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Jesus Christ is Coming. Are you ready to meet Him?

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Matthew 24. There are some things we want to talk about today, the Lord being our helper. These thoughts have been our mind for a while. If you talk to many people today, if you go out in the communities, and if you talk to anybody that you work around and work with; and you tell them that Jesus is coming then you will hear this a lot. "How do you know that?" "How do you know that Jesus is really going to come?" "How do you know that Jesus is about to come here?" Well, there are some things that we can look at that we can know that. I know that we do not know the day nor the hour. No. I'm not a date setter. I am not going to do that at. However, there are some things that we can look at in the Bible and there are a whole bunch of them. However, I don't have time to tell one tenth of them this morning, but there are a whole bunch of things in the Word of God that we can look at and to know that we are living in the times and the seasons wherein Jesus Christ is going to come. That is what we want to talk about this morning.

Jesus Christ is coming. Are you ready to meet Him?

He is coming back to planet earth. He is going to come one day. He is going to appear in the clouds. We know that. He is going to give a shout with the voice of the arch angel and trump of God. The dead in Christ is going to raise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together to meet them in the air, in the clouds, and so shall we be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from
heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel,
and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together
with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall
we ever be with the Lord.

We know that Jesus Christ is coming. Don't we? We know that. If you are saved this morning, you know that. You have to know there is going to be a day that Jesus Christ is going to come. Because that is where our hope is at. If He does not come then I do not get to heaven. If He does not come, you don't get to heaven. Amen! We can't get there by ourselves. Jesus made the statement on the very night He was betrayed. "Let not your hearts be troubled. If you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions and if were not so I would have told you." He said, "I go away to prepare a place for you and if I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also."

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Do you know what I know? I know He is coming. I know that Jesus Christ is coming. Do you know what? I want you to know that. I want people listening today, wherever you are at, to know that Jesus Christ is coming. He is coming back to appear in the clouds. We also know that He is coming back to planet earth. Some of the signs and some of the things that we were talking about this morning; they may point to His revelations. They may point to the time that He comes back at the end of tribulation, and do you know what that tells me? Since that is the case, how much close that we are to the return of Him in the rapture today.

We know that we are there. We know that we are very, very close. I hope you believe that. If you do not believe that then I feel sorry for you today, because if you are not looking for Him to appear then you are not going to go when He does appear. That is what the book says. That is what the Bible tells us. Isn't it? So, we know that this morning.

The gospel of Matthew, chapter 24, starting in verse 1.

Matthew 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

Matthew 24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Matthew 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Matthew 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Matthew 24:8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

One of the wonderful things about this lesson, one of the things that really strikes me when I read this story and these scriptures is that Jesus Christ is speaking these words the last time that He leaves the temple.

Matthew 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

This is going to be the last time that Jesus is going to be in the temple. We know that He made many appearances in the temple. We know that He was there many, many times. We know that He did a lot of great things around there. We know that people in the temple knew who He was. They knew what His name was. They knew where He had come from and knew where He lived. They did not know that He was the Son of God. They did not accept that but they knew who He was.

This particular time was going to be the last time that He was going to be there. He was going to depart from the temple and He would never be back there again.

I thought about that and how sad that is today. How sad as we look at this nation, the nation of Israel. Jesus, the Bible says, came unto His own people. We know that when He was born; we know that He came to be the Messiah of the children of Israel. These were people that He loved and people that He wanted to save, people that He wanted to lead, people that He wanted to be their master and their redeemer. However, we know that they would not accept Him. He was leaving here on this day and He would never ever be back again.

The Bible says here, as you read here, they came and showed Him the building. If you will read the book of Mark in chapter 13; you will find out that they begin to show Him the buildings of the temple. It was more than one building. There were several buildings around the temple area and the temple mount. We know that it covered several acres. We know that there were different buildings that were there. However, they began to show Him all the buildings that were there.

