

## I. Review

We have been dealing with “*the heavens declare the glory of God*”. We are coming through the book of Psalms, and we hit Psalms 19. I don’t know of any other place in the Bible that has more of an impact in everything that God is doing than Psalms 19.

*“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy work*

*Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.”*

We have looked at this from a number of different angles. We are just scratching the surface of everything that is in there. By the time we get to the end of this I will have laid out just about every aspect that you can of understanding what is going on up in outer space in the second heaven. I am going to show you why no matter what Elon Musk says, or NASA says, I am going to show you from the word of God why no one will ever go to Mars. By the time we are done I am actually going to show you the structure of the second heaven, what we call the universe. I am going to show you how the rapture is going to take place. I am going to show you how it was in the beginning, and what it is now. What it is going to be when God restores it and where the earth is going to be in relationship to the new Jerusalem. All those things that are clearly laid out in the word of God. But because nobody has the Bible anymore, nobody believes the Bible anymore, they have been lost. Other than a few handful remnants out there of men who teach the word of God and churches that hold up the word of God. So, when we are done with it you are going to have a real understanding of a lot of key things in the Bible and how it relates back to you.

### ➤ God Declares His Glory to Plant Earth by the Things that He has Created

Last week in Psalms 19 verses 1-6 we have been looking at how God has declared His glory to planet earth by the things that He has created. Two of the most magnanimous verses that support this are in Romans 1:20 and Colossians 1:16-17

*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Romans 1:20*

*For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: Colossians 1:16*

*And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. Colossians 1:17*

Clearly this says that all things were made by him and for him. Incredible verses! I began to walk you through the **five ways that God is going to manifest His glory to the world through the heavens that He created**. The first week we looked at the heavens themselves and I showed

you this in a very basic way. We are going to get into all the planets, all the constellations, the sun and moon. All that stuff in time. But I showed you enough to substantiate that so you would understand how that works. The second week we looked at the nation of Israel, God's chosen people and how God brought that nation into being. The purpose for it and what God did with it in the Old Testament. I showed you where they are right now with God and where they are going to be in the future. We covered all of that. If you take and get all of this stuff down and into your Bible, you are going to have a mega ton of material that is really going to help you with the word of God. Then last week, the third week we talked about His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the greatest doctrines of the Bible, God manifested in the flesh which is called the mystery of godliness in 1 Timothy 3:16.

*And without controversy great is the **mystery of godliness**: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. 1 Timothy 3:16*

Incredible material. I want you my people to understand why God did what He did, the way that He did it. We all know that God could have gotten the gospel to us anyway that He wanted. God created the rain. With every raindrop the gospel message could have come forth. He made birds, the greatest natural singers in the world. Instead of making them sing we could hear all day long them sing out the gospel message. He could have done it any way that He wanted. The question is, why did He do it the way that he did? The fact that God Himself became a man to come down and pay the price and redeem His fallen creation. We looked at how that creation fell, back in Genesis 3.

### ➤ The Love of God—God Loving Us, His Fallen Creation with Whom He Wants to have Fellowship

You hear a lot today about the love of God. I mean Christianity is just a big old sponge of gooey love. You hear guys talk about the love of God, the love of God. But when you talk about and understand the love of God here it is right here in Psalms 19. It is not some mushy concept of an all-loving God. A God that loves everybody and He is the father of everybody. I hear preachers say all the time that God hates the sin, but He loves the sinner. They get up and say that like it is found in the Bible. Gandhi said that! Of course, none of that is true! The real understanding of God's love is simply in a personal aspect to you. Forget the person sitting next to you. Forget God so loved the world for a moment, though He did. It is God loving you, His fallen creation with whom He wants to have fellowship. Not only today in your walk through planet Earth, but all through eternity. We have seen many times that God had an original plan. But we now know that He will not force anybody to accept Him or to love Him. So, He gave man a free will. He gave man the ability to choose and then He allowed there to be an alternative choice to come into the world so man could choose. Then man made the wrong choice, and he left God. We see it over and over again. If you want to understand just a little bit about the longsuffering of God, just look at ourselves. Look at what God puts up with us!

The majority of you here, I know personally. I would say that all of you are really good people, and you want to learn the Bible. You want to be everything that God wants you to be, but you know in spite of that, we are all as rotten as can be. *There is none that doeth good, no not one. There is none that seeketh after God* (Romans 3:11-12). You didn't find God because you got up one day and "Oh I want to find God; I want to find truth." You found God because God came to seek and to save that which was lost. That is you and me. What do we do with that? We reject God over and over again. God's longsuffering is putting up with us. When we made the wrong choice and we left God, God loved us so much that He just didn't send His Son. I know He did, but it was God Himself. God manifested Himself into a human man that would come down to earth who was faced with all the temptations that you and I have. He had to make choices just like you and I did. But He made the right choices so you and I could have salvation. Because we all made the wrong choice. He came down to die for His creation. God manifested in the flesh. God becoming a man to pay the price for my personal sin debt.

