldn’t help him
2. *frustrated concerning God* that he said, ‘Oh, that I could come before God that there were an umpire between me and God.’

Kind of like a court of law. ‘We’ll bring God to court and I’ll declare to Him all my righteousness and let’s have someone decide who’s right—me or God.’

Here’s how righteous he was. Job 31:1: “**I** made a covenant with my eyes; how then could **I** look upon a virgin?... [Boy, he said, ‘Man, if there was any woman out there that wasn’t dressed properly, I’d just turn my eyes away.’] ...And what is the inheritance of the Almighty from on high? Is not destruction for the wicked, and calamity to the workers of iniquity?... [‘It’s for them, isn’t it? It’s not for me.’] ...Does He not see my ways, and count all my steps?... [‘Hasn’t God been looking?’] ...If **I** have walked with vanity, or if my foot has hurried to deceit, let me be weighed in an even balance so that God may know that **I** am blameless. If my step has turned out of the way, or my heart has walked after my eyes, and if any spot has cleaved to my hands; *then* let me sow, and let another eat; and let my harvests be rooted out. If my heart has been enticed by a woman, or **I** have laid wait at my neighbor’s door, *Then* let my wife grind for another, and let others bow down upon her” (vs 1-10). In other words, go work for someone else, grind flour for them.

“For that *would be* a heinous crime; yea, it *would be* an iniquity *to be punished* by the judges. For it is a fire that devours to destruction, and it would root out all my increase. If **I** despised the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they complained against me; what then shall **I** do when God rises up? And when He calls me to account, what shall **I** answer Him? Did not He who made me in the womb make him also? And did not one fashion us in the womb? If **I** have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail” (vs 10-16)—and so forth. He says, ‘I, I, I, I,’ every verse here.

After all of that, what a defense, who could say anything contrary; Job 32:1: “And these three men ceased to answer Job, because **he was righteous in his own eyes**.” So Elihu came and said, ‘Now look. I was sitting here listening to all you men talk and I said to myself, surely the aged should be wise and I’m young and I’m bursting with the

matter. He said, ‘Job, look up in the heavens. What did you do?’

- God made the stars.
- God made the earth.
- God made all of these things.

What did you do? You want to know about God, you tell God, ‘My righteousness is greater than yours?’ I’m just summarizing the chapters here.

So come over here to Job 35:1: “And Elihu answered and said, ‘Do you think this to *be* right, you *that* say, “**My righteousness is more than God’s**”? For you say, “What advantage will it be to You? What profit shall I have, more than *if* I had sinned?” I will answer your words, and your companions with you. Look to the heavens...” (vs 1-5). Look to God. Guess how many stars they now estimate are up there? *320-sextillion!* Now, how many times have I said that’s how you began. When you get out in space and look down on the earth, you’re sure today, even at your greatest height, aren’t any more than that speck—are you? Job said, ‘I want God to talk with me.’

Job 38:1: “Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, ‘Who *is* this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Nor gird up your loins like a man; for I will demand of you, and you shall answer Me. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare it, if you have understanding! Who has determined its measurements, if you know? Or who has stretched the line upon it? On what are the foundations fastened to? Or who laid its cornerstone” (vs 1-6).

Here is the whole summary of it, Job 40:1: “And the LORD answered Job and said, ‘Shall he who contends with the Almighty instruct *Him*?... [In other words, ‘Job, if all of this is your righteousness, which really came from Me, you’re only doing what I commanded you.’] ...Shall he who contends with the Almighty instruct *Him*? He who reproves God, let him answer it.’ And Job answered the LORD and said, ‘Behold, I am vile!.... [Here he is, covered with ashes, scabs, maggots, dried puss, ashes. His three friends out there, they can’t answer, so God is talking to him. ‘Who is this?’] (he said): ...Behold, I am vile! What shall I answer You? I will lay my hand on my mouth.’.... [It’s about time, Job.] ...Once I have spoken’ but I will not answer; yea, twice, but I will proceed no further” (vs 1-5).