If you ever read much about the temple itself, do you know what you can find out? You can find out that the temple was made out of huge stones. Some of the historians, when you read about them, some of the rocks and some of the stones that the building, the temple was made out of; some of them were 45 feet long. Some of them 12 feet thick. Some of them were 18 feet wide. Do you know what? That would be a heck of a rock. Do you know what? Listen. When God does something, He does it good. He always does it big.

They begin to show Him the temple. Not only the rocks that were there and stones that were there but on the outside of the temple it was painted different colors. There is no doubt it was a very beautiful thing to look at. Do you know what these disciples understood and knew? They knew that God had placed the temple there. They knew about the tabernacle, when they had traveled in the wilderness—the children of Israel—they knew all about that. They knew all about that. They knew this was the place that God had said He was going to dwell. However, do you know what, friend?

Listen. Jesus knew something that these guys...did not know. The Bible says He leaves the temple. He leaves them and He goes over unto the Mount of Olives.

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Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

The Bible says that His disciples came unto Him. He began to tell them some things, but they asked Him some questions. Do you know what the first thing that Jesus said here? He said...

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They showed Him the temple. They showed Him the rocks that were there, the stones that were there and how beautiful everything was. However, do you know what Jesus knew? Jesus knew that there was destruction on the way.

This nation, these people that were there; they had rejected the God of heaven. They had seen Him. They had seen Him raise the dead. They had seen Him cure those that had leprosy. They had seen Him do some absolutely wonderful things.

We talked about Wednesday night when we anointed the eyes of the blind man and healed him. We know that He did some awesome things. Yet these people saw that and they would not believe.

Jesus said, "Hey, I have a message for you guys. I want you to remember this. There is not going to be one stone—it doesn't matter how big they are, how beautiful they are—there is not going to be one left upon another that is not going to be thrown down." They go over to the Mount of Olives, the Bible says here...

Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

They want to know, “Lord, you are telling us that these stones, this building, and all this is going to be torn down.” He said, “Tell us when these things shall be and what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?” Do you know what Jesus is going to do here? He is going to give them some insight on some things that was going to happen. He was going to warn them and He was going to tell them because some of these guys that were here that He was talking on this Mount, on this day; they were going to see what He had to say.

We know that He is going to die here 33 AD. If you will just read history, do you know what you will find out? In 70 AD a Roman general named Titus came to Jerusalem with a vengeance. He came and they slaughtered people. He came and people, their homes were ransacked, burned and killed. Do you know what they did when they got to the temple? If you read history, do you know what history will tell you? That Titus wanted to save the temple. He did not want it to be torn down. Do you know what Jesus said? “There is not going to be one rock left upon another that shall not be thrown down.” As you read history do you know what you will find out? You will find out that one of the soldiers came along and he threw a torch inside the temple. The temple began to burn. Do you know what it did? All the gold and precious metals that were in the temple began to melt. Do you know what it did? It ran down the rocks and it ran down in between the rocks. Do you know what they did when it all cooled down? The soldiers went inside and saw the gold and silver that was there. Do you know what they did? They tore it down one stone at a time.

Listen. When God says something is going to happen, it is going to happen. It does not matter if rocks are 45 feet long and 12 feet thick, and 18 feet wide; when God says they are going to be thrown down then they are going to be thrown down. That happened.

Do you believe that? You should believe that because that happened. Listen. People are looking for a sign today. You talk to people—show me a sign preacher. Show me something that I can look at, that I can know beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus Christ is coming.

Do you know what I can do? I can tell you about Noah. I’m not going to this morning. Do you know what Jesus said if you turn over a few verses here do you know what you will find out? Jesus said...

Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Amen! That is in the book. Isn’t it? He also mentions Lot and He mentions the city. He mentions Gomorrah and He mentions the cities of the plains here. He said also, “Like it was in the days of Lot, it is going to be in the days of the coming of the Son of man...” We can talk about that because we know that it is scripture. We know those times and how they lived in those times and men’s hearts in those times. We know that is exactly how they are going to be in the world, day and time that we are living in.