➤ We take God's Salvation, but not the Responsibility of What we Need to do for Him

You know what the real tragedy is? It grieves me to see it, but there is nothing I can do about it. Except do the best job I can with what God has given me to do. God's people today have no clue of that love. They will take everything that God has for us. They will take salvation. They will take all the blessings that we demand of God; but in return we will do nothing for Him. Other than take the things that God has given us and then care less of what our responsibility of what we need to do for Him. Never coming to the place where we understand the real reason God saved us. We get to the point where when we get saved seemingly that is just where it all stops with us. But in reality, that is just where it all started. We so blatantly say that we love Him. Let me tell you something. Love without action of that indicative love is not true love. But rather an illusion of love. A fantasy, a phony and a fake. God's love for us was a love of action. He loved us and then He acted upon that love. When we get saved, we are supposed to love God, but we are supposed to act upon that love. But how many of God's people really do that? The Bible calls us out on it in places like Luke 6:46 which is one of my favorite verses where he says:

*And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Luke 6:46*

The answer will be, well God, I took your gift of salvation and that is all I really want out of it. I didn't want to go to hell; I wanted to get saved. I got you Lord, I just look what you have for me, and I will take everything I can from you, and I will give you absolutely nothing back. But then we all say, "But Lord you know I love you." Christianity today has become a farce!

## II. The Devil Counterfeited God's Plan of Salvation to Man with False Religions

I showed you how the devil counterfeited God's plan. God's plan of salvation to man. The devil never sleeps. He never stops, he knows where God is going, and he always intervenes to get us off track. Now I know if you are saved this morning, he will never get your soul in hell. You are eternally redeemed bought by the blood of Christ and you are on your way to heaven. But don't

think for a minute that the devil can't mess up your life. He can and he will try to and in many of God's people lives he does. He counterfeited God's plan of salvation to man with all the false religions that he brings to man to deceive Him. You see just like he did with Adam and Eve in Genesis Chapter 3. In fact, if you want to go into typology, Eve is a type of the Church. Adam is a type of Christ. You know that the devil showed up to beguile Eve and to bring sin upon all men. You know that he did that when Adam was not home. She was there by herself. I have had many people not be able to figure it out. They will say "Where was Adam? What did Adam do? I don't know where he was or what he was doing. But I will tell you this, the fact that the devil came to Eve a type of the Church when Adam a type of Christ was not home, is a picture of the church age. He is not here right now, and the devil will come to you just like he did to Eve. In Genesis 3 the first words out of the devil's mouth in the Bible was "Yea hath God said?" Then he changed what God said, and he deceived Eve. There is a great lesson in that for all of us, but unfortunately most of God's people are never able to grasp that message.

### ➤ The Devil uses False Churches & Teachings to Confuse & Deceive Man

Now he does the same thing with the church through religion, false teaching. Pretending they are all of God when they are not. All to counterfeit and to destroy God's message and plan for man. The devil's job is he muddies the water of salvation with a false church, false teachings, all to confuse man and to deceive him. The Bible says God is not the author of confusion.

Let's look at these. I want you to learn your Bible, I really do. If you are looking for a church where some little "preacher-ette" gets up with a little sermon, you are in the wrong place. I want my people to know the Bible. We have a job to do. Many of you have gotten on board to help me do that. That is what a church is supposed to do. God gets a pastor, puts a fire in his heart. He brings it to the people. God brings people to him, to that church that say, "Hey I believe in you, and I believe what you are doing." "I believe what you are preaching, let's get the job done." The devil will do everything in his power to take that from you.

Last week I talked about 2 Corinthians 11:4 and Galatians 1:8-9 that Paul warned us that if somebody comes preaching another gospel, somebody comes to preach another Jesus that we should reject them. Mark them for what they are.

*For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or [if] ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with [him]. 2 Corinthians 11:4*

*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*

*As we said before, so say I now again, If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. Galatians 1:8-9*

So, I want to list some churches here that the devil has. This is not an attack on anybody's religion. I don't care what you believe. I am not interested. Somebody says, "well you preached on this, so you don't like these kinds of people." That is not true. That is not true at all. I deal with facts; I deal with truth. I don't have any personal prejudice about anything other

than this Book. To me this Book is everything that truth is and whatever you believe, how nice you may be, how beautiful you may be today, if it goes against the Book, you are wrong, and the Book is right. I am not saying this because I hate people who are part of these churches. I have spent my whole life trying to get these people to see the truth. But I told you a couple of weeks ago, in life many times it is easier to believe a lie than it is to believe the truth.

### A.) Roman Catholic Church

Our first one here, which is no mystery to anybody, that started would be the first church after Christ went back to heaven, the Roman Catholic Church. The Roman Catholic Church teaches you that they started with Peter. No, they didn't! I showed you a couple of Thursday nights ago and you can go to any library in Kansas City and get a Catholic historical perspective of their own church and they will tell you the first pope didn't come in till around 400 AD. Four hundred years after Christ. Around 800-900 you have a split off there and that is where we get the Greek Orthodox and the Russian Orthodox Church. They teach no second coming, no rapture. They teach no millennium. They teach Mary is superior to Christ. They teach baptism for salvation. There Jesus is the pope. He just died a couple of weeks ago. All fake religions will come out of this one right here. In Revelation 17-18 she is called the mother of harlots, the Roman Catholic Church as pagan Rome will be the greatest enemy that Christianity has ever experienced. The devil will use that to bring forth all of these other churches, religions, that damn people's souls to hell. Thursday night somebody asked a question about Matthew 12 where somebody is receiving the greater damnation. It will be this group right here.

#### ➤ Lutheran Church, Presbyterian Church & the Episcopalian Church

Out of the reformation which comes around 1400-1500 you will find three more churches popping up. You will find the Lutheran Church, the Presbyterian Church and the Episcopalian Church which is called the Church of England. There are three men which started these churches, and they all come out of the Roman Catholic Church. Luther was a priest. He left the Catholic Church and started the Lutheran Church. Calvin started the Presbyterian Church. The Episcopalian Church was started by Henry VIII around 1100-1200.

