

Stop School Shootings

No other way but to teach people to control their own minds through repentance toward God

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath services, and I'm speaking to you from Pasadena.

I got a very interesting e-mail that I want to share with you from James Miester; I believe he is an elder in Canada. I think we can reflect on this with the things that have taken place. He says:

Another set of thoughts I shared with some brethren: Misery is never far away from us. We, all of us, feel beat down by the times we're living in.

It seems like we're being assaulted every day, in almost every way.

We always, in some ways, experience the straining, groaning and sufferings and displeasure. It does not feel good, as we are being worked and molded through trials.

Remember, everything works for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

In spite of this, God is still able to develop us in spite of ourselves and we desire the heart of the true and Holy Creator God.

That's what He's building in us!

It doesn't matter who you are if you've been called and chosen.

God has not chosen the rich and the powerful, but the weak. That's why we're all here.

Feel encouraged knowing that God is working and developing you, no matter what. You have not rejected Christ. You have not blasphemed, so be encouraged. We could all do better, no doubt about that. We could all cooperate more fully with Him, but nevertheless, no matter where we are personally, we are being worked and developed by Him.

God loves you personally, deeply, and intimately in an almost incomprehensible way. Just consider the beauty of life and having been brought into existence through physical birth. Existing, sharing, in His life and existence. What a gracious act.

Without Christ's atonement we would be continually in the state of sin before God. We are being transformed and even now into the very children of God.

That's always what we need to keep in mind!

This is what we are. We are His children in an evil age, a very special stage in His plan. There's no solution to the fundamentals of human nature outside of Christ.

Always remember that!

Some of us will see mankind come to its peak, the best it can possibly be apart from God. We live in a most peculiar time in this age of evil and mankind has been evil from the start.

Consider all the history that has taken place in order to reach this point. It has never known God. It cannot know or recognize Him at all in no significant way. They can benefit from practicing His laws, but they cannot know Him.

It is that simple!

There are many distractions that we now face, a world on edge, uncertainties and fears all over. Sometimes it can feel like even we, His children, are just hanging on for dear life.

We've all experienced that!

So many distractions, so much sin, a constant barrage of sin and evil behavior and mindless and banal considerations of no value at all. The stupid and empty things that get sucked into our heads. Guarding the gates of our minds have never been so challenging...

absolutely true

...and they are only coming closer and closer into our circuitry and wiring. It takes much more than just changing the channel nowadays.

Our gracious and merciful Father always provides an escape and we may not always recognize it as such but it is always here. That is a wonderful thing to know.

He said all of these are some thoughts leading up to Passover. He has some others and I'll post these.

When God dealt with Israel, one of the most important things that He wanted them to guard against, which we see in the

world today, is this: that they so easily forget God.

I just got a book published and sent to me. They have book-on-demand now. You order it, they print it, bind it and glue it and send it to you. In doing that, they can take all the old books going in past time and send you a fresh printed book.

So here's what we need to learn from what Moses told the children of Israel; Deuteronomy 4:5: "Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you should do so in the land where you go to possess it.. And you shall keep and do *them*, for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people' For what nation is so great whose God *is* so near to them..." (vs 5-7).

You can transfer that over to what's happening in America today.

"...as the LORD our God *is*, whenever we call upon Him? And what great nation has statutes and judgments that *are so* righteous as all this Law, which I set before you today? Only **take heed to yourself...**" (vs 7-9). That's the important thing!

Remember what Paul told the elders at Miletus, when they came down from Ephesus. He said, 'I know after my departure that grievous wolves will come in not sparing the flock,' which is the Church of God that is purchased by the blood of Christ. They won't spare. Even 'of yourselves shall men arise to seek disciples after themselves.'

But He told them, "**Take heed to yourself...**" Who is going to discipline you, if it's not you with God's Spirit?

"...lest you forget the things, which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. But teach them to your children, and your children's children" (v 9). *Quite a thing that has happened!*

Let's talk a little bit about today. Why did we have this shooting in Parkland? *You can look at a lot of problems, and a lot of difficulties, point a lot of fingers!* People have a lot of solutions. What is it that they say? 'How can we prevent it?' Is there any way of stopping someone from choosing to do evil? *No!*

God has given us free moral agency and we are to choose. We have a human nature that's given to evil. However, if properly trained in the ways of God, you'll keep the troubles down to a minimum.

We're five generations into psychological, maybe six generations if you count a generation as

20 years concerning and so forth—everything is against the youth. They don't even know it. The whole society is structured in such a way that they cannot remember God.