Do you know what I am going to do? That is what I want to talk about this morning just for a few moments. If you read back a few chapters, the scribes and the Pharisees came unto Him one time and they said, "Lord, show us a sign." He had been teaching and He had been preaching. He had been doing some great things. He had been telling them that He is their Messiah, that He is the king of Israel. They said if that is the case then show us a sign. Even though He had raised the dead. He had walked on water. He did all that He did. Do you know what they are saying?

You get something here this morning and don't you forget it. I talk to people that sit in the pews. Do you know what they will tell you? I want to see something from God. I want to see something. Listen. If you are going to see something from God then you first have to believe Him. When you believe Him, then you will get to the place that you can see some things happening in your life.

The Bible tells here, Jesus said, "Hey, you guys want a sign? I am going to give you a sign. I am going to show you something here that you can look at, that you can know for sure that you can look at and know who I am and that I am going to return to planet earth." Do you know what He said when you read on down through here? He said, "A wicked and adulterous generation; they seek after a sign and there is not going to be no sign given unto you except the sign of Jonas the Prophet. As Jonas was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, even so must the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

Listen. He is giving them a sign. He is giving you and I a sign today. The only sign that we are going to have is that He went to the cross. He suffered. He bled. He died. Thank God, He got up from the dead. We can look at that today and know that He is coming back very soon. Amen!

You should believe that. You had better believe that. If you don't, you are not going. He gives the sign of Jonas. I don't have time to go through the whole story but there is a couple of things that we want to talk about.

Jonas is a prophet. A God called man. Wasn't he? You can say amen on that. That's okay. He was a God called man. God had called him to be a prophet. Jonah was someone that God would use and God would reveal things unto. Jonah could go and preach and tell people what God was doing and what God was about to do. Do you know what? The Bible says that God spoke unto him one day and said, "I need for you to go to Nineveh. I need for you to go to Nineveh; I need you to go down there and tell them that if they do not repent, if they do not change their ways that in forty days I am going to destroy the whole place. I am going to overturn Nineveh."

Nineveh was a great city. We know that there were thousands upon thousands of people that lived in the city. We know that Nineveh was the enemy of Israel. We understand that. They were very brutal people. However, do you know what God said? "Jonah, hey, I want you to go down there and preach to those people. I want you to tell them that in forty days I am going to destroy the place." Do you know what Jonah

decided to do? We are like him a lot of the times. When God speaks and something we want to do that we don't want to do—then do you know what we think we can do? We think we can run away from God.

I want you to understand something. If you are a genuine born again, child of God and God speaks to you and God directs you; you had better go with all your furry, and every bit of fire that you have got, whatever it is, whatever God is saying for you to do, you need to do it. On the flip side of that, if God is not speaking then you had better let it alone. You had better stay away from it because it is going to get you in trouble and you are going to get in way over your head.

Listen. The Bible says that Jonah goes down into Tarshish. He is going to find him a ship. He goes down to Joppa and finds a ship going to Tarshish. We know he pays a fare. He gets in the ship. He gets inside and he is going to take a nap. Do you know what God did not do? God did not forget about Jonah.

The Bible says that while Jonah is taking a nap, God sends a storm. You can't get away from God. Why are you running? Why are you trying to get away from someone that loves you and cares about you, that wants the best for you. I don't know why people wants to run. I don't know why people thinks they can get away from God. God loves you. He wants to use you in a great way. Wouldn't it be great for us if God would call us to go to a place where we could preach one little message and the whole city would get saved? I think that would be a great time. Don't you?

Listen. Jonah had some heart problems. We know that he did. Do you know what God did? God sent the storm. I don't have time to go through all that happened. However, after a while when it was determined that all the problem was Jonah that he was the one that brought the storm. They took him up and cast him overboard and the Bible says that God had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. Do you know what the Bible says that happened? When the fish swallowed Jonah, it takes right off straight towards the bottom. Isn't it amazing, friend, when you and I try to get away from God, when we run from God and when we won't listen to God speak—the direction we go, we are not going up but we are going down. We are not getting closer to God. We are getting farther away from God.

