

## I. Review

Are you ready to learn some Bible this morning? We do a lot here that will help you find the basics of the Bible and a relationship with the Lord, and then there are times when we just get into some deep doctrinal stuff that you've got to have at some point in your life.

Psalms 19:1-6 is really a gold-mine passage. It talks about how *the heavens declare the glory of God*. I want to take the time to develop every aspect of this; it's one of the most powerful passages in the Bible that has so much connected with it.

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

Over the last several weeks I have been talking about how God has used five different ways, through God's plan to man on planet earth, to bring the revelation of the glory of God to His creation. The first week we talked about **the heavens themselves** declaring the glory of God. Then I showed you God's plan in the Old Testament to bring the glory of God and salvation to man was through **the nation of Israel**. The third way was the **Lord Jesus Christ Himself**; God manifested in the flesh and coming down to earth to reveal Himself to man. Then last week we started the fourth way which is **the word of God**; it will be a two-part series because there is so much information.

I showed you how in each of these cases, the devil moves against the plan of God to stop it. History looks complicated, and it can be complicated depending on how you look at it; however, if you boil it down to the two key elements of history, God and the Devil, it becomes really simple. **All history is wrapped around God's plan as God moves through history to accomplish that plan, and then the devil moves to cut it off in opposition to that plan.**

I know there are people in every church who only want to go so far with the word of God, and I'm okay with that. I want you to get whatever you're comfortable with; however, in every church you're also going to have people who really want to know the Bible. They want to learn everything they can, much like I did when I got right with God. I wanted to learn everything once I saw what the Bible was and began to understand what God's plan was.

**The devil will try to stop everything that God does, but Proverbs 16:4 says that even the devil was created for a purpose.** God uses the devil even though sometimes it seems like the devil is in control. Look at America. If there is any place in the world today where you would think that God has taken a vacation and turned the whole place over to the devil, it's in America. America is an insane asylum run by the inmates. We're so far removed from the things we once held dear, yet I want you to know that God is allowing it to happen because even though everything in America and around the world appears in disarray, that's the way it's supposed to be before the Lord comes back.

Proverbs 16:4 says the devil was created for a purpose. God uses the devil; He allows the devil to do what he does, but ultimately, even the devil himself will bring honor and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ by his defeat in Revelation 19:20.

Several weeks ago at Bible Study (05/15/25), I showed you that if you really want to begin to understand how Satan works, there are three ways to study it. You might know it was three! You break the devil down into three segments. He is kicked out of heaven three times.

- The first time the devil is kicked out **positionally**—Isaiah 14/Ezekiel 28
- The second time the devil is kicked out **bodily**—Revelation 12 & 13
- The third time the devil is kicked out **eternally**—Revelation 19:20

If you want to understand and break it down into a simplistic form where you can see how he tries to do what he does to stop God's plan, that's the way you'll want to begin to do it.

### ➤ The Bible is the Mind of Christ

Last week I answered the age-old question of why God gave us a Bible. What is the point and reason for what you hold in your hand today? A Bible that has 66 books in it, 1,189 chapters, 31,171 verses; a supernatural Book written over the span of 4,000-5,000 years; a book that is written by over 40 different authors, yet it all fits together perfectly.

For the answer to this question, I gave you two incredible passages in I Corinthians 2:16 and Philippians 2:5-8. In I Corinthians 2:16, it says that *we have the mind of Christ*, and this mind of Christ is to instruct us. **We are to learn and understand how to put everything together by the word of God.** The Holy Spirit of God leads and guides you, you get training from a local church, and through the word of God He instructs you in what He wants you to do and accomplish.

In Philippians 2:5-8, it clearly tells us that we are to *let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus*. **In other words, the word of God was given to man so that God would allow us to read His mind because in the word of God is God's opinion on everything.** God gave us a supernatural book that is His mind. Imagine you and I, as mortal man, having the ability to read God's mind. The bottom line is that once you get saved, you're a new creature in Christ Jesus, and God has a plan for you. How in the world are we going to figure out that plan if we don't know what God wants us to do? The only way to do it is to read His mind.

**The Bible, being the mind of Christ, will contain every pattern and model of anything concerning God's creation and His plan for planet earth.** God works by patterns, and in those patterns emerges a plan. God has a pattern and a plan for everything that He does, and you'll find this basically laid out in Hebrews Chapters 8-9.

### ➤ The Ministry is People

Let me give you a side note here concerning our church. The church exists for one purpose: people. I remember the rhyme from Sunday school: *Here is the church, and here is the steeple; Open the doors, and see all the people.* A church is worthless without its ministry to people.