Sidebar: Why do we remember God? What's one of the most important factors in remembering God? Even in the letter of the Law? *The Sabbath Day!* The very commandment that says, 'Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy.' Satan has filled it with entertainment, sports, lust and drugs.

Back to this book that I told you about, written by G. G. Rupert while he was a Seventh Day Adventist who came into the Church of God Seventh Day. He wrote a book published in 1911. I got a brand new copy of it on the book to order. You know what he was lamenting? There's:

- too much adultery
- too much drinking
- too much murder
- too much crime

and no one's stopping anything about it! I thought, 'Has anything changed in human nature?'

I do not know when he died, but I do know I saw part of what he wrote and he talked about the first resurrection and the second resurrection.

But here we go. Every generation forgets God because they don't keep the Sabbath. You can't substitute Sunday-keeping for Sabbath-keeping. That may work for a while, but it won't work all the time.

Here's a prophecy. Here's the cycle. Isn't it amazing, you can take something written a thousand years ago and it's almost like watching your news on television. Why? *Because the children of Israel have never changed their behavior!* They want God *their* way. They can never understand when evil abounds and we have massacres.

I wonder if we could hear this on TBN, Hosea 4:1: "Hear the Word of the LORD, children of Israel, for the LORD *has* a controversy with the inhabitants of the land... [everybody, young and old] ...'**There is no truth...**'"

Isn't that true today? In a world where Satan the devil is deceiving the whole world, how are you ever going to come to the truth of the knowledge of understanding anything *if you don't use the Word of God and if you don't keep the Sabbath*, bare minimum? I'm not talking about conversion. I'm talking about in the letter of the Law in the land.

Then you can add in other things that would help. Women who have children should not be in the workplace. Most of the evil with the young people

takes place after school when they get home and no one is there.

“...‘There is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land” (v 1).

President Trump came close to it. He says, ‘We need a society that has to value life.’ What do you mean value life? Nice platitude, but the world is so evil they couldn’t stand what needs to be done. None of the politicians would get elected.

Verse 2: “By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and the committing of adultery they break out; and blood touches blood. Therefore, shall the land mourn, and everyone who dwells in it shall languish...” (vs 2-3).

- Did you have any fires around here in Southern California recently?
- Did you have any rains here recently with floods and mud?
- Does the land mourn?

“...with the beasts of the field and with the birds of the heavens. Yes, the fish of the sea shall also be taken away” (v 3).

Here’s something that always happens. We need to understand this. God does not have to intervene to do a single thing. **When people reject God it automatically happens!** When it’s generation after generation, that’s where we are today.

Verse 6: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being as a priest to Me.... [they were to carry God’s Word to all the nations of the world; they didn’t do it] ...Since you have forgotten the Law of your God, I will also forget your children.” That’s what’s happened.

If you exclude God with your children, and you watch: ‘How are we going to solve the problem?’ They have this psychologist, that psychologist, this policeman, that person, this mother, this father, the president, the senators, and so forth.

Verse 7: “As they were increased, so they sinned against Me. I will change their glory into shame. They eat up the sin of My people, and they set their heart on their iniquity. And it has become, like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them for their doings, for they shall eat and not have enough. They shall commit whoredom and not increase, **because they have stopped taking heed to the LORD**” (vs 7-10).

That’s it. That is the reason. So here’s what needs to be done, exactly what Jeremiah did,

because what is the #1 cause of these kind of violent things taking place? **Abortion!**

- How many a day? *People are aghast, 17 children killed at school! Sad!*
- How many abortions a day, paid for by the government? *3,000 a day!*

I’ve got online at **churchathome.org**, state-sponsored murder: *The Truth About Abortion*.

Here’s what should happen. Someone ought to take the President, the leader of the Protestants, the leader of the Catholics, the leader of the Senate, the leader of the House of Representatives, and every governor of every state, and get together in a convention and say this, right here:

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. 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. **Because they have forsaken Me...**”’” (vs 1-4)—***forsaken God and killed the most innocent!****

Why do you think we have so many immigrants? If you’re an immigrant, don’t be offended. You’re here because God wants you here to be in His Kingdom. So don’t bring in any political nonsense or anything that has to do with racial things, and things like that. That has nothing to do with it here. It does in the world, because that is sin.

“...and have profaned this place and have burned incense in it to other gods 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).

- Is not abortion the blood of the innocent?
- Do they not have blood?
- Do they not have pain?