The Bible says that he goes plumb down to the bottom. Jonah talks about the seaweed being wrapped around his head. Listen. It is not a pleasant thing when a child of God, an actual born-again child of God walks away from God.

Listen. I have had some seaweed around my neck and I don't like it. Have you? If you be honest, we all have. Jonah spends three days and three nights there in the belly of a fish. Blackness, darkness and all alone. He thinks. I don't know where all the fish goes. I don't know what all he eats and what all he does. I don't know those things. It is amazing what hardships and trouble can bring out of you and me.

Do you know what made Jonah repent? He just did not say, "I think I will do this now." Do you know why Jonah repented? He had been long enough in the whale. Do you know what he knew? He knew the only hope he had was the God that he turned his back on. He knew that was all the hope he had. The only hope he had of getting out of where he was at and the mess he was in; the only hope he had was to turn back to God. Do you know what he starts doing? Something that you and I need to do a lot more of. He starts praying to God. He starts pouring his heart out to God. "God, I have messed up. Lord, I have messed up. I have sinned. Forgive me. Cleanse me." I don't know all that he said. I know a few things he said. I will tell you one thing. I would say there was a prayer meeting in the belly of that old whale. I would say he was getting very serious with God.

Do you know what? Listen. He wasn't in any danger at all, after he repented. He wasn't in any danger. When he repented, do you know what? God just spoke to the fish and he puked him out. Amen! It may not be a good word but that was what happened. He spit him out. He spewed him out.

Do you know what Jonah does? He makes a bee-line for Nineveh. He takes off for Nineveh. He repents. God hears his prayer. We know that the Bible tells us here that God speaks to the fish and the fish brings him up. God knows what He is doing. He knew exactly where Jonah needed to get out at. He could have taken him half way around the world and do you know what Jonah could not have done? He could not have found his way to Nineveh. Do you know what? God said, "Jonah you are going to go Nineveh. You are going to go Nineveh." Do you know what Jonah decided? God you are right. I am going to go to Nineveh.

Listen. We are like that a whole lot of times in life. Calamity has to happen. Catastrophe has to happen, before it gets our attention. Do you know what Jonah does? He takes off towards Nineveh. Do you know what he has? He has one little simple message. It probably did not take him five minutes to preach. He said, "Hey, guys I have a message for you. I am the guy that has been in the whale's body for the last three days and I want to tell you something. The God of heaven that I serve, the God of heaven that has called me, the God of heaven that has prepared a fish, and he has taken me down to the bottom. He says I have message from me to you. If you do not repent in forty days he is going to overturn this place.

Listen. There is judgement on the way for America. Do you know what we have done? We have gone to the place, we have stepped over the line. You might say, "Preacher, you should not say that." Well, I say that today with all authority and with all conviction. Are we still yet going to have revival? Sure, we will. Are we still yet going to see people saved? Sure, we are. Do you know what America has done? America has stepped over the line. We have gone too far. We have turned our backs upon God. We have men preaching. We have men teaching. We have people going all over the world trying to persuade people, you need to get right with God.

Friend, listen to me today. You need to get right with God and you need to get right today because friend, Jesus Christ is coming.

When Noah got on the boat and it sat there for seven days with the door open, there came a time that people had stepped over the line.

When we look at the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, there was a time come that there was going to be no more repentance. God was going to rain fire. Listen today. God is going to judge this world because men and women and boys and girls have rejected the God of heaven.

I'm not trying to scare anybody. But I am telling you, judgement is on the way. Judgement is on the way. I have read to you about wars and rumors of wars. If you turned your TV on this morning, you heard about one of our nations—Iran, I believe it was, and Jerusalem; ambassadors for three or four different countries—do you know why? We are thinking about war. We hear that every day. Look at it on TV every day; you hear rumors of wars.

Here is the thing I studied. I wished I had time and had the memory that I could tell you some things I have studied this week. It just absolutely blew my mind.