You are the most important aspect of this church. The stained-glass windows that we have here were put in back in the 1800s and are probably collector's items; however, other than the historical value, they mean nothing to this church. It doesn't make the church any more spiritual or any closer to God. The sheetrock, bricks, and carpet are the same as anywhere else. There is nothing special about the building. **What is special about God's church is you—the people.**

In dealing with people in my ministry and training many of you to work with me in ministry, I teach you first the patterns. This is why we have our Patterns class in which I show you every pattern of life on planet earth. Human beings fall into patterns; human beings are predictable. Human beings follow traits, and when you put the Bible to it, the Bible will show you through every man, woman, or situation, a pattern of human nature that will emerge. That's what you learn. When I try to help or work with somebody, the first thing I do is establish the pattern for them. They must understand how they got into what they got into. They must realize that you can never fix anything in your life until you understand how you broke it in the first place and how it follows a Biblical pattern.

Once I lay out the biblical pattern, I follow what God does in the word of God. God lays out the pattern, and then He shows you His plan. Once I deal with somebody and I show them the pattern and how they got into what they got into, the next thing is to create a plan for them to be able to get out of it. **A New Testament Bible-believing ministry will be built on those two principles: patterns and a plan.** You must establish the pattern that they're in, and then you must give them a plan to get them out of it. It's the key.

### ➤ The Greatest Book the World Has Ever Seen

What book on earth that man wrote could compare with the Book that supernaturally is the mind of Christ? If I didn't know the Bible was the true word of God any other way, I'd know it was God's word by how little God's people will read it. The greatest Book the world has ever seen, given to what should be the greatest people on the planet (God's people), with the message of God, to bring the glory of God to the world, and yet if all of the dust was knocked off the closed Bibles in Kansas City this past week, there would be a dust storm that would spoil the crops. God's people don't read it. They don't know it, and many times, they don't want to know it. There are too many other important things in their lives they want to get into.

But the key about the Bible and why it can instruct us is that the Bible will contain every opinion and judgement God has that man is ever going to face. The Bible is a history book, medical book, a book of war stories, a love story, a murder mystery, a science book, a book on astronomy, a book about UFOs, a psychology book, and a book on life. It tells you where life starts and life ends.

### ➤ If you Want to See the Future, you've got to go Back in History to See It

I've told you this before, but every movie you're going to watch is going to have a fundamental plot out of the Bible. Hollywood can never make anything without a basic plot from the Bible. There are only about 33 basic plots found in the word of God, and you'll find them mixed and matched in everything. Michael J. Fox made a movie years ago called *Back to the Future*. He

gets with this crazy guy that makes a machine that takes him back in time to the future. I've always thought to myself how it's a picture of the Bible. **If you want to see the future, you've got to go back in history to see it.** That's the key. Most people not only won't do that, but they never get to that point.

### ➤ The Word of God will Transform Your Mind

*Romans 12:1-2. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.*

*2. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

The word of God, as we see in Romans 12:1-2, will transform your mind. It will transform you from looking at things in life the way that human beings look at them. You've got to remember, if you're saved, you're no longer of this world. You're **in** this world, but you're not **of** this world. Now the Bible says you're seated in heavenly places and that your conversation should be in heaven; moreover, as the hymn goes *the things of earth should grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace*. You're supposed to be different. You're supposed to be a new creature in Christ Jesus. That happens because when you make the word of God, which is the mind of Christ, your mind, it transforms you *that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God*. That's what it does. It transforms you.

So then, understanding all of that, I showed you how the devil is not going to stand for that, and we began to look at the devil's attack on the word of God.

## II. The Devil's Attack on the Word of God

### The devil hates the word of God for three fundamental reasons:

- 1) **The devil hates the word of God because ultimately it gives the honor and glory to Jesus Christ and God, and he wants that for himself.** That was the problem all the way back to Genesis 1:1-2, Ezekiel 28, and Isaiah 14. The devil said, "*I will be like the most High.*" The Bible says by his pride he was lifted up, and he wanted to exalt his throne above the stars of God.
- 2) **The devil hates the word of God because it's the mind of Christ.** The devil doesn't want any of you to get saved; he wants every man and woman burning in hell for all of eternity. He'll do everything to keep you from getting saved; however, God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. So God through the Holy Spirit of God came down, and those who are saved chose to be part of God's family. You trusted Christ as your own personal savior. You got your sins forgiven; washed in the blood, and you're on your way to heaven. The devil is not happy, but he can't do anything about it. Now he'll go to work so you'll never do anything with your salvation. You yourself will go to heaven, but in a lifetime of 40-50 years there may be hundreds of people out there who God would have used you to win to Christ but couldn't because you chose not to be what God wanted you to be. The battle in Christianity today is a simple

battle—it's a battle of the mind. Are you going to keep the mind that you've got, or are you going to *let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus*:

- 3) **The devil hates the word of God because it will be the one Book that will expose everything that he is**, so that as Paul said in 2 Corinthians 2:11, *we are not ignorant of his devices*. In Proverbs 19:21 it says, *[There are] many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand*. He hates the Bible because he can't hide. When you get into the Bible, and you really make the Bible your mind, God exposes everything. I've shown you some of that over the last couple of weeks.