And the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, ‘Gird up your loins now like a man. I will demand you, and you declare unto Me. Will you even annul My judgment?... [How did he do that when he was perfect and blameless? By taking credit for it, that he did it himself and that his righteousness was more than God’s. How can that be when God is the one Who is righteous and gave the

righteous laws and commandments and decrees?] ..Will you condemn Me so that you may be righteous?... [A lot of people condemn God. ‘Why did He do this, why did He do that? Why did He allow this? Why did He cause this to be?’] ...And have you an arm like God?... [‘Now let’s see how big and strong and righteous and perfect you really are, Job. Do you have an arm like God?’] ...Or can you thunder with a voice like His?... [‘Are you really greater than Me?’] ...Deck yourself now with majesty and excellency, and array yourself with glory and beauty” (vs 6-10). ‘You think you’re so good, let’s see your glory. Let’s see your beauty.’

Come back to Psalm 104, because God is talking about Himself. ‘You think you’re so good. All right, make yourself God.’ That’s what He’s saying. We’re going to see in the end-run it came out twice as good, but Job had to learn the lesson: you don’t tell God what to do. Cain never learned that lesson.

Psalm 104:1: “Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great; You are clothed with honor and majesty.... [And that’s what God challenged Job to do, ‘Clothe yourself now with honor and majesty.] ...Covering Yourself with light as with a garment... [put in your notes there, Matt. 17, the transfiguration; Exo. 34, the glory of God; Rev. 1, how Christ looks in His resurrected glorious form.] ...Covering Yourself with light as with a garment, and stretching out the heavens like a curtain, Who lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters. He makes the clouds His chariot; He walks upon the wings of the wind; He makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flaming fire. He established the earth on its foundations; so that it should not be removed forever” (vs 1-5).

God is challenging Job, ‘Are you so good? All right, be God. Let’s see you do it.’ Job 40:10: “Deck yourself now with majesty and excellency, and array yourself with glory and beauty. Cast abroad the rage of your wrath; and behold everyone who is proud, and abase him. Look on everyone *who is* proud, *and* bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place. Hide them in the dust together; *and* bind their faces in darkness. Then I will also confess to you that your own right hand can save you” (vs 10-14). No man can save himself.

After Job came to his senses, Job 42:1: “And Job answered the LORD and said, ‘I know that You can do all things, and *that* no thought can be withheld from You. *You asked*, “Who is he who hides counsel without knowledge?” Therefore I have spoken that which I did not understand... [You have to let the Word of God and His Spirit give you the understanding. Job did not have God’s Spirit at that time. He did after he repented. This was Job’s conversion trial.] ...*things* too wonderful for me; yea,

which I did not know. Hear, I beseech You, and I will speak; *You said*, “I will ask of you, and you will declare to Me.” I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees You.... [In other words, now he has the spiritual understanding of who God is; God talking directly to him out of the whirlwind.] ...Therefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes” (vs 1-6). So then God accepted his repentance, he had to offer burnt offerings for his three friends. Notice he didn’t have to offer any offering for Elihu.

Then the last part of v 9: “...The LORD also accepted Job.... [Now doesn’t that take us full circle right back to Cain and Abel? *Yes, indeed!*]...And the LORD lifted up the face of Job when he prayed for his friends. Also the LORD added double to Job all that *had been his*” (vs 9-10). And then blessed him in latter days more than the beginning. So there you have concerning Job.

With that in mind, let’s look at Christmas, since it’s time for Christmas, not for the Church, but for the world. Now first of all, a lot of people have good intentions—don’t they? And they feel good and a lot of people do it ignorantly. But the ministers do it *knowing better!* Let’s see how God indicts them. If you don’t have this one, go online and ask for it: *The Sin of Israel was Sunday-Worship*. That means Christmas and Easter, because Baal is the sun-god; Ashtaroth is the female divinity. That’ll also help answer a question when we get to Isa. 1.

Let’s see who is responsible. We also have to keep in mind this: The servant who knew to do good and did not do good, will be ‘beaten with many stripes’—correct? Isn’t that what Jesus said? And the servant who did not know to do good and didn’t do good, shall be ‘beaten with few stripes.’ But he’s still held responsible. So the answer to the question concerning Christmas and Easter and New Years and Sunday is this. ***Read the Bible!*** The Bible talks about these in very negative and harsh terms, but it’s just like Job. You can’t take something that is inherently evil and dress it up with good, nice things and say it’s ‘to the Lord.’ *He won’t accept it!* ‘Well, we didn’t know.’ Okay, what do you do when you do know? *Now you’re doubly responsible*—right? So God holds all the religious leaders responsible for it. I’ll just have to put a plug in here: You can see that Glenn Beck is only a ‘watchman on the wall’ for political and for financial things. As far as anything to do with God and religion, he’s into the world’s religion, and so he can only go so far in what he does. But I will just have to ask the question: I wonder what he’s going to do in his heart of hearts when he finally comes to the knowledge that Christmas, which he so embraces, is not of God?