He mentions earthquakes in divers places. If you read the Bible, you will find out that many earthquakes happen. When Jesus raised from the dead, there was an earthquake. You remember. When you read the book of Revelation, there is going to be great earthquakes, and we know that. In the last hundred years—this is coming from people who studies earthquakes—in the last hundred years, earthquakes have increased 275%, just in the last hundred years. Earthquakes over 7.5 on the Richter scale, have increased 275% in the last hundred years. Do you know why? Jesus is coming. He said there was going to be earthquakes.

We can read about the Tsunamis that are caused by earthquakes. Literally, hundreds of thousands of people are being killed. The disease and the pestilences that comes because of all these things. Wars are happening. We are living in the day when Jesus Christ is going to come. We are living in the times and the seasons. We should be looking and lifting up our heads and looking up because our redemption draws nigh.

The Bible says... this is what happens.

Jonah begins to preach. He preached a little short sermon. He did not have to beg them to come. Do you know what they did? From the king right down to those servants that were there; do you know what the king did? He proclaimed a fast. He said that everything that is here, everybody that is here; we are going to have a fast. They sat in sackcloth and ashes. We are not going to eat anything. We are not going to drink anything. Just perhaps the God of heaven will change His mind and He won't judge us. He won't destroy us. Do you know what? That is exactly what God did. Do you know what these people did? They got serious with God. They just weren't playing church. They just weren't playing being a Christian. They just weren't wearing the mask. Do

you know what they did? They were serious with Almighty God. Do you know what they did? They repented. They said, "God, we are sorry that we have sinned." Do you know what God did? God spared them.

When you read the book do you know what you will find out? The men of Nineveh shall rise up in judgement against the men of Israel and shall condemn it. Do you know why? He said because they repented at the preaching of Jonah. He says there is one here greater than Jonah. Do you know what the men of Nineveh did? Jonah was just an ordinary man. He preached the message that came from Almighty God and they repented. Israel looked at the Son of Almighty God. They looked at God in the flesh. They looked at the incarnate Son of God. They heard His Word. They ate with Him and saw Him in their streets. Yet, they would not repent.

Listen to me friend. America has been blessed. We have been blessed with that God has placed in our country. Like the Evans' that we have had here in our own community. These men have preached... We could go on and on. Men that have dedicated their lives for the preaching of the gospel. Do you know what friend? Men have turned up their ears, turned off their ears and stirred up their nose. Listen to me today. God is going to judge people one day. Do you know what you had better do while you can? You had better repent while you have time.

He says, here is your sign.

Matthew 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Do you know what happens? A short time after this, a few days; they kill Him—Jesus. They kill Him. Amen! They nail Him on a cross. He dies somewhere around three o'clock in the afternoon. They take Him down from the cross and they get Him the tomb before six PM because the Sabbath was drawing on. Isn't that sad? They just kill an innocent guy but they were worrying about breaking the Sabbath. That is sort of critical. Don't you think?

Sounds like us sometimes. Doesn't it? amen! We want to condemn people for something and we are doing something five times worse. Do you know what that is? That is being hypocritical.

These guys just killed an innocent guy. Now they were worrying about breaking the Sabbath. Hypocritical. They put Him in a tomb. Put a rock over it. Sealed it up. Set some guards there to guard it. We know on Sunday morning, Jesus arose from the dead. Amen! God spewed Jonah out of the whale. Do you know what God did? He raised Jesus from the dead. Amen! The stone rolled away, not to let Him out. He was already gone. Amen! The stone was rolled away so that we could look in and see that He was gone. That man could know that He was gone.

You are looking for a sign. Listen. I promise I have two more hours on this and I can't do it. I promise you something. Jesus Christ is coming. He is coming...

If you just look around today at the attitude of people. If you read the book of 2 Timothy, chapter 3, verses 1-9; Timothy says and talks about perilous times will be in the last days.

- 2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
2 Timothy 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
2 Timothy 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
2 Timothy 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
2 Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
2 Timothy 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
2 Timothy 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
2 Timothy 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
2 Timothy 3:9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was.