### III. God will not Conceal the Devil's Parts, Power, or Comely Proportion

Let's look at Job 41. I want to give you an example of this, and we got into this at Thursday night Bible Study (05/22/2025) with a question that came in. Job chapters 40 and 41 are the greatest two chapters revealing the person of Satan anywhere in the Bible. This is God speaking about Satan:

*Job 41:12-13. I will not conceal **his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion**.*

*13. Who can discover the **face** of his garment? [or] who can come [to him] with his double bridle?*

There are three things that God says if you get into the Bible, when it comes to the person of Satan and how he's going to operate not only against the plan of God but in your own life, God says he will not conceal *his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion*.

- 1) **His Parts**: Down through history, the parts will be the **men** that he uses to be part of his plan to stop God's plan.
- 2) **His Power**: Down through history, the power will be the **nations** that he uses to stop God's plan.
- 3) **His Comely Proportion**: Down through history, the **religions** that he uses to stop the plan of God.

We will see today how this works down through history. Then he asks, *Who can discover the face of his garment?* Down through history, there are seven garment changes where the devil transforms himself at different times in history to counter God's plan in a different way.

I told you that the three characteristics of how Satan operates:

- 1) Camouflage
- 2) Counterfeit
- 3) Compromise

This is why the Bible says in Job 41:14 how the word of God will *open the doors of his face*. **He may change tactics/garments down through history, but the face is always the same.**

## ➤ The Game of Life

Most of you know Dr. Ruckman who was a friend of mine. He would draw while he preached. One time he preached (and gave me the drawing), on a message he called, *The Game of Life*. While he was preaching, he drew a big baseball stadium. He drew a batter with an umpire behind him, and the devil was on the pitcher's mound. The message was that baseball was a lot like life. You're going to have to stand at the plate and swing at what comes your way in life. The devil is always going to try to throw you a fastball, a curve ball, or a little dip ball trying to get you to miss and strike out. Behind the batter is the authority of the game. He's called the umpire. What he says goes. You may think that a pitch is a ball, but the final authority behind the plate says, "Strike one!" You may think the second pitch is a ball, but he says, "Strike two!" You may think the third pitch was outside, but he says, "Strike three!" It doesn't matter what your opinion is, the final authority behind the plate is all that matters in the game of life. In our game of life, you have the devil who is going to throw you some fastballs. You've got to stand at the plate and take a swing, but behind the plate is going to be your final authority.

I thought years ago, in light of that story, that life on planet earth is like a seven-act play. Most high schools have a drama class that will put on a play a couple of times during the year. Back in my day it was *The Sound of Music*. The actors generally perform in the high school auditorium with a curtain and a stage. The curtain opens to Act One, which is the opening act. It may last 10-15 minutes and then the curtain closes. People run out and redo the entire stage. It may have gone from an apartment room to a farm someplace and then the curtain opens again. Everything has changed, but the players are the same. It's the scenery that has changed. It goes through the whole play like that. That is life.

**At Bible study I showed you seven times in the plan of God in the history of this world where the curtain closed, the devil changed the scenery, changed garments, and opened the curtain again.** From Genesis to Revelation, through the seven acts of this play called life on planet earth, he will camouflage, he will counterfeit, and he will get us to compromise. But the Bible says that God will open up the doors of his face.

## ➤ Lord, What Wilt Thou Have me to Do?

I took you back in history and showed you how all of this got started. If you care about the plan of God in your life, and if you're going to make your life count, and with your family accomplish the plan of God for your life, you must know this material. You must not be *ignorant of his devices*.

I've been in the ministry for over 50 years. I could give you hundreds of people who I believe are saved and are good people but are so far out in left field that I'm not sure they're in the stadium. They go through their whole Christian life (get married, raise families, work a job), and never one time consider why God saved them. They never one time asked God what He would have them do. Do you realize those were the first words out of Paul's mouth in Acts 9:6 when he got saved: *Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?*

## ➤ The 400 Silent Years and the Consistency of God

We talked about the 400 silent years and how important that is. Most people don't even know what they are. **That's the time period when Israel loses the kingdom in 606 BC up to the first coming of Christ, which is approximately 400 years depending on how you count it. During those 400 years, there is no message from God.** No prophets and no books of the Bible are being written other than a few post captivity books. If man is going to get anything from God, he must get it from what has already been written in the Old Testament.

Now one of the key things which you're going to have to learn if you're going to ever get your Bible together (and I'm speaking to the ones who are interested in that this morning), you're going to have to see and understand one of the greatest aspects of the word of God: **In this supernatural Book, that is the mind of Christ, the key to God will always be consistency.**

Did you know that consistency is the same key word for your Christian life? As a parent raising your children or in a marriage, it's the same key word. How consistent are we with what the word of God says that we are to be? It's just that simple. God's word, God's plan, what He does will always follow a consistency. Let me give you a couple of examples.

