

Revelation 11

The Two Witnesses

Good morning, I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

God has been so good to us this year, there is so much to be thankful for as a church, and individually.

I so am so excited to see what is in store for us as God continues to move in our midst.

It is clear He is bringing committed new workers to the labor here in Downtown Victorville.

Every week, it is awesome to hear people explain God has called them to make this their new home.

Although this church has been here for decades, we are coming into our third year of this New season, and it is obvious God has a special work for us in the coming years.

Now if you are new here, I would just like to welcome you, and I just want to explain our approach to ministry here Calvary Chapel Victorville.

On Sunday morning, we go through the New Testament Books verse-by-verse.

On Wednesday evenings, we go through the Old Testament Books.

It is our calling to teach you all the whole council of God's Word, that each of you will be thoroughly equipped for the work of ministry.

God has a place for each of you in His Work here, and I believe as we all grow in our knowledge of God's Word, we will learn to hear His voice, and understand what our purpose is in this work.

So with that being said, we are in the midst of a study of the Book of Revelation.

We are now in chapter 11 of this amazing look at prophecy and a vision of where this world is actually headed.

Now this morning we will perhaps look at one of the more challenging chapters in the book.

There are some very confusing and bizarre viewpoints on who these two new characters are that we will meet this morning.

But remember, for us, the simplest way to understand Revelation is by simply looking at these things literally and plainly.

And we will find with this approach an intelligent understanding that is reasonable and basic.

In chapter 11, John will still be in his parenthetical explanation.

The timeline of events has been interrupted while John gives us some more details of what is happening here in the tribulation.

In this chapter, the seventh trumpet will blow, but we will not pick up the chronological timeline until we get to the contents of the seventh trumpet, namely the seven vials.

We will have many broad pictures and explanations before John continues revealing the end of this world, as we know it.

So next John's revelation continues with him being a participant still...

11:1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

John, here in the opening verses is given a lightweight reed to measure the Temple of God, the altar, and the worshippers.

These reeds, that grow by a body of water would be a useful measuring stick.

John is told not to measure the court outside the temple; it has been given to the Gentiles.

This of course seems to be the earthly temple in view here.

The heavenly temple will come in view later on.

Now, this is interesting considering John wrote this revelation approximately 26 years after the destruction of the Jewish temple by the Romans.

The temple to this day. Nearly 2000 years later has not been rebuilt.

There is no Temple of God on this earth in the sense that John is seeing it here. With the Holy Place, Holy of Holies, the brazen altar and incense altar.

The New Testament claims we are individually the temple of God in our dispensation.

1 Cor. 3:16-17 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

But John is seeing a literal temple here.

This part of the Revelation really gives us a lot of detail on what the Holy Land will look like in the Seven Year Tribulation.

There will be a temple in Jerusalem.

And it is interesting here, that John is told not to measure the court of the Gentiles.

This tells us, that this man of peace, the Antichrist will be able to do what no other man has done in Israel, he will bring peace.

Now this is interesting for many reasons.

Currently, the Muslims, with oversight from the kingdom of Jordan have authority of the Temple Mount.

Israel is still the government that rules over it, but has given it as peace offering to the Muslims.

But if ever a Jew goes on the mount to pray, almost always it insights a riot.

This place today is a powder keg about to explode.

I stood on the Temple Mount in October 2012 and I saw something very interesting.

This is what it looks like currently.

Picture of Temple of the Mount.

Now you see a grove of trees to the North there.

And when I was up there, the person guiding us whispered, that is where they think the Jewish temple will stand.

Now if they catch you saying that on the Temple Mount, they will kick you off immediately.

It is one of the hottest and most debated sites in the Middle East.

Now it is interesting John sees the court of the Gentiles, and he is instructed to leave it alone.

In scripture, God has various prophets measure places for Him.

It seems to signify that the area belongs to God.

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But the court of the Gentiles is left alone.

Now that gives a great possibility that the Antichrist somehow brokers a peace deal with the Muslims and the Orthodox Jews in the Tribulation.

Now, this tells us that a major sign for us to be looking for is plans to build this Third Temple.

Well, if you research the Temple Institute, you will find that there are many Jews preparing to start the worship in the Third and Final Temple.

They have manufactured many of the tools for worship, the golden lampstand is displayed right in the streets of Jerusalem.

The priesthood is being established, the Sanhedrin is active and ready.

It is amazing, and honestly it is awe inspiring as you ponder this.

The scriptures clearly speaks of this third temple being rebuilt.

For the majority of History since John wrote this, it has been an impossibility, and many very smart men could not see how these things could literally take place.

But today, an Elementary age school boy can research these things, and see very clearly it is possible and probable that there will be a Third Temple built on the Temple Mount.