Dangerous times. In the last days, here of the church age is going to be dangerous times. I don't know whether you ever thought much about it but I am sure that you have. But there has never been a time on all earth, any more dangerous, except in the days of Noah and Lot, than it is today. It is a dangerous time. Our schools are not safe anymore. Our churches are not safe anymore. Our work places are not safe anymore. Amen! Our homes are not safe anymore, as they used to be. We can put locks up and carry a gun in every pocket. There is nothing wrong with that. If that is what you want to do, then hammer down. I don't care. Here is the thing. We live in dangerous times. People will kill you for no reason at all.

If you read some of the things that is happening in murder in our land today—people are killed for their tennis shoes. People are killed because they wear the wrong color shirt in the wrong neighborhood. Amen! These are dangerous times.

You read about, not long ago, where a family was on vacation and they went down... They got lost in a particular city, a man and his wife and his little children. Do you know what they did? He gets in the wrong part of town and they kill them.

We live in dangerous times. We live in times where the enemy, where satan is absolutely controlling people's minds. Demonic. People are demonic. People are demonic. You take a little child, a little baby and chop it up in pieces. That is demonic.

I don't care how you look at it. You can call it a woman's right. That is demonic. Amen or ouch. That does not make any difference.

There is going to be a day that God is going to take control of some things. There is going to be a day that God is going to say hey, do you remember what you did back here. Do you remember what you did here? Do you remember how many people you killed and slaughtered here? Remember that? Things are going to change folks. We live in dangerous, uneasy times. I never saw a time in all my life when people are so uneasy. They are never at rest. They are always on the edge. It does not take much to set people off. People that used to be calm as a cucumber as we used to say. It does not take much to set them off. Do you know why? Because we are living in the days when Jesus Christ is about to return.

There is a real satan. There is a real devil. Do you know what makes these times so perilous and so dangerous? It is that so many people are listening to the voice of satan. People who sit in the pews. People who is in all areas of life from pastors to teachers, to people who work in schools, the police officers, people who are in the military—we have people who are listening to the voice satan.

If you have watched the news the last two or three days; you can read about a guy who spent most of his life in the military. He had all kinds of decorations. He did all kinds of great things. However, if you read in what he was involved in and what he was doing; it makes you want to puke. Amen!

Do you know why? Because we are living in the last days. We are living perilous times. we are living in times here, very violent times and threatening times. We are living in dangerous times. We are living in godless times.

There was a time in America and some of you all don't remember this because you are not old enough. There was a time when kids growing up, when we went to bed at night; we had a little house that we lived in. It did not have any air-conditioning in it. do you know what we would do? the windows would stay up all day anyway in the summer time. We had an old fan that we would put in the window in the living room. It would just blow hot air in and pick up the bugs every now and then and blow them in. we would leave the doors open. The screen door, we wouldn't even lock them. The windows would all be up. We would take a notion to go to town which was not very often, but if we all decided to leave, we went. You did not lock the doors. Probably in the old house I lived we probably did not have a key to lock the door with. I have said this probably here. However, many times we would come back home and the area drunk would be laying on our couch asleep. We would have to wake him up to get him outside. He did not seal anything. He did not hurt anything. He was just a drunk. However, he would not hurt you.

Today, you don't know what people are going to do to you. Do you know why that is true? It is because we are living in the last days. Godless times. Perilous times.

Listen. That is the day that we are living in. That is the day we are living in when people have no concern for God. We live in godless times where majority of the people do not think anything about God. They do not think about worshipping God. They do not think about anything like that. The only thing that they think about is just themselves.

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When you look at that do you know what it means? It means selfish. It means self-centered. There has never been a time in all of history where men are so selfish and self-centered today. You talk to young people, middle aged people, and old people in a lot of places; do you know what it is about? It is all about me. It is all about what I want. It is all about what I want and what I am going to get. Not only that are they lovers of themselves but they are covetous.