## ➤ The Consistency Between the First and Second Comings of Christ

There were 400 silent years from the last time God spoke in 606 BC (2 Chronicles) until 400 years later at the first coming of Christ when Christ was revealed. Do you want to see the consistency? In 1611, when God gave us the King James Bible, it was the last time He spoke to man. It has been 400 years from the King James Bible to where we're at today. **Just as in the Old Testament with the 400 silent years from the time God stopped speaking to the first coming of Christ, it's going to be 400 years from the last time in the New Testament He stopped speaking until the second coming of Christ.** You'll never get ahead of God and the word of God!

We talked about the first coming of Christ and how the devil took those 400 years and prepared the world to reject the coming of Christ. Man went to work, under the devil's guidance, to write volumes of material that would counter the coming Son of God to man at the first coming. The devil used those 400 years to bring through the Greeks, Romans, Persians...all of the garbage that was going to offset and go against the first coming of Christ.

Do you want to see another consistency? Israel at the end of Genesis went down into Egypt. They were down there 430 years. They come out in Exodus 12. Do you know what the devil did in those 400 years? He fortified the promised land so that when they got there, they would be defeated because the devil had stocked the land with giants and nations who were ready to defeat them. The Bible will always be consistent.

In your Bible you have Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—four accounts of the first coming of Christ. If you go back to the book of Revelation chapters 5-19, you will find that you have four accounts of the second coming of Christ. **You will never be able to get a handle on the word of God and what He's doing without understanding how He is consistent. We will never be**

**everything that God wants us to be until we understand that we have to be consistent.** It's just that simple.

When Christ shows up at the first coming, the devil has worked for 400 years to destroy every concept of God through Rome and through the nation of Israel with the scribes, Pharisees, and the Sadducees (all unbiblical now), to reject the first coming of Christ. **The very people who were God's people in the Old Testament to bring the glory of God to the world, now at the first coming of Christ, have dumped God, dumped His word, and lined up with the devil to bring the honor and glory to him.** You'd better mark that because I'm coming back to it in a bit.

Then we looked at a place called Alexandria, Egypt. In the Bible, Egypt will be a type of the world. When the patriarchs came out of Egypt, they said not to leave their bones there. By the first coming of Christ, Alexandria (the main city now) has become the devil's seat of knowledge and information for all the known world. They had amassed there what is known through history as The Great Library of Alexandria. They had compiled the known teaching of all the ancient world—the Egyptians, Babylonians, Greeks, Phoenicians, Persians, and now with Rome in world control (parts and power), the devil has everything he needs to corrupt and stop the word of God.

#### IV. The Corruption of God's Holy Word

Now the devil takes the pure word of God, originally written in Koine Greek, which was written down and given to the churches and gets to work. Believers passed the manuscripts around and made copies of them. It was the only Bible that they had, but the devil also got his hands on them and sent them down to his boys in Alexandria, Egypt. These men were some of the greatest pagan theologians; godless men, who rejected everything of God and the Bible, and who now had their hands on the pure New Testament word of God. And what did they do? They began to look at it, and they changed the word of God that was out of Antioch, the pure Bible, in over 60,000 places. **Now clearly in history, we have two lines of Bibles.**

Think about it. The devil tried to have Christ killed by having Mary go 80 miles on the back of a donkey when she was ready to be delivered. When that didn't work, he tried to have all babies two years and younger killed by Herod. That didn't work. **Do you think for a moment that the devil tried to stop everything that God was doing and corrupt it, and then he forgot about the very Bible that was going to be the instructions to you and me, the revelation from God to man that was His mind.** Are you kidding me?

We know how and why the devil hates the word of God—because it declares God's glory. Bible scholarship will make this very complicated. They'll do that because they want to cover up their own corruption and their hatred for the word of God. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 11:3 that his fear was that as Satan beguiled Eve through his subtlety, that the church's mind would be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. None of this is hard, but the devil wants to make it as complicated as he can. If I can figure it out, you can. You're much smarter than I am. I was in the sixth grade so long that the kids thought I was the teacher and brought me the apple!



## ➤ Two Key Books Placed at the Right Time to Define Everything for You

It's not complicated if you get it through God's mind. It starts with understanding in your Bible two key books that are placed at the right time to define everything for you. **In the Old Testament, it's the book of Genesis.** It's called the book of beginnings. Everything in the Old Testament is clearly laid out; you don't have to go any farther. All you find through the rest of the Old Testament is what has been defined in Genesis. **In the New Testament, it's the book of Acts.** It comes after the gospels. It means the Acts of the Apostles. It's what they're doing now to establish God's New Testament church.

The book of Acts is simply built around three cities:

1. Alexandria, Egypt (bad)
2. Antioch of Syria (good)
3. Rome (really bad)

All three are defined in the book of Acts and all three of them develop three lines that are going to run through history. Today God's people are either going to be in the line of Antioch or in the line of Rome or Egypt. It's not complicated. People like to make it complicated so they can live in the ozone layer of life and not have to be accountable to it. Further research can be found in our church history material and manuscript evidence material that is on the website which runs well over 200-300 hours.