How did that church get started? Henry VIII was the king of England. He was married to a woman, and he wanted a divorce. Back then the only one that could give a decree for a divorce was the pope, because Roman Catholicism ran everything in Europe. So, he calls up the pope and says "Hey I don't love my wife anymore I want to marry Anne Boleyn. He was married to Catherine, the daughter of Ferdinand of Spain. The pope realizes that if he does that, he is going to tick off Ferdinand of Spain. King Ferdinand of Spain is running the Spanish Inquisition in which he is murdering and butchering millions and millions of God's people just like you and me. So, he is not going to do it. Well, Henry VIII is heartbroken. He has a new love now and he doesn't love Catherine of Spain anymore. So, he is moping around the palace and Thomas Cromwell who was his prime minister, says, "What is the matter with you?" He says, "Oh man I am in love with Anne, but I am married to Catherine, and you know how those Spanish women are. I called the pope to get a divorce, and the pope won't give me a divorce. I don't know what I am going to do." Thomas Cromwell says, "Hey you are the king, you do whatever you want to

do. Don't let the pope tell you what you can't do; you are the king of England." He says, "Yeah I am." Thomas Cromwell says, "Start your own church and make yourself head of the church and give yourself a decree for a divorce." So, King Henry VIII goes back over on the pope phone. He says, "Hey pope, you know I have been thinking about this, and you don't have to give me a divorce from Catherine." "I am leaving the Catholic Church, and I am going to start my own church, and I am going to give myself a divorce." The pope says, "What are you going to call it?" King Henry says, "Thomas, what are we going to call it?" Cromwell says, "Call it the Church of England." Henry says, "I am going to call it the Church of England? Click!! That is how that church came into being. If you are Episcopalian, Church of England, or Anglican, same three names for the same mess. How would you like to know that your church started because the king of England wanted to get a divorce from somebody and a pope wouldn't give it so he started his own church that you are part of? Folks, you can find that information in every library in Kansas City and any city in this country. That is how it is done. You know what all three of them believe? No second coming, no millennium, no rapture, baptism for salvation, everything against the Bible.

### B.) Mormon Church

Then as we move on into the United States as the pilgrims come over you will find around 1800 the devil starts the Mormon Church. The Mormon Church is a fake counterfeit, satanic church. They teach that Jesus Christ is not God. They don't teach any new birth of salvation. They don't believe in the rapture. They don't believe in the Bible. They have the book of Mormon. Their Jesus is Joseph Smith who met some angels someplace that gave him golden tablets that kicked out the Bible and now they follow the book of Mormon. Their Jesus is Joseph Smith he is dead too.

### C.) Seventh Day Adventist

Then around 1830 you have the Seventh Day Adventist. They take a mixture of Old Testament and the New Testament. They meet on Saturday instead of Sunday because they like to fancy themselves as Jews, so they meet on the seventh day of the week They follow the Old Testament law, no salvation by the blood of Jesus Christ. They don't believe in a millennium. There is no rapture with them. Their Jesus was William Miller. He is dead too!

### D.) Christian Science

Around 1840 you have the Christian Science movement. They don't believe that Jesus Christ is God. No salvation, no rapture, no millennium, no second coming. This one came in through a woman, Mary Baker Eddy. She is dead too!

### E.) Church of Christ

The around 1844-1850 you find the Church of Christ. The Church of Christ also teaches that Jesus Christ is not God. They reject the whole book of Revelation. They don't believe in a millennium. No rapture, baptism for salvation and they believe they are the only true church. In

their minds if you are a member of another church, you are damned for all of eternity. Their Jesus was a guy by the name of Alexander Campbell. He is dead too!

Now all these “Jesuses” that started these religions (because nowhere in history did anybody believe this) they are all dead and they are still dead. Mine died, but He came out of that tomb!

### F.) Jehovah Witnesses

Then around 1860 you have the Jehovah Witnesses. They also believe that Christ is not God. They don’t believe in any rapture. They don’t believe in any second coming. They believe that salvation is only through the baptism in their church. They even take it one step further and tell everybody that there is no hell. So, you don’t have to worry about going to hell. The two men who started that were Rutherford and Russell. They are dead too!

### G.) Unity

Then around 1889 you have Unity. Unity has its world headquarters right out here in Lee’s Summit. Out of Unity in time comes the new age movement. That is all part of this. Unity doesn’t believe anything. They don’t believe there is a devil. They don’t believe there is a hell. You are your own god. There is no heaven, there is nothing. A guy by the name of Charles Fuller was their Jesus and he is dead too!

I want you to see that what they all believe has nothing to do with the Bible and to understand why the devil put them in play.

### H.) Charismatic Movement

The last one is the charismatic movement around 1900. The Charismatic movement is about another gospel. They will talk about the full gospel. Where have you ever read the full gospel in the Bible? They believe that you can lose your salvation. They steal the spiritual gifts that are given to Israel and apply them to the church age. They also believe that they teach another Jesus. Not the Jesus of the Bible. The leader who founded that started in 1900, a woman by the name of Aimme McPherson. She is dead too!