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They love money. They love possessions. People will talk to you about what they have, what they bought, what they are driving and where they live; they talk about all that stuff but they don't want to talk about God. Because they love...they are covetous.

They are boasters. Now get this one. A sign of the end time is people bragging. They are boasters; they brag. Not only do they brag but they are pretenders. They are great pretenders. They are...very arrogant. They are over-bearing. They think they are superior to everyone else. Do you know what that is a sign of friend? That is a sign that we are living in the last days.

Twenty-five, thirty, or forty years ago, it wasn't like that here. It wasn't like that. You might have a few people maybe. However, today, in our society, the majority of people brag, boast, and are arrogant. They think they are better than someone else is. Do you know what that is? That is a sign that they are listening to the voice of satan. They are listening to the voice of satan.

Here is a good one. They are proud. People who are proud, in the nation that we live in, by the multitudes; it is a sign that we are living in the last days. Self-exaltation. Do you know what? I like it when God exalts people and takes people from the ghetto and puts them in the palace. Amen! As He did Joseph, and others, and Daniel and all these people... He lifts us from sin and exalts us to be able to worship Him. However, when we want to exalt ourselves and throw ourselves into the air; that is what pride is. That is being conceded. That is being arrogant. That is being haughty. That is putting oneself above others and looking down upon others. That is what being proud is. There isn't a time in all history, even in the church history have we had so many people

who are proud. They brag. They boast. They run people down. They look down at people. They are conceded. Amen!

I know this is not an “amen” message, but it is the truth anyway. These things are a sign that we are living in the days when Jesus Christ is going to return.

Not only that, but here is a good one also. He uses the word blasphemers. He says there is going to be perilous times. There is going to be dangerous times in the last days. What makes them so dangerous are people who are blasphemers. They are proud. They are boasters. They are braggers. The word *blasphemer* means to slander. It means to insult; the word blasphemer does. It means to rail, revive, reproach, to curse.

There has never been a time in all of history where men, women, little kids curse. You can't go to a ballgame. You can't go to Walmart. You can't go to a gas station anywhere unless you hear somebody using all kinds of filthy language. Amen! Some of them is our families. Some of us, sometimes it may be some of us. I hope we are better than that. I hope we are better than that. Listen. If God has never cleaned up your tongue, if your tongue has not been cleaned up then you probably have not been cleaned up.

Listen. Going around cursing, insulting and doing all kinds of stuff; God is not in that. We look at blasphemy as being towards God and it is. It is also towards people, when we slander people, run people down, insult people and do all kinds of things to other people. Then that is blasphemy.

Disobedient to parents. That is a sign that we are living in the last days. Children being disobedient to parents. Do you think that is true? Come on, guys. It's okay. You might as well admit it because it is. If you spend five minutes out in public do you know what you will find out? You will find out that children do not want to listen to their parents. To the children a lot of times, the parents do not know anything. Children don't want to listen to parents. Do you know what I have had parents tell me that their children told them? It is a good thing Jodie, Jennifer, or Regina had never done that. I have had parents tell me that if I try to correct my children, my children said they were going to call 911 on me. Do you know what I would have done first with Jodie and Jennifer? You don't have to do this and I am not advocating this for you. But I would have worn their butt out first of all, then I would have told them to go ahead and call. Amen! Children have to be corrected. Not beating them, not abusing them.

Get this. If you do not correct your children, if your children do not respect you, they will never respect the God of heaven. If they do not respect the authority that God has given unto dad and mom; when dad and mom are godly people leading their children the right way—and I know that not every parent is a godly parent—but if you have godly parents and they are leading you in the right way then you had better follow them. Parents, you had better teach them right because if you do not teach your children to respect you, and get their mouth under control then they will never ever worship the

God of heaven. They will die lost. Do you know why? Because if they do not respect the authority that their parents have then they will never respect the authority that God wants to have in their lives.

Disobedient to parents is a sign that we are living in the last days. It is a sign that we are living here, that Jesus Christ is about to come.