## ➤ Constantine and the Start of the Roman Catholic Church

I want you to see this today: Here is how the devil took the greatest Book the world has ever seen, a Book that more men and women have been won to Christ with than all of the other Bibles put together; the revelation of God to man about His glory, Jesus Christ, and how the devil took it and destroyed it today. The devil knew in time that things were changing. He could no longer, as he had up through history at this point, control the world through nations. He made an incredible move which would be his fourth garment change. **He took his pagan government, which was the Roman Empire under the Caesars, and around 325AD, through a man by the name of Constantine (who was called the last Roman emperor), switched from pagan Rome to papal Rome with the start of the Roman Catholic Church.**

Somebody asked me one time, "Well, where did you get all this stuff?" I looked at them and made sure nobody was listening. I said, "It's a conspiracy. They hide this stuff in books!" You can go to any public library and find this material. It's not written by anti-Catholic people; it's written by men who just record history.

Now we see the parts, the power, and his comely proportion. **Constantine forms the pagan Roman Catholic Church out of the pagan Roman Empire.** It's a nation that is completely against everything that was out of Antioch in the Bible. Now let's keep it simple. Constantine goes through a phony conversion. He thinks that he is saved now; however, salvation for him is being baptized, although he was never baptized until right before he died. He now sees himself as the head of the Roman church, but he's an emperor and doesn't really want to mess with it.

So he calls in 325AD what is called the Council of Nicaea. There he calls in 80-100 bishops/pastors, none of them out of Antioch, and all are caught up in the paganism of everything that is being taught at that time. This council is going to set down the rules for a new church that's going to be a worldwide religion.

### ➤ Counsel and Council

Let me give you another little key here. There are two words in your Bible, counsel/council, which are pronounced the same but spelled differently. **One ends with -sel which will be getting the counsel of God from the word of God; that will always be good.** When you come through the Bible in the book of Acts and other places, **you'll find the other word which ends in -cil. That will always be bad. It is a body of men who get together in a council, and every time in the Bible they get together, it's against the Lord Jesus Christ.** So when somebody tells you about these beautiful "Christian" councils like the Council of Nicaea, the Council of Constantinople, or the Council of Ephesus, you'll know that they are always against the Lord Jesus Christ.

When Constantine starts his church, he says they need a Bible. He contacts one of his pastors, a guy by the name of Eusebius from Caesarea, who is a pagan lost Catholic who thinks Constantine is the second coming of Christ and worships the ground he walks on. He asks him, since he is already a pastor, about getting a Bible. Do you know where Eusebius goes to get the Bible? He goes right to Alexandria, Egypt. He writes the folks in Alexandria a letter and orders 50 copies of the New Testament off of the corrupt texts.

### ➤ At the Judgment Seat of Christ, we're Going to Give an Account of What We did with the Salvation God gave us

You can go to The British Museum in England, and the letter is preserved there. It's not my fault you've been saved 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years and don't know this stuff. I'm not responsible for that. The devil wants to stop you; he wants to deceive you, and there is no shortage of stupidity with God's people. God's people are ignorant of his devices. God saved us and gave us a mission. He gave us part of the plan, and what does the devil do? He gets us to sit for 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years and never do a thing for God. And you know what the real tragedy is about that? Most of God's people are okay with it.

Just wait until the Judgement Seat of Christ. He's not going to judge you for what you did down here. You may have gone out and gotten drunk last night, and He'll clobber you for that here, but at the Judgment Seat of Christ you're not going to pay for that. **At the Judgment Seat of Christ, you're going to stand there and every one of us is going to give an account of what you did with the salvation God gave you which was based on the Mind God gave you.** Did you *let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus* or was your mind that of American Idol? What was your mind that sent you where you wound up? Now you may not like me talking this way but just let me say this: At the Judgement Seat of Christ, I will be your best friend because I'm trying to tell you what is coming.

### ➤ Constantine's Bible for his New Church

So 50 copies of the New Testament are ordered from Alexandria, Egypt. It has 60,000 corruptions in it, and they bring it up to Rome with Constantine. This corrupt bible which destroys the deity of Christ, takes the blood out for salvation, makes Mary a young woman instead of a virgin, now becomes the official Bible of the Roman Catholic Church. Up through time: parts, power, comely proportion.

Once the Catholic Church gets moving, a guy by the name of Jerome translates into Latin the Latin Vulgate which becomes the official Roman Catholic Bible of the dark ages. Around 1600 AD, it gets translated again as the Douay-Rheims Bible. **You can't miss the fact that God's perfect word came out in 1611, and the devil countered it in 1600 with the Douay-Rheims.** And now this becomes the official Roman Catholic Bible for the next 1,800 years and is still used today, along with the other perverse Jerusalem Bible. I always thought it was interesting why the Catholic Church would use the name Jerusalem Bible when they hate the Jews, but when you think about it, it's because they think God is finished with the Jews and that they're going to have Jerusalem someday.