All the people run around and say, ‘You have to protect the innocent people.’ All right, let’s take you up on that and ban all abortions. That would also necessitate no adultery.

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.*” *Offer their children!*

What is that place there in Mexico City where they have that big pyramid? *Human sacrifice!* All of Central America was filled with human sacrifice.

They now have a visual detection that they can put in a plane or they can carry around with them. Now they're investigating all of the area of Guatemala where all the jungle is. Looking through this device it eliminates all trees, all vegetation. Guess what they have found? It's on National Geographic Channel. There are hundreds and hundreds of cities down there, all with pyramids for sacrificing to the snake god. Who do you suppose that might be? *Satan the devil!*

Yet, these ignorant—if you don't know God you're ignorant—archeologists say, 'Oh, what an advanced civilization they had.' Really? Is it advanced to have human sacrifice?

Look at our advanced civilization that we have here. Is it advanced to kill the unborn? So could it be that for every abortion that is performed in America *God sends an illegal alien or a legal alien!* Fulfill another prophecy, which is: the stranger within your gates shall rise up high above you. Yes, indeed.

Let's look at what the solution would be. It would have to be something just I described, and for the whole nation call them all to repentance. Tell all of the churches, 'Close your doors on Sunday; open them on the Sabbath and everybody go there and repent.' You want to stop that kind of violence, that's the only way it's going to be. It isn't going to come any other way.

- I don't care how many psychologists you have
- I don't care how many policemen you have
- unless you teach people to control their own minds, it will never stop

Here's what needs to be done, Isa. 55. If you got tired of all the blather and turned it off, you're not the only one. They say, 'How can we prevent this?'

- teach everybody about God
- teach the Ten Commandments

Tell the Muslims, 'You're not welcome here unless you keep the Ten Commandments and forsake your religion.' How many votes would I get? 'You're mean, you're nasty, you're evil.' Read Gen. 6. What does that tell you? It says that God destroyed all human life and everything that breathes, except Noah, his family and whatever animals and birds that He put into the Ark, because of the sin of human beings. *The same God Who came in the flesh as Jesus Christ!* Think on that.

Here's how it should be done, Isaiah 55:6: "Seek the LORD while He may be found..." They didn't do that before the Flood. God did something very interesting. How long were they in the Ark before it started to rain? *Seven days!*

Can you imagine all the ridicule that people were hurling around and saying, 'Look at this nut. Look at this big thing he built. They're all in there, the animals with him. He said it's going to rain and flood.' Day one, day two, day three, day four, day five, day six, day seven, and oh, oh. God didn't just send the rain. He opened what are called 'the bottles of heaven.'

They now know there is more water under the earth in a form that they never thought of. He 'broke up the fountains of the deep.' That tells you what God would do.

Here's what they need to do, "...call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way..." (vs 6-7). Let's start with all these lying Sunday-keeping preachers and they do lie. Then let's start with all the governors, senators, mayors, city council.

"...and the unrighteous man his thoughts..." (v 7). There has to be a total change.

You heard what Donald Trump said. He's going to drain the swamp. He didn't realize that it's liquid concrete. When you drain the water, it hardens up.

"...and let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor your ways My ways,' says the LORD. 'For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts'" (vs 7-9).

So, this is what would have to happen. There's no other way. Why are we here? *To help Christ carry this out when He returns!* We may be a small group and the world doesn't know us. I don't think many people even know what we believe.

I go into the bank around Christmas time, and so forth, and they say, 'Are you getting ready for Christmas?' I say, 'As ready as I ever will be,' which is a true answer.

We are the future kings and priests and governors and rulers and teachers in the Kingdom of God. Looking at it from a carnal point of view, God has a subversive movement going on that they know nothing about. You are in a secret meeting with the Lord, learning how to develop the character for when you are resurrected and there with all the saints.

Think about this: Remember all the trouble that Trump was having with the government change-over. I got to thinking. What God is going to do is the biggest, most fantastic, most awesome thing, to take over the world.

He has called us to assist Him in that project, because there's no other way to save the world. ***No other way!*** It's going to get so bad that He said that unless He had limited those days, there would be no flesh saved.

If we ask ourselves: How am I doing? This is why we're here:

- the Word of God
- the Truth of God
- the Spirit of God
- the love of God
- the character of God

He's going to use ***us*** to replace all of the governments in the world. Is that a big enough task? You want to belong to something big and great and fantastic and marvelous, and beyond your very thoughts and dreams? *Well, you are!*

- God has called you to it
- He has brought us to it

This is how we need to look at things going on!

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