Unthankful, the next one; do you think that is a problem today? Do you know what you can do for people? You can give them your last nickel. You can go out in the road and get their dog or cat that is about to get run over in the road and you can drag it out. You can go jump their car. You can give them gas. You can feed them. You can do all kinds of stuff for them. You can visit them. You can wear your legs out, for a lot of people and they are not thankful. They are never thankful for what you do.

Listen. You don't have to be thankful to me or anybody else but you had better be thankful to God for what He is doing. Because He holds your future in His hands, my friends.

Unholy, filthy, dirty; we could use all kinds of words there that has to do with being unholy. Profane, indecent, shameless, and being blind to modesty; modesty doesn't mean anything in our world today. That is a sign that we are living in the last days.

2 Timothy 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Not only that, but also without natural affection. That is a sign that we are living in the last days.

God made male and female. Amen!

Matthew 19:5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

Do you remember reading that in the book? God never said for James and John to get married. God never ordained James and John to get married, or Mary and Sue. God never ordained that. Without natural affection, when we see that then we know something is bad wrong with people's lives. That is no worse than other sin that we commit. Friend that is sinning against Almighty God. God will never bless that. Without natural affection, abnormal affections, people that are being heartless, and without human emotions, having no love. We could go a long way with that.

Truth breakers. People will promise you everything in the world. Preacher, I will be with you. I will stand with you. I will be by your side. If they come at you, I will be right here with you. We will fight until we are gone. Do you know what? The first time someone says boo, they hit the road. They will say that they will be there. They will say that they will make a covenant; we will be there with you. However, so many in this world today...

We have had all kinds of peace treaties made. Amen! In thousands of years, but they break their promises. They do not keep their promises that they made.

Listen. If you made a promise to God that you are going to follow Him, He saved you. You have better be following Him today.

False accusers. Saying things about people that are not true. That is a sign that we are living in the last days.

If you have had your TV in the last few, in my estimation—and I may be way off here—we hear a lot of that every day. We hear a lot of false accusations and slander being thrown around every day. Again, that is a sign that we are living in the last days.

Incontinent, do you know what that means? That means undisciplined. That means without no restraint. People doing whatever they want to do, whatever comes into their mind, whatever they think about doing; they just go do it. It does not matter who it hurts. It does not matter who it disturbs. It does not matter what it tears down. They just go ahead and do it. That is a sign that we are living in the last days.

Not only that but also fierce, which means savage-like. It means untamed. People do all kinds of things today without any forethought, without any thought, without any concern about slaughter, killing and maiming; they just go do it. People are fierce.

People are despisers of those that are good. They despise God. They despise us.

2 Timothy 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Also, traitors; betraying trust. We see that in our world today, on a scale like we have never seen before. Even among the born again, we see husbands and wives betraying one another. Amen! Even among people who have been saved. That statistic is about the same among church people as it is the world. That is just about as great among people who go to church, as it is among the people who have never been born again.

Listen to me. Something is wrong when people say they are Christians, and they get a divorce; then somebody is wrong. Amen!

Not only that but also, heady. It means to be headstrong. It means to be reckless, rash, and harsh. Being highminded, being puffed up, and being conceded, full of self and self-importance.

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Listen. Jesus Christ is coming. All you have to do is look where you work, where you shop, where you eat, just look a little bit and at some of things I have mentioned this morning and you have to know that we are living in the last days. You have to know that Jesus Christ is going to come any moment of any day. He can do that.

Nothing else has to be done. He says I will give you a sign and the sign is Jonas. He spent three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, that is the only the sign that you are going to get. However, there are some signs. There are some things we can look at. There are some things that we can know that we are living in the times and the seasons when Jesus Christ is going to come.

If you are not saved here in this building, come. If you are not saved in this building today; I hope and I pray that you will repent of your sins and make things right with God. It may be today when God calls you from this life. It may be today, when Jesus appears in the clouds. It may be today. I don't know when He is coming. I know He is coming. I believe He is coming soon.

Come and pray—