### ➤ Two Bibles on Planet Earth from 400 AD – 1900 AD

Now we have two Bibles—only two. This is very important. From 400 AD – 1900 AD, there are only TWO Bibles on planet earth. One is out of Antioch which winds up being the King James 1611 Authorized Version and the other the Roman Catholic Douay-Rheims with over 60,000 corrupt changes in it. Now God has His Bible for His church, and the devil has his bible for his church. It's just that simple thanks to the book of Acts. None of this is complicated when you see it through God's mind.

God's plan was, with His Bible and His church (made up of you and me), to reach the world with the message of God's glory—Jesus Christ. The King James Bible comes out in 1611, and for the next 400 years you have only two Bibles. God's Bible goes around the world four or five times. The world sees the greatest missionary movement and the greatest preachers in the history of the church. It's a time when three quarters of the world come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. There are more souls won to Christ during that 400 years with the King James Version than all the Bible put together today.

**The devil knows he must stop you and me from reaching the world.** If you're saved here this morning, you're in his crosshairs. Your family, your pastor, and this church are in his crosshairs. **He knows the only way he can stop it is to take the mind of Christ from us.** Let me ask you a question, and I don't mean this in a derogatory way. What do you say about somebody who goes crazy? We often say they lose their mind. You wonder what's wrong with Christianity and God's people today. They're crazy because they've lost the only Mind that really makes any difference. Do you know why God's people make bad choices and get into bad situations in life? It's because they're operating with somebody else's mind. You have to *let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus*. That doesn't mean that bad things aren't going to happen. It doesn't mean that you're not going to face some terrible times or escape everything. It simply means now you're not ignorant of his devices.

➤ *Well done, thou good and faithful servant*

If the rapture came this afternoon, where would you stand? The indication is that when we stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ, we take the crowns and rewards we get for what we do down here and lay them at the feet of Jesus. In other words, we're not so arrogant that we think we did it because of us. We recognize it was because of Him, and then we understand what we should figure out today—everything we have is because of Him. In that day, you'll figure it out. The only words I want to hear Him say are, *Well done, thou good and faithful servant*.

When you're having a tough time in life and you're struggling with all those things life throws at you, what gets you through it? The struggles, the heartaches, the tears, the crying you go through because the devil wants to stop you. What do you focus on? What gets you through? *Well done, thou good and faithful servant*. It makes it worth it all.

➤ The Earlier Corrupt Manuscripts Resurface

By 1830 AD or so, through Christian scholarship, all connected to the Roman Catholic Church through the Jesuit and Oxford Movements, are all out of Alexandria now. Scholarship comes to the place where they tell the common ordinary people, you and me, that you can't trust your King James Bible anymore. They now want to tell you that the manuscripts out of the Roman Catholic Church are better than the manuscripts out of Antioch. Let me show you how this works—parts, power, comely proportion.

○ At the Vatican (Vaticanus)

Around 1400 AD, right before the reformation and the greatest 400 years of evangelism with the King James Bible, the devil is doing his work. I don't know what they were doing in the Vatican. Some say they were renovating it. The Vatican is one of the most interesting places on the planet. It's been around seemingly forever, and there are so many hidden passages. Things have been walled up and forgotten for over 500 years. It's unbelievable! Whatever they were doing, they knocked down a wall. They walked into a room that had been sealed for about 500-600 years and saw laying in baskets Greek manuscripts that had never been seen before. The scholars got ahold of them and said, "Wow! These manuscripts go back to around 300 or 400 AD." **Now the idea is that the earlier the manuscripts, the closer they are to the real truth of God which is a lie.** They marked and tagged these manuscripts. They're called Vaticanus because they were found in the Vatican. They are in the Vatican library right now.

○ At Saint Catherine's Monastery (Sinaiticus)

Then about 1830 or 1840 AD when the Philadelphian church age is still going strong, over in the Sinai Peninsula, there is a Roman Catholic monastery called Saint Catherine's. Saint Catherine's Monastery is built on the Sinai Mountain on the exact spot where Moses saw the burning bush. How much better does it get than that? Does anyone here believe that? It's so high up on the mountain that when you want to go to it, you get in a basket and the monks pull you up by a rope. There is an unsaved German linguist, who studies old dirty dusty manuscripts, named Constantin von Tischendorf. He goes up to the monastery on a cold day. He sees some monks

warming themselves by a fire and stoking the fire with something which he notices is another set of manuscripts that date back to 300-400 AD. They are just like the ones out of the Vatican. In fact, anybody who looks at them knows they're the same. There is a letter about Eusebius ordering them giving instructions on what size of leather they're supposed to be on. **These two groups of manuscripts (from the Vatican and Saint Catherine's Monastery) are nothing more than part of the 50 copies that Constantine had which were lost.** Now scholarship takes them and tells all of you, through your bible colleges and pastors, that these manuscripts are closer to the real truth of God.