## ➤ All These False Churches Came into Being by Satan for One Goal, to Deceive Man & Take the Glory Belonging to Christ

I want my people to know the Bible. Maybe you don’t want to know this, maybe you are offended. Well go be a Jehovah Witness and I will shoo you off my porch next week. These all came into being for one goal, one purpose by Satan to deceive man. To get him to take the glory belonging to Christ and give it to Satan. Many of them take the position that Jesus Christ is not God, which is one of the most blasphemous things that you could do. In Matthew 4 where you have the temptation of Christ, we talked about this last week. The last thing that the devil did was to tell Christ that if he would bow down and worship him, the devil, that he would give him all the kingdoms of the world. Most people read that and don’t see the powerful significance of what he is trying to do. When the devil said in Matthew 4:9 if you bow down and worship me, I will give you all the kingdoms of the world, that is exactly what God the Father does to His Son

in Revelation 19-20. The devil is saying to Christ if you recognize that I am God, I will give you all these things. Of course, you know what the Lord said. He took him back to the word of God. So, what the devil couldn't get Christ to do in Matthew 4 he gets people today to do through these churches. It is an incredible plan.

➤ Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son!

Take your Bible for a moment and turn over to John 1:18

*No man hath seen God at any time; **the only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared [him].*

Now if you have any other Bible than a King James Bible, most likely it will read something like this. No man has seen God at any time; the only **begotten God** will declare him. What they do when they take only begotten Son out and put in a begotten God, this is Arianism. This is teaching that Jesus Christ was not God, but He was a lesser God that was created by God. But He wasn't God. How did that happen in any Bible that somebody has got today? You realize outside the King James Bible, today there are over 450 different translations of the Bible. Almost every one of them will take a begotten Son and put in the begotten God. How did that happen? The heresy, the blasphemous heresy that Jesus Christ was not part of the deity and part of the trinity, some lesser God. How did that get into the Bibles that are being preached out of in churches all over this country today? More importantly why doesn't anybody care?

I showed you last week how the devil had Christ killed thinking because the devil had the power over death that he could hold him in that grasp and by that Christ was out of the way and the devil won. But when that didn't work then the devil turns his attention and his attack to the next thing that God would use to declare God's glory to counterfeit and destroy God's plan to man within the church age.

### III. Three Ways the Devil Counterfeits & Destroys God's Glory (Word of God)

There are three ways that the devil accomplished this. It starts in the church age with the Catholic Church around 400 AD and moves up through Europe during the dark ages and then moves into the United States of America, when the pilgrims come over around 1600.

#### 1.) Education

The first way the devil will do this is through education. He goes to work to take any knowledge of God, the Bible, or Christ out of man's mind. He does this by what we know as secularism or humanism. It starts in Europe, coming out of the dark ages. You all know about the Renaissance period up here some place in northern Kansas City. They have the Renaissance Festival every year. Most people go to that and don't understand it. You know what the word Renaissance means? It means rebirth of learning. While in Europe the word of God was getting men reborn into the kingdom of God, the devil brought about a renaissance to give a new birth to man's understanding. It wasn't man's understanding about God. It was about man's understanding

about his own glory, that he was his own God. Actually, you see this in everything in Europe. This is called in secular history the age of reason or the age of enlightenment. The reason an enlightenment is a world that has no God in it. This produced men like Thomas Hobbes, and Voltaire. Men like Kant and George Berkeley which they named a university here in the United States, Berkeley University. Guys by the name of Reichenbach and David Hume and Christian Wolff. These men were the great humanist minds out of Europe that taught the humanistic mindset and secularism that there was no God. It was the devil beginning to counter what God had done in the reformation. They came down through Thomas Hobbes, Voltaire, Kant. They all taught the same stuff and guess what? In 1900 you have a guy by the name of Nietzsche. Friedrich Nietzsche comes to the world as one of the greatest pagan minds of his day who was held up by the secular world as a great man of learning and he brought us the news that God is dead! That is where it went. Secular education now is built around what the god of this world is doing, not the God of creation. As you go through this period of time you see this in art and in everything. You see it in music where Bach, and Mendelssohn, and those guys started out writing music to glorify God. By the time you get to the 1500's music is now in a naturalistic state in Europe written to glorify man, not God. This is where you see it in sculptures where they have a form of a naked body of men and women instead of the glory of God. Job makes a reference to this of higher education in Job 38:2 when he says “*Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?*” The greatest atheists, agnostics, pagan philosophers’ and teachers and false ideas about life on planet Earth starts right here. It starts in the universities of Europe from 1500-1900. Then comes over into the United States from 1900-2025. Just look at our colleges today and the stand that they take against God’s people, the nation of Israel. Nobody can control them. Nobody can stop them. Nobody can go in and do anything because of the messed-up mindset in this country. Proverbs 19:21 says,

*[There are] many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.*

Great verse. In the book of Ecclesiastes has everything that is written under the sun and it lays out over 30 pagan philosophies that came out of Europe, existentialism, humanism, pragmatism. They are all laid out and once Solomon goes through all of those “ologies”, all of those devices that man puts forward to destroy the idea of God and the word of God. You know what he says in Ecclesiastes 12:13? He said in the last chapter

*Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man*

That is great advice!

## 2.) Science

Science gives man the illusion that man through education and science is getting better and better. You can see if you look down through history how the devil developed this to bring about his plan. God has his plan, and don’t you ever think for a second that the devil doesn’t have his. So, we come through the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. First off, we have the agricultural age, then we have the industrial age. That is where we built ships like the Titanic. How did that work for

you? Then in 1945 we entered the atomic age. By 1960 we entered the space age and by 1980 we entered the information age. Now we have entered into the technological age and now everything is automated. The next step if you haven't figured it out, will be artificial intelligence age.