Ezekiel 22:23: “And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘Son of man, say to her... [That is to Israel.] ...“You *are* a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation”.... [Why does God get angry?] ...There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey....” (vs 23-25).

Have you ever seen all the lions gathered together? They have this big zebra or wildebeest and the whole tribe is there and they’re gouging out and eating. The hyenas come and try and get it from them. When they’re done, then all the buzzards come and the vultures get it. When that’s done, then you have the bone vulture and pretty soon there’s nothing left of the whole animal, because the bone vultures can digest bones, so it comes out as manure. You talk about good stomach acid. Now you know why God says don’t eat vultures. They can eat anthrax and it comes out pure. So there’s a good reason why we have those birds.

“There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst... [Now what is a conspiracy? A conspiracy is a knowing, knowledgeable understanding of throwing away the Truth and replacing it with your own things. Knowingly rejecting the Word of God, knowingly despising the Word of God. We’ll see that in a bit.] ...like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they made many widows in her midst. Her priests have done violence to My law and have profaned My Holy things. They have put no difference between the holy and the profane, and have not taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have hidden their eyes from **My Sabbaths**, and I am profaned among them” (vs 25-26).

‘My Sabbaths’ are all God’s Holy Days. But the first thing people are told in Protestant-land is, ‘Oh, the law has been done away. But we’ll be good, nice people and sing good hymns to God. Oh, we’ll read parts of the Bible.’ Just like one of the best Protestant preachers around is Charles Stanley. He’s very good, ***but he hides his eyes from the Sabbaths of God.*** He preaches very good things out of the Scriptures that he wants to preach from, but he will not preach the Sabbath. He will not reject Sunday. He will not reject Christmas. So it’s a conspiracy and a deception to deceive. Yet he is good-hearted, but he is willingly deceived in these things.

Let’s read a couple Scriptures and show you. Let’s look at the Christmas tree. *It’s in the Bible*—Jer. 10. And I’ve heard all of the excuses that people have to try and say, ‘Well, it doesn’t mean what it says.’ The truth is, God has put the Bible in such a way that all the important things we need to understand first are simple to understand. The other

things in prophecy and the difficult things to understand, you can understand *after you master the simple things*. It's just like this. You don't start kindergarteners out on a course of PhD science and math—right? They have to learn how to count—one, two, three, four, five; A-B-C-D-E-F-G.

Jeremiah 10:1: “Hear the word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel.... [That's why it's important to know who they are, *the twelve tribes*. How can any of those Protestants, Catholics, expect God to accept anything from them until they confess their sins and recognize what they have done? That may make some people upset. Well, what does God think?] ...Thus says the LORD, ‘Do not learn the way of the heathen...’” (vs 1-2).

Every minister knows that Christmas came from paganism, but ‘the pope blessed it, so that's good. ‘Oh, we're Protestants, we don't follow Catholics.’ Well, then:

- Why do you do Christmas?
- Why do you keep Sunday?
- Why do you keep Easter?
- Why do you reject the Sabbath?
- Why do you reject the Holy Days?

It's better to hear what I'm saying, than to have to answer God directly like Job did—right?

“...and do not be terrified at the signs of the heavens... [Astrology and all of that sort of thing.] ...for the nations are terrified at them. For the customs of the people are **vain**...” (vs 2-3). Empty and useless, of no account whatsoever. Now notice this, they even show it on TV today—don't they? *Yes!* Today you don't have to go to the forest to do this, you can go to a Christmas tree farm and you can pick out your own nicely shaped Christmas tree. Isn't that wonderful? And bring the kiddies and bring your wife and have it on an ad and play nice music. ‘And, oh, it's so wonderful and then on the way home we'll sing, Jingle Bells.’

“...for one cuts a tree out of the forest with the axe, the work of the hands of the workman. They adorn it with silver and with gold...” (vs 3-4). What do they put on Christmas trees? *Silver and gold!* Not real silver and gold today. They put on tinsel, and so forth, and then they wrap the stringers around it. That's the serpent on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ‘Oh, but it's wonderful, it's beautiful.’ I remember when they first came out with angel hair and we were keeping Christmas. We knew nothing of anything about the Bible. And at night when the lights were on you look at the angel hair and it glows and it's so beautiful. I remember saying to myself, ‘Oh, that is beautiful.’