Do you know what happens? Tischendorf gets these manuscripts around 1850, and two Roman Catholics by the names of Westcott & Hort take these manuscripts and begin to come up with a new bible. They begin to counterfeit the true word of God and cause confusion in the body of Christ. In time, through scholarship, they take your King James Bible out of your hands. In America, it starts in 1888. Again, go to any public library where you can find all this information.

➤ **The Southern Baptists Dump the King James Bible and Adopt the RSV (off the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus) in 1888 & more Corrupt Translations Follow**

At the turn of the century, there are three major groups of Baptists in America: The Southern Baptists, The American Baptists, and the GRB. At their big convention in 1888 in Sarasota, Florida, the biggest contingent of Baptists, the Southern Baptists, kicked out the King James Bible and adopted the first translation off of the Roman Catholic Sinaiticus and Vaticanus which was the RSV of 1888. It's the one that takes virgin out of Isaiah 7:14 and makes Jesus Christ a begotten God in John 1:18.

The next translation comes out in 1901, the ASV. Then you have the English versions, the New American Standard, the World English Bible, and today over 450 translations of the Bible. You talk about confusion! Each one of them comes off the corrupt Roman Catholic text out of Alexandria that started with Sinaiticus and Vaticanus. Not one of them come off the text out of Antioch which has basically been thrown out now by scholarship; excuse me, by the devil.

Today across this country in thousands of churches saved men, pastors, and Sunday school teachers are getting up and preaching to God's people out of the devil's bible. You say, "Well, I don't like that." God doesn't like it either! The devil loves it. Do you want to know the proof of that? This is the reason why 99% of God's people know nothing about the Bible.

Now I realize that some folks have been out of it for years and are just getting plugged into a church; however, there are many of God's people who have been in church every Sunday and Wednesday for 40 or 50 years, yet they couldn't tell you the seven mysteries given to the church, the seven things Paul says we're not to be ignorant of, the twelve mysteries to the nation of Israel, or how in the New Testament Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John fit in and the book of Acts around it, if their lives depended upon it. What mind do they have? I'm sorry, but the older I get (although I have a lot of patience with people trying to do what's right), the less patience I have with junk like this.

## ➤ Christianity in Apostasy at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ Except For a Remnant

God's own people, the nation of Israel, at the first coming of Christ dump God and when Christ shows up; they crucify Him, get rid of Him, and are giving the glory to Satan that belongs to God. Today at the second coming of Christ, God's own people, the church, dump His Bible and take the devil's bible and are giving honor and glory, in churches today that are filled with God's people, to the wrong guy. Oh, the devil did his work! He destroyed the true word of God, and he replaced it, by God's own people, with a counterfeit—a bible with over 60,000 changes. **Just like the nation of Israel, God's people are deceived and have lost God and His word; and just like at the first coming of Christ where Israel was in total apostasy, now we see it again at the second coming of Christ.** In both cases, there was just a remnant.

I've heard people say for years, "Well, Bob thinks he's right and everybody else is wrong!" You know that's a tough job! I've also heard, "Well, Old Paths thinks they're the only church around!" After today, I hope you can look in the mirror and see how stupid that statement really is. We're not the only church around. I'm not the only pastor who teaches and believes what I teach, but here is the problem: like Israel at the first coming, the true men, the wise men from the east, were a remnant. We are overwhelmed by the paganism of New Testament Christianity that exists for one reason; and unfortunately, many of God's people compromise, get deceived, and give up the very Bible which is the mind of Christ. If the King James Bible out of Antioch is the mind of Christ, whose mind is it out of Alexandria?

So today at the second coming of Christ, Christianity again is in apostasy. There will be a remnant that will stay true to the true word of God. It isn't just us. There are hundreds and hundreds of little guys out there with churches that are staying true to the Book because they understand what I just laid out to you. I'm going to say it again: it's not my fault if you've been in church all your life and you don't understand what I'm saying today. **The greatest insult and blasphemy the church of God can do, along with drinking booze for communion, is for saved people to use the devil's bible to give him the honor and glory instead of Jesus Christ.** It's just that simple.

## ➤ The Subtle Attack of the Devil by Removing Key Words

Imagine thinking that the devil would attack everything that God did but forget about the Bible. Now let me show you the subtleness of this before I close this out. In all these corrupt translations, the blatant things you see are taking the blood for salvation out, taking the deity of Christ out, making the salvation on the cross of none effect; however, the subtle things are what most people never catch.

There are three key places in your Bible that you must have and understand to get the mind of Christ, and they took these three out without anybody catching it.

1. **John 5:39.** *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.* **We are told to search the scriptures, so in Alexandria, they took the word search out.**

2. **II Timothy 2:15.** *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. We are told to study the scriptures, so in Alexandria, they took the word study out.*
3. **Ephesians 4:14.** *That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; **It talks about the importance of doctrine, so in Alexandria, they took the word doctrine out.***

In all your new translations, those words (search, study, doctrine) will not be in those verses. Not only do they want to take away the deity of Christ, but they also want to take from you the verses which tell you that you need to study, search, and learn doctrine.