- Artificial Intelligence

Did you know over in Europe they already have images of pastors who are teaching people and pastoring churches through AI? These guys said that they were doing some kind of thing with artificial intelligence, and they programmed it into whatever they were doing. What amazed them was that it began to amass its own intelligence and information. When we would tell it something it would begin to argue with us. When we would try to shut it off and shut it down, it would figure out ways to keep us from doing that. What you are seeing in AI is a path to the antichrist. Artificial intelligence is the gateway to the spirit world. I told you before you know you see things in the Bible, and you can't put it all together because you don't have all the information. Then as time goes on it is revealed and you see it. You say wow the lights came on. How many times have I told you that WWI got the land ready for the Jew and WWII got the Jew ready for the land in 1948 to become a nation. But who in 1900 would have known that? At the end of WWI who would have known that. At the end of WWII who would have known that. But as you go through time and the word of God reveals itself in other things, two and two suddenly adds up to four.

- Three Parts to the Antichrist---The Beast, the Image and the False Prophet

I will show you another one. When the antichrist does show up and I showed you that the other night, he shows up in three parts. He is a fake trinity, and the Bible lays it out as the beast, the image and the false prophet. The beast will be the antichrist, fake God the Father. The image will be the fake God the Son, and the false prophet will be the fake Holy Spirit. I have heard this taught and taught and then when all this stuff came out it was just like I was going through something and God drew my attention to Revelation 13, and I said there it is! AI was the piece of the puzzle I didn't have. You have the beast, he creates an image, and the image is going to represent Jesus Christ, but it is an image. Then Revelation 13:15 says life is given to the image. There is your AI.

*And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

This whole world is headed for the antichrist to come down, sit on the throne in Jerusalem in the tribulation, and declare himself to be God. Then all the world gives him the honor and glory that rightly belongs to the Lord. God's people, the world, and scientists, they are all falling for it.

### 3.) Religion

The devil knows when he failed to keep Christ in the grave, the tomb, that he has to change tactics. I told you in Job 40-41 those were the two greatest chapters in the Old Testament on the devil. Two greatest chapters in the New Testament, Revelation 12-13, I told you that many

times. If you come through the book of Job 41 which really is now detailing out who the devil is, how he operates, and what he does. He says in Job 41:13 about the devil,

*Who can discover the face of his garment? Job 41:13*

That is talking about the devil. The face always stays the same, but he changes garments. I could bring you through the Bible this morning from Genesis to Revelation and show you that the devil goes through seven garment changes in history. When he changes garments, he presents himself in a different way. Where he presented himself one way with Eve in the garden, today he presents himself another way. When Israel was in the land, he presented himself one way. When he gets into the tribulation, he presents himself another way. **Seven garment changes, but always the same face.** It is how you understand the devil working through history. The Bible also says in Job 41:12 that God will not conceal his part, his power or his comely proportion.

*I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion. Job 41:12*

Three aspects that will go along with this show you how the devil camouflages it all. With this garment change he goes after to destroy the next area of God's glory to man, and this will be our **fourth one.**

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### Five Ways God Declares His Glory (Jesus Christ) to His Creation

- #1 God Will Declare His Glory Through the Heavens
  - #2 God Will Declare His Glory Through the Nation of Israel
  - #3 God Will Declare His Glory Through the Son of God – The Lord Jesus Christ
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## IV. God Declares His Glory Through the Word of God #4

The taking of the word of God out of the world and also out of God's peoples own lives leaving them without any knowledge of God and who He really is. Where once America in 1700-1900, God was everywhere and everybody knew about Him. Today, God is nowhere other than a few pockets of men and women who still hold and preach the truth. The average Christian today can't lay out the mystery of godliness in the Bible. If you have been saved five years and have been coming to a church that preaches and teaches the Bible, not just showing up but getting the material. But you can't lay out the mystery of godliness! It is the importance of getting into a church and learning your Bible. Getting grounded in the word of God. It just doesn't happen because you get saved and you go buy the right Bible and you carry it to church all the time. The Bible says to study to show thyself approved. It is this churches job and every church like this to help you learn the depth of the word of God. Where you can understand everything in it.

Today we are going to look at the word of God. This is going to be a two-part message because there is so much material. I don't want to run through it I want to be on the record on the website and, I also want my people to have everything that you need. Whether you do anything with it,

that is between you and the Lord. But our hands will be clean of giving you everything I can to help you understand why the attack today on the greatest Book the world has ever seen to declare God's glory to man, how the devil destroyed it.

### ➤ Why Did God Give us the Bible?

Let's ask a simple question. Why did God give us the Bible? Did you ever consider that question? We all have Bibles; we all have nine or ten Bibles at home. We all carry the Bible; we read our Bible. But has anybody ever stopped and thought about why God gave us a Bible? What is the real purpose for the word of God, how it fits into God's plan for man, and how it fits into my plan for my life. There are two key verses that show you what the Bible is in its basic format. The Bible is a multifaceted Book. The Bible is a history book, a math book. What is the real purpose of the word of God? It is very important to understand these two verses for where we are going in our study but also important to understand it for where you should be going in life. The first one is 1 Corinthians 2:16.

*For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.** 1 Corinthians 2:16*

The second one is Philippians 2:5-7

*5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

*6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery **to be equal with God:** (This will be taken out of all your new Bibles because they don't believe it)*

*7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

*8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:5-8*

There are two questions that every one of us have to answer. You don't have to answer it to me. I have to answer it to the Lord and so do you.

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**Question #1** Do you have the mind of Christ and do you know it?