“They *are* upright as the palm tree, but cannot speak. They must surely be carried because

they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them... [That is, don't be superstitious over them. ‘If we have a nice Christmas tree in our house and we decorate it just right, and we put a beautiful star on top, surely God will be pleased with that—won't He?’ But who is the fallen star from heaven, but Lucifer. Who are you really worshipping? ‘Oh, but they gave gifts to Jesus.’ Yes, but what are all of these gifts under the tree for us? How come you didn't give them to Jesus?] ...for they cannot do evil nor good, for it is not in them.’ *Therefore there is none like You, O LORD; You are great, and Your name is great in might*” (vs 5-6).

Let's look at another one. Let's see what God says about the holidays of this world. That's why we have the book, *Occult Holidays or God's Holy Days—Which?* I know for sure that people coming out of Christianity in this world have a big pile of manure to dig out of.

Amos 5:14, God says: “Seek good and not evil... [What is truly good?] ...and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as you have spoken. Hate the evil... [You have to learn to define what evil is, because a lot of evil comes in the guise of good.] ...and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate. It may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious *to* the remnant of Joseph” (vs 14-15).

Verse 21; notice what God says: “I hate, I despise your feast days... [Now those are *their* days, not God's Feasts. God does not hate His feasts, because He gave them.] ...and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.” God is not there. Oh, they can whip up the spirit, everybody can feel good, have wonderful songs and powerful hymns and orchestras, and all of this sort of thing going.

“Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them... [Doesn't that go right back to Cain, same thing? *Yes!*] ...Nor will I regard the peace offerings of your fat animals. Take the noise of your songs away from Me; for I will not hear the melody of your harps.” (vs 22-23). They're worshipping on all those pagan days.

Now let's come back here to Isaiah 1, because here's one the Protestants use, say, ‘Oh, here. You don't have to keep the Sabbath and Feasts and Holy Days right here, because God says He hates them.’ Really? What did they do to the very temple of God? You read it in the books of Kings and Chronicles. They turned it into a sun worship temple. Especially read 2-Chron. 33 of Manasseh. Then the parallel account in 2-Kings 24, and see what God thinks of that.

Isaiah 1:10: “Hear the Word of the LORD, rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of our God, people of Gomorrah.” That sure defines this

generation—does it not? *Yes!* Even sacrifices that God would command if they bring it with a wrong attitude and no repentance, *God will not accept it*, because is interested in repentance of the heart, not a sacrifice to do it because God says so.

“To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?” says the LORD; ‘I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I do not delight in *the blood of* bulls, or of lambs, or of he-goats. When you come to appear before Me, who has required this at your hand, to trample My courts?... [Yes, right there at the temple of God. ‘We’ll do all of these wonderful, pagan things, because this is nice and beautiful and we love it and we have good songs.’] ...Bring no more vain sacrifices... [the right ones] ...incense is an abomination to Me—new moon and Sabbath, the calling of assemblies; I cannot endure iniquity along with the solemn assembly!” (vs 11-13). Now let’s understand which Sabbath and which new moons—not God’s. Or you can even keep the Sabbath of God with such an evil heart that you pollute not only yourself, but the Sabbath.

Verse 14: “Your new moons... [not God’s] ...and your appointed feasts... [It doesn’t say *My* new moons and *My* appointed feasts.] ...My soul hates... [He loved those; He gave them. Those are righteous. He says these that you have:] ...they are a trouble to Me; I am weary to bear *them*. And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood” (vs 14-15). It goes right back to the pulpit and right back to the leaders and right back to the whole system we have in this world, which goes right back to Satan the devil and that’s who they worship.

Verse 16: “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes; cease to do evil... [we’ve got to stop sinning] ...Learn to do good... [because you don’t know what good is, so you’ve got to learn] ...seek judgment... [rather than your own opinion and feelings] ...reprove the oppressor. Judge the orphan, plead for the widow.... [God is willing to forgive, but you’ve got to do it God’s way.] ...Come now, and let us reason together,’ says the LORD. ‘Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool.... [Here’s a big *IF*] ...**If** you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured *with* the sword;’ for the mouth of the LORD has spoken *it*” (vs 16-20). And that’s God’s judgment upon Israel and upon the world.

God has sent nearly 8-billion Bibles into the world, *personal message from God*. But they will use every excuse to dismiss it and not obey it. So,

that’s the story of Christmas and all the pagan holidays.

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