## V. Summary

I leave you with this. Let's say we go back in history to 1800 AD. You decide that you want to get a Bible, and I take you to *Ye Old Christian Bookstore*. We walk inside, and I tell the guy in charge that you are looking for a Bible. He says, "Oh! That's great. We only have two to choose from. We have a King James Bible, or we have a Douay-Rheims." There are not three or four. There are two. You have a King James Bible out of Antioch, or you have a Douay-Rheims, through the Roman Catholic Church, out of Alexandria. Which one do you want?

➤ Despite the Many Versions Out There Today, there are Still Only Two Translations

Now let's fast forward to 2025. You come to me, and you say, "Bob, I want you to go with me to Mardel Christian Bookstore to get a Bible." We walk inside, and a fruity little guy comes up. We let him know that we are looking for a Bible. He says, "Oh, wonderful! Follow me." We go back into this big room. There are over 450 translations of the Bible right there in any which way you want them. That's over 450 compared to 1800 AD when there were only two. Now listen to me very carefully. **Even though there are over 450 translations in there, there are still only two: the King James Bible and the rest of the 449 are Roman Catholic bibles off the manuscripts out of Alexandria through Rome: Sinaiticus and Vaticanus.** And the devil goes out the door laughing because God's people are ignorant of his devices. God's people allow him to take the most perfect supernatural Book right out of their hands and then defend the very men who do it.

➤ *Must I Go, and Empty-Handed?*

In your hymnal on page 418, there is a little song that most people do not sing much anymore. Believe me; I understand why. The title of the song is *Must I Go, and Empty-Handed?* It's a song about the Judgment Seat of Christ which I talked about earlier where the rewards and everything we get we lay at the feet of Jesus according to the book of Revelation. The song is built for 21st century Christians, just like you and me, who have lost their Bible, lost the mind of Christ, and at the Judgment Seat of Christ, stand there being saved 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years never doing one meaningful thing for Christ. Then your name is called to take the crowns/rewards in to lay at His feet, and about that time some old Waldensian or Albigenian plays the song over the loudspeaker, *Must I Go, and Empty-Handed?* Yes, you must.

I talk a lot about reality checks down here in life through the word of God. The greatest reality check you'll ever hear in your life will be the day you stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Right now, we kind of fudge everything and pretend a lot of things to get us around the fact that when God saved you, He had a plan for you. Now you may be 50, 60, or 70 years old and have just come into this church and figured it out, and you want to do what is right. You know what God has done for you? He's given you the ability to redeem the time. You don't have any excuses.

Today, just like Israel at the first coming of Christ, we are a Christianity that has been beguiled (II Corinthians 11:3) from the simplicity that is in Christ. **The secular world has destroyed the concept of God, and the biblical scholarly world has destroyed the concept of your holy Bible.** All through the devil—camouflage, counterfeit, and compromise through the Roman Catholic Church just as he did to Eve in Genesis chapter 3 which was Act One of our seven act play. All throughout history, it has been God moves, and the devil moves, and you and I are in that movement. God will move you through the Holy Spirit of God to do something, and the devil will step in and say, "Ah, you don't want to do that!" And history unfolds around a simple seven-act play of life on planet Earth.

➤ In the Final Act before God Comes Back, are you a Major Character in What God is Doing or an Unnamed Extra?

One of the movies that I will stop whatever I'm doing and watch no matter how many times I've seen it is *The Ten Commandments*. All the old movies made back in the 1950s had real stand-in people. When they made *The Ten Commandments* in 1956, they had over 14,000 extras and over 15,000 real animals. All the movies today use animated computer-generated people, but there is something about a movie with all those live animals and people. I watched it and thought about the main characters. Charlton Heston was Moses, Yul Brynner was Pharaoh, Anne Baxter was Moses's wife, and Edward G. Robinson played Dathan. There were really only four or five main characters which the whole movie was built around, but around those characters were 14,000 people that nobody ever knew. There were 14,000 people who never said a line; 14,000 people who simply had a cameo appearance. When the credits rolled at the end, their names weren't there.

I thought about how telling that is because in this seven-act play of life, in which we are currently in act 7, do you know the real question each of us has to ask ourselves? In the final act before God comes back, are you and I as Christians a major character in what God is doing or just a stand-in? Are you a faceless number who never says anything for God, never does anything for God, and you just stand there to be part of the play?

I hope that every one of you who is truly saved and born again will want to be a main character in this final act. You don't want to go, and empty-handed. You want to go in with your shoulders back, your head up high and with a sword that is nicked, bent, and rusted from the battles of this life, but you lay it down at His feet and hear those words. The words that ought to get us through everything we've got to face today; no matter what it may be: *Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*