**Question #2** Is that mind in you? I didn't ask you if it was in your Bible? Is it in you?

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That is the two questions and the mind of Christ will be the word of God. Now I have told you this before that when Christ went back to heaven God replaced the Lord Jesus Christ with three things. The first one was the Holy Spirit of God Acts 1, and the second one was the word of God and then the third one was you and me, the church. You tie that into the three that I gave you of God's plan for the second heaven, Gods plan for the Earth, and then God's plan for you and me, they all go together.

When we get saved and get the Holy Spirit of God which is the guide to all truth, then we are to fulfill God's plan as sons of God. We now are the replacement of Christ. God's plan was for us to finish the work that Christ started and the way we do that is through the Bible which is God's mind by which we get instructed. Then God shows us through the Holy Spirit of God, the word of God, and through the New Testament local church, what it is that he wants us to do. Today, God's people are doing none of that. We took his salvation. We sheepishly thank him for it, and we pray to him when we want something. We are always telling him what we need. Never one time do we ask him what he needs or what he wants us to do.

➤ Sainthood has Nothing to do with the Catholic Church

We talked about the counterfeit of the Roman Catholic Church. Have you ever examined that if you are born again today, if you are saved today that the Roman Catholic Church is the counterfeit of what you and I should really be? The Catholic Church has what they call sainthood that if a person falls into the criteria, then they make them a saint. So, it is the Catholic Church that defines for the world what sainthood is through the Catholic Church. Now if you are saved here this morning, washed in the blood, you are a saint. **Sainthood has nothing to do with the Catholic Church.** Sainthood has everything to do with born again believers. You are a saint if you are saved this morning. The Catholic Church teaches that the pope is the vicar of Christ. The vicar of Christ means that he is God's replacement down here on Earth. So, the Catholic Church teaches when they get a pope they put him on the throne. He is called the vicar of Christ and as the vicar of Christ he takes the place of Jesus Christ on this Earth. God then speaks through him to the whole world. Now that is about as phony as a \$3 bill. You know who the real vicar of Christ is? Every one of you, if you are saved. God is going to speak through you to the world, not him. But you see how the devil counterfeits it?

I will tell you something else. Every Catholic on this planet thinks that the pope (the devil) speaks ex-cathedra. What does that mean? It means whatever he says is infallible. Everybody in the Catholic Church when it comes to the pope that whatever he says is infallible, ex-cathedra. But the truth of the matter is that it would be you and me. When you speak through the word of God you are speaking ex-cathedra. You are speaking from the infallible, not yourself but through the Book God gave you. This is why the devil has to get it out of God's people's hands. God has a plan for each of us. God's mind, the word of God when it is in you, will instruct you and show you the way.

I tried to witness to a Catholic one time and told him the fallibility of the pope and tried to get him to the word of God. His answer to me was, you know what, you got your pope, and I got mine. You don't like my pope, but your Bible is your pope. I said, "Amen, amen, I have no problem with that." But the difference is at least I got what is infallible and sinless that is more than I can say for yours. That Book will guide you through everything. It is God's mind. He gave it to you because He has got something He wants you to do for Him once you are saved for the rest of your life. For Christians today the key will not be his salvation though I get it. We are all glad we are saved praise the Lord. But salvation is just the beginning. But for most of God's people it is where it stops. The real key is after salvation becoming everything that Christ was and is and to understand the transforming of your mind (Romans 12:1-2), that you let this mind

be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, the word of God. Then God instructs us through that. You and me common ordinary people with struggles and life and kids and cars, cats and dogs, all those things. We do the work for God that he started, and we finish it. The plan that God has for us we will be doing it the rest of our lives. Ecclesiastes 8:8 says that there is no discharge from this war. I don't care how old you are as long as God gives you breath in your body, you do what God started in you.

I see these pastors who get to be 60,70 years old, and they all retire. They actually think that they have done their deal. Your deal is not done till you hear the trumpet and God calls us home! There is no discharge from this war. You go till God calls you home or you die in the process of doing it. You go till you can't go anymore and then you go some more. I am going to be 75 years old in a couple of weeks. You know what? I am going to go until I can't go anymore. I am going to preach the word of God and when I lose my teeth and can't bite you, then I will gum you to death. There is no discharge from this war. We go to the end and if Jesus comes and the rapture takes place, praise the Lord. If he doesn't and we close our eyes in a sleep of death, praise the Lord, do the job that he saved us to do.

The total and complete failure of God's people will be the fact that they get saved and then they do nothing with their salvation. I was talking to a friend of mine a couple of weeks ago and we were talking about the sad state of Christianity. Just the craziness that goes on and he said to me, "God's people have lost their mind today." I said, "no you are wrong; God's people haven't lost their mind; God's people have lost God's mind!" When you lose God's mind, Christianity ends up in the sorry state that it is in today. All through this city, all through this country hundreds and thousands of people are in church this morning and do nothing for God. Most of them haven't ever won a soul to Christ in their life. Most of them couldn't explain the mystery of godliness. Most of them couldn't explain the seven mysteries in the Bible to the church or the twelve to the nation of Israel. Most of them couldn't lay out any book in the Bible. Yet they brag about how much they love God. They just don't have any room in their life for the greatest Book the world has ever seen. The devil's attack on the word of God to take it from God's people is right on schedule.

I have a friend of mine that years ago was asked to pray at the opening session of Congress. He had the right political connections, and they invited him to pray for the opening of Congress in Washington, DC. He thought it was the greatest thing in the world. He was all excited about it and then he gets a letter saying, we need to have your prayer sent in for approval before you pray it and you can not use the name of Jesus Christ. There it is! Where did that come from?