And when it is built it might perhaps look something like this.

Temple next to Dome of the Rock picture.

Now you will not find much true news on American Media, they are too busy covering tweets from our president to tell you what is really happening in the world.

But, you do your homework, there are some really interesting things happening in the world.

And good News Sources out there that cover these important events happening in our world.

If you have FIOS, One American News is great, if you follow our missionary in Israel, Cheryl, she sends monthly updates, and she gives great news resources.

Also, I would like to recommend Prophecy News Watch as a good source of information, they will send you a daily update at what is happening in the world.

But if you look, you will find, that we are getting very close to some of these things being fulfilled.

Now, in these first two verses, we get some insight to the time these things are taking place.

The Gentiles will tread underfoot Jerusalem for 42 months or 3 and half years.

Now it seems like John is referring to the last three and half years of the Tribulation known as the Great Tribulation.

We know that the Antichrist will be received in the first three and half years of the tribulation, as the possible Messiah they have waited for.

I also want to note here, the Muslims are also waiting for a messianic figure to this date, they call him the Twelfth Imam.

And he according to their literature really fits the description of the Antichrist, even to the point of him ascending from a pit.

Remember this man of peace will bring a false peace, and allow the Jews to worship once again in the temple.

But at the 3 and half year mark, the Antichrist will go into the Jewish temple, and bring the abomination of desolation, and he will declare himself to be God.

The Jews after this point will be heavily persecuted as their eyes are opened to Jesus and they turn to Him.

Remember Jesus spoke of this time that Daniel prophesied about.

Mark 13:14 "So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Now here in John's vision, the Gentiles are in control of the Holy City once again.

And the time of the Gentiles during the tribulation is almost fulfilled as Jesus predicted.

Luke 21:24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

We see here while this worldwide persecution is taking place, God will raise up two supernatural witnesses who will prophesy and warn the world of the coming King.

And it is not clear when they arrive, but it seems to be the last 3 and a half years, during the Great Tribulation.

Verse 3...

3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. 6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

Here in verse 3, these two new characters come on the scene.

And as I mentioned earlier, there has been much debate and confusion about these two witnesses.

Some have made the case that they represent the Church and the Nation of Israel.

Or Israel and the Word of God, the two main instruments of witness in the world.

But this all opens up too much speculation and confusion.

We see here they are given power to prophesy 1,260 days, or 3 and half years.

Relating to what seems to be the Great Tribulation or the last three and half years.

They would not need necessarily this Divine protection in the first 3 and half years, but when the persecution is full swing.

Now, these witnesses seem to be men, they are clothed in sackcloth, the prophet's uniform.

Now, John does not tell us who they are specifically. But all evidence of who specifically these men are, is speculative and merely circumstantial.

We only know God raises up two unique prophets in the tribulation; these might be from those in the tribulation who come to faith after the rapture.

We see John calls them two olive trees and two lamp stands.

We have to search the scriptures for the meaning, for which in Zechariah, it is clearly deciphered for us.

They will be like Zerubbabel and Joshua the High Priest who in Zech. 4 are used to reestablish the Nation of Israel and rebuild the Temple in the midst of great hostility.

They are pictured as two lampstands connected to two olive trees receiving a continued supply of oil.

The picture is translated in Zechariah by an angel, and he declares.

Zech. 4:6 "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel:

'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'
Says the Lord of hosts.

Zerubbabel and Joshua stood with great opposition from Gentiles and underwent great discouragement.

However, their strength came from the Lord.

These two witnesses in the Great Tribulation will receive the same Divine power and protection.

We see they are given power to annihilate their enemies with fire from their mouth.

They can change weather patterns, and they can turn water into blood.

This is an extreme witness for the God who sent them.

They seem to have the power of Elijah and even Moses from the Old Testament, and many commentators speculate that because these two prophets stood on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus, that since they like to hang out with each other, that perhaps they show up here in this final chapter of the Tribulation.

We now in Jude Michael the Archangel and the Devil fight over Moses' body, and Michael wins, but it can lead us to speculate that God still has plans for Moses. Malachi explains that Elijah will come before Jesus.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

And the Jews even today at certain times of the year put out a place for Elijah in case this is the year he decides to come.

So, I can see one of these witnesses being Elijah, he did not die, he was taken up to heaven, so perhaps he will come back to finish his ministry.

Now some people assume because Elijah did not die, that perhaps the other witness will be Enoch, who also was taken to heaven before he died.

There is simply no way to know for certain, the vagueness of John leaves us without certainty.

One thing is for certain, these two witnesses are entrusted with the greatest powers ever given to a prophet of God.

They are able to withstand all of the attempts of the Antichrist and his followers for 1,260 days three and half years.

They will be able to testify until their ministry is finished, and God will allow Satan to finally kill them.

However, it is God's appointed time, not Satan's.

As was the case for many of the prophets of the Bible, when God had determined their ministry was completed, He brought them home.

Why would anyone want to stay any longer then they are needed here on earth?

Especially the prophets who suffered so horribly.

They get to go home to be with the Lord, in glory.

Why would any believer want to stay any longer here on earth, with taxes, with corruption, with sin ruling every crevice of this world?

The darker this world gets, the greater heaven seems to be.

I don't know if you have ever faced death as a believer, but it is an interesting thing to consider as the possibility of eternity comes before you.

I remember I had co-worker in Havasu, who struggled with alcohol and depression.

One night Jessica my wife got a call from his girlfriend saying he was drunk; she was taking the kids and leaving him.

She asked if Jess and I would go reason with him.

I really did not want to go reason with him while he was drunk, but we went.

We pulled into his driveway, and he had a fire going in his driveway with all kinds of memories and things from his girlfriend.

So right away things were weird as we pulled up.

He was in his garage, and as Jess and I walked up, we noticed he had something in his hand.

Well it turns out it was a .357 Magnum, and he was holding it to his head.

I told Jess to go back to the car, and call the police.

She forgot to do that, and stayed right behind as we pleaded with him not to take his life.

But in the middle of pleading with him, he turned the gun toward my head.

And it was slow motion. As I thought wow, I might be going to see Jesus right now.

Now in the world, when I was running amuck, I was faced with perilous moments, and I feared death then, but with Jesus in my life, I had a peace, and even a little anticipation.

I thought, if he pulls the trigger this close, there is no chance for me to live. And the thought of that was kind of a rush.

But my wife was still behind me, so another instinct kicked in, a protective one.

I waited until he lifted the gun up, and he was swinging his hands around, and the gun slipped, so I did what any man would do, I ran, and put him through the wall, it was full contact ministry.

My wife grabbed the gun, and interesting enough, I had no adrenalin pumping, so I did not beat the guy to a pulp, but just held him inside his wall until he collapsed and started crying.

Jess and I got to minister to him that night.

I came over the next day, to help him patch the drywall I put him through, and just shared some more with him while he was sober.

He ended up later on in life getting baptized and God is still working in his life.

After that day, Matt, understand he never wore a shirt, a construction guy with tats, but he is about chin height to me, but every time he saw me, he would give me this embrace, like a son would to a father.

I would get all uncomfortable, and Jess would look at me, like “minister to him or else.”

But the man who I thought would send me to see Jesus, became a pretty good friend in those early days. Turns out when Jess grabbed the gun, there was no ammo in it.

But I will never forget that feeling, of thinking I might go see Jesus, the peace was incredible, and I had no problems with it.

I imagine that is why these guys are so bold in their ministry, they know where they are going when they die and if they die.

I imagine these two witnesses here have no qualms with God ending their ministry and allowing Satan to kill them. **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego**

As we see next.

The Witnesses Killed

7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

John simply explains when their ministry is through; the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit overthrew them and killed them.

Now this seems to be Abaddon or Apollyon, who we saw in Revelation 9, who seemed to be Satan the Destroyer.

The Antichrist will be the beast that comes out of the sea, and the false prophet will be the beast that comes out of the land. Walvoord

Here we see the beast that comes from the bottomless pit.

Now all three will seem to be one, and work together as one. Perhaps the Antichrist or the beast is possessed with Satan himself.

We will have an unholy trinity before us in Chapter 13 with these three.

Now with these two witnesses gone the world will rejoice.

I imagine their ministry in part was preaching the truths of the judgments coming upon the world.

As God struck the rebellion below, these men exposed this world's treachery toward a Holy God, the world is without excuse, as these two prophets bore a mighty witness for the God who sent them.

And the world rejoices at their silence...

8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Now this is an interesting picture here.

Their bodies are left in the great city, which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, being literally Jerusalem, because John further explains it is the city where our Lord was crucified.

So we see from that Holy City, that from God's spiritual viewpoint it is as corrupt as Sodom, and as arrogant as Egypt.

Although many people see this city as a center for many religions and much worship, God sees it for what it is.

The ministry of these two mighty prophets is understood here to be centered in Jerusalem.

The whole world rejoices at the sight of their dead bodies lying lifeless and decaying in the streets of this city.

Now, understand that only in recent history can this prophecy and picture be fulfilled.

It was only 55 years ago, that Satellite TV was launched, connecting the world together simultaneously.

Today we have the internet connecting the whole world together at real time speeds.

Facebook live is just a recent technology that could put these images right at the palm of every person's hand.

The technology is here, now today, making the scriptures once again speak to the urgency of the times we live in.

You see, we live in a privileged time.

For many people and for much of history, these things did not make any literal sense.

This is why much of the commentators of the Book of Revelation looked symbolically at these pictures.

But today, you and I can see how this will all be possible.

There will be this unholy Christmas throughout the world, that takes place when these prophets die.

And this is the first time in the tribulation we see rejoicing and celebration.

People are giving gifts at this morbid sight.

Understand in the Middle East, if a body is not buried within the first 24 hours it is considered shameful and a curse.

And here the world is so happy to be relieved of the guilt and shame from the truth that these men are exposing, they erupt in praise, and celebrate their rotting bodies.

They believe they are finally victorious over the Voice of Truth...

As John Walvoord says, "A righteous prophet is always a torment to a wicked generation."

Now we will see next, God will use these two literal men for one last daunting sign... After three and half days of their bodies rotting, we see...

The Witnesses Resurrected

11 ~~Now after the three and a half days~~ the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

God resurrects these men here, and they ascend as Jesus did from that Holy City.

The wicked of this earth watch in horror.

Now I imagine had God let them speak from this moment, perhaps many people might have given their lives to Jesus at this point.

This ominous sign should overwhelm their souls as to surrender to God.

But remember what was said to the rich man in Luke 16 as he begged for Abraham to send one back from the dead to preach to his family.

It is explained there... that

Luke 16:29-31 They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

And here in the tribulation, even if these who are raised from the dead, for the whole world to see, began to give an altar call, the treachery in the people's hearts would still be too great.

God does not allow a sermon here, but more judgment.

13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

And Jerusalem shakes and a tenth of the city is crushed, with 7000 people left dead. The Great Rift Valley runs for 3,000 miles between Syria and Mozambique and passes through the Dead Sea, below Jerusalem's **eastern** hills. The fault line was caused by the separation of **African** and **Eurasian** tectonic plates

It says the rest of the city was afraid, and they gave glory to God, but still no repentance.

They acknowledge God, they see His power, they understand who He is, but yet, they will not yield to Him.

There will be no excuse in the Tribulation, the 144,000 Jewish Evangelist will be preaching throughout the world.

Two mighty witnesses who seem to be Moses and Elijah, or at least here in the spirit of those mighty

prophets, have given many signs and wonders, they have preached unashamed and boldly the judgments of God, and they are raised from the dead. .

And still the earth dwellers reject, in chapter 14, we will see God still looking for repentance as He sends a mighty angel in the sky to preach the everlasting Gospel.

God is looking for those who will be saved.

And here before us this morning we see the hardness of man's heart, and the extent of its hatred toward God.

Man can even acknowledge God, give glory to God, but still deny Him of the soul He died to reconcile.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

And these men fail to surrender to that love.

It is the greatest tragedy that can be told of someone's life.

To acknowledge God, but to reject His Grace, and to remain unchanged and unrepentant.

I have met too many, who with lips service only claim to be a Christian, but fail to repent of their sins.

Don't let this be said of you...

Now it seems like these witnesses ascend to heaven, right before the seventh seal is broken, their ministry is complete, and the final trumpet will blast, bringing the third woe.

14 The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

The end of the age is rapidly coming upon the earth dwellers, soon the King of kings will ride in with Great Power and Glory...

Understand church, we are getting pictures foretold to us by the John, these are foretelling of the end of man's rule on earth.

This is where all of history is headed...

Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

The seventh trumpet blast brings the reality of its content.

This final trumpet will contain many events, that will all culminate to "the kingdoms of this world becoming the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, Who will reign forever and ever."

Never again will honor, homage, and glory be given to any man, one day all reverence will be given to Jesus the Christ.

Phil 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

And in John's Revelation this is almost fulfilled...

At the sounding of this final trumpet, we see...

16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. 18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

The twenty-four elders declare soon the reconciling of debts will be made.

There is a coming judgment; many today live as though this day will never come.

We see here in these statements that there will be a day where the transfer of rule will take place.

The nations will be angry, and try to hold onto what they never wanted to surrender to God, and God's wrath will prevail.

We see when this transfer takes place, there will be two types of judgments taking place.

The wicked dead will be judged by the standard of works they have declared was their way to eternal life.

John will go into more detail in Revelation 20, when the Books are opened, and the dead are judged by their works.

Rev 20:12-13 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

And the twenty-four elders are looking at that transfer of rule to Jesus.

We see reward comes as well for His servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great,

Remember Jesus promised His followers....

In **Matt 16:27** For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

And this