When they did the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson framed it, sent it to the founding fathers and they came back and said you don't have enough references to Jesus Christ and God in here, put some more in. So secular education took God out of man's life and then Christian education took the Bible in a man's life and the devil goes out the door laughing.

Let's go back and see how it all gets started and then let's bring it up to today. Let's learn some things today. Let's try to get some things down so you are not just walking through life on planet Earth in a fog.

## ➤ Middle East Counterfeit Religions

At the end of Israel's kingdom in 606 BC for the next 400 years there is no revelation from God. We now have entered into as I showed you the other night in Bible Study the times of the Gentiles. This is commonly called the 400 silent years in history. It is a time when God speaks to no man. The only thing that man gets from God is what he already wrote in the Old Testament. During this time, you will see the devil brings through his nations and I laid them out for you in Daniel 2 and Daniel 7. All the worldly teaching and writing that will be held up as the standard later and used to destroy the word of God. In particular in those nations will be the Greeks and the Romans. The Greeks and the Roman empires in history, really show you two developing nations with a plan. They are a bridge between the ancient to the modern. During this time, we see the far east religions coming into being. They never were before this. Solomon ran the world through Israel and now that Israel's gone you see Hinduism come in, Brahmanism comes in and Confucianism; Taoism comes in. All the Middle East counterfeits that in time are going to go against everything in Christianity.

## ➤ These Pagan Teachings come in Three Forms

In fact, you will find that these bad teaching comes in three forms. I gave you two of them already. You have the Middle East and the Far East, the **first** one. You have Europe, the **second** one. I already showed you that one and then you have America that is the **third** one. At the first coming of Christ because of the Greek influence in the world; the world is a Greek speaking world. When the Bible is first written it is written in Greek. But the devil took those 400 years to prepare the world against Christ's coming with counterfeit pagan teaching. They rejected Christ and killed Him. But the New Testament Christianity is now firmly established and from the book of Acts chapter 7 on you see that happening. So, when Christ goes back to heaven, God now officially starts the church age, and He calls out men and women like you and me. For the next 2,000 years, he calls out common ordinary people gives us a common Bible which is God's mind to instruct us. So that every one of us can have the mind of Christ and then every one of us can let this mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus. How is that working for you today?

The New Testament books of the Bible are written in Greek. They are not in a Bible (book form) yet as we know it, but they are in Greek manuscripts. You find in Acts 11 the model church where they are first called Christians at Antioch and they are passing these manuscripts around. Even though they are not a complete Bible yet by any stretch of the imagination, they are forming the teaching that Paul wrote, and all the other apostles wrote. By 90 AD it is all complete. Out of those 400 years while the devil was framing up everything to stop Christ's first coming and the word of God. Down in Egypt in a place called Alexandria of Egypt (in your Bible, Egypt is a type of the world) the devil had created the first college. A university at Alexandria during the time of Christ. The library at Alexandria was the greatest library of intellect in the world. When your New Testament by Paul and all of the apostles is written in Greek and being passed out to these churches they hold it as the pure true word of God straight from God's mouth. The devil takes those same manuscripts and gets them down to Alexandria.

I have read every book on church history that has ever been written probably. I get this one feeling that when these guys write about history when it comes to church history and the Bible it is like the devil died. I mean do you think honestly that everything that God did the devil attacked, except when it came to the Bible, he forgot that. So, what happens? I am making a very boring 40-year study that I had to endure, easy for you. So, I am giving you the cliff notes. These men of Alexandria are pagan men. Pagan philosophers that are steeped in Babylonian and Greek and Roman. I mean they are a mess. The devil takes those pure manuscripts down to Alexandria and these men being to look at them and said I don't agree with that. They read John 1:18 that said Jesus Christ was the only begotten son. None of them believed in the deity of Christ so they changed it to a begotten God. I gave you last week Isaiah 7:14 that a virgin would conceive that would be the sign and they said no there is no virgin, and they put in young woman. By the time they were done they took the deity of Christ, the blood of Christ, and everything that gave glory to God to the tune of 60,000 places out of your Bible. Over in our bookstore we have a book on "*The Monarch of the Books*" and two pamphlets on bible versions. It shows you every corruption that they took to destroy the blood, the deity of Christ and take everything out. If you want to get started into it get the book "*The Monarch of the Books*." It is the greatest book on the planet as an introduction that anybody can understand of where your Bible came from. All in the bookstore.

➤ Two Lines of Manuscripts – Pure Line from Antioch & the Corrupt Line from Alexandria

Around 100-200 AD, you have two lines of manuscripts. You have the pure line. They came out of Antioch where they are first called Christians who understood what they had and protected the word of God from any error. You have the devil's crowd down in Alexandria that saw that pure text and didn't like hardly anything that they saw because of their pagan belief. The devil used them in over 60,000 places to alter that text. Now you have two lines of Bible manuscripts that will provide two lines of Bibles. One will be the pure text, the word of God. God's word. The other will be the corrupt devil's text for himself to destroy God's glory of the word of God. Changed and corrupted in over 60,000 places. Today these bibles completely deny Christ as God's glory.

➤ We Believe & Teach that the King James Bible is the Absolute Perfect Word of God—We Make No Apology for it!

**In this church we believe and teach that the King James Bible is the absolute perfect word of God. We make no apology for it!** God's revelation to man preserved through the manuscripts to us in English by the Holy Spirit of God. There have only been three universal languages in the history of man, Hebrew, Greek and English. We believe that the King James Bible is without any errors in it, the very word of God given to man. **Perfect and inspired**, the word of God to us. The reason **we take this stand is for two reasons** that you probably never considered. **One**, the biblical evidence that this Bible protects the deity of Christ, the glory of Christ to God and protects everything that you and I hold sacred about our salvation. The **second** one is historical evidence. God's true line and the Bible believers down through history

that were tortured and butchered and murdered by the Roman Catholic Church because they had this Bible and wouldn't accept the bible of Rome. They murdered them for it for almost 2,000 years.

In Bible colleges today you will find that the standard teaching will be you have no perfect Bible. Whatever you hold in your hand is just a man's translation. The first translation that began this mess took place in about 1888. Here is the mindset. From 1888 to 2025 we now have over 450 different Bibles, each one of them comes in succession of the other. The scholars tell us that every new one is better than the other one. You know what you got? You got biblical evolution when it comes to the Bible. God didn't give us a Bible that evolved any more than God made man, and he evolved. God gave us the mind of Christ, and the mind of Christ does not evolve. The mind of Christ is fixed. The mind of Christ is in a Book we have the mind of Christ, and we are to let this mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus. You are told today that the perfect word of God is only found in the original manuscripts. They say to understand the Bible you must know Greek for the New Testament and Hebrew for the Old Testament or you can't really understand your Bible. There are two major problems with those two lies---and they are lies out of the pit of hell. First, there is no such thing as an original Greek text. That is a \$25 big word that means nothing. There has never been any original Greek text. The earliest text they have goes from 300-400AD and they are out of Alexandria.

#### ➤ Four Ways the King James Bible is Superior to Any Original Manuscripts

I tell people this all the time. I will give you four ways that a King James Bible is superior to any original manuscripts, if you could ever find them. The **first reason** is you can read your King James Bible. Nobody has ever been able to read the original manuscripts. Never in the history of man on planet Earth as anyone ever read all the originals. The **second reason** I know that your King James Bible is superior to the original manuscripts wherever they are. Two hundred billion people down through 2,000 years (which is probably an understatement) have gotten saved out of the King James 1611. You couldn't even name me one person that got saved from the original manuscripts. I will tell you the **third reason** the Bible means book. So, when a guy tells you that the Bible is the word of God in the original manuscripts there has never been a book with all the original manuscripts in it. It is a lie out of the pit of hell. The **fourth reason**. The Bible says in 2 Timothy 3:16 that doctrine is profitable only in the scriptures.

<i>All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 2Timothy 3:16</i>
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The original manuscripts were not scriptures. Here is the other thing. They say that you got to understand Greek and Hebrew before you can really understand the Bible. Well, there is 8.2 billion people on planet Earth as I stand here before you. If you had one million people on planet Earth who could fluently speak Greek and Hebrew like they speak English or whatever their language, that would only be 0.0125% of the world's population that could ever know the Bible. Can you see the stupidity in that? Can you see the devil at work in that? God is going to come back someday, and he is going to judge you and me. He is going to judge you and me for what we did for Him after we got saved. He is not going to deal with whether you drank last night.

He will put you in a car wreck for that. He is not going to deal with you about some sin in your life. He will chastise you for that. When you get to the judgment seat of Christ He is going to ask you one question. When you got saved, for the rest of your life, what did you do with the plan I had for you to do to fulfill what I started? How in the world is God going to judge me or you in that sense if you could never understand the Bible? He has given you His mind right here. A common Bible to a common man and yes, He will hold each one of us accountable based on is His mind in you. Do you have the mind of Christ?

In 1900 William Lyon Phelps was a professor of English literature at Yale University. He wrote a book that was published in 1936 called "Reading Your Bible". On page 10,12 and 13 on those three pages he stated among some other things, he said the King James 1611 is the most important and influential book in English literature. No English in all the world is equal or can match that which is found in a King James 1611. Whether the original texts were inspired or not I have never had any doubt as to the divine inspired preservation of the King James 1611 Authorized Version. That was in 1900 by an English literature professor. One of the greatest minds on the English language in the world. Where do we have that today?

## V. Summary

Years ago, we are talking 30-40 years ago as I was preaching across this country going to churches, I had a series that I did on church history and the development of the Bible. Basically, church history developed in the form of how we got our Bible. I would go in on a Sunday morning and lay out a generalization of what I was going to accomplish. I would tell them if they wanted to do this, I was going to go Sunday night through Wednesday night preaching for three hours every night. When I am done you will have everything you need to have. I must have done this for twenty years.

### ➤ Five Points on the Bible God Gave Us

On the last night I wound up by preaching five points on the Bible God gave them and these five points pulled together everything that I had said. I preached on each one of those points. When it comes to your Bible the mind of Christ that needs to be in us, the **first point** was God thought it. It was His mind, and I would lay that out to them. Then I would go to the **second point**. God thought it, but Jesus bought it. His death on the cross made it possible for you and me to have the word of God. I would go through that and lay it out. Then the **third point**, the Holy Spirit of God brought it. Then I would hit them with the **fourth point**. But the devil fought it. I would show them how God thought it, Jesus bought it, the Holy Spirit brought it and the devil fought it. The **fifth point** was my favorite point. God thought it Jesus bought it, the Holy Spirit brought it, the devil fought it. Bless God, I got it! God gave me my Book. Don't ever let anybody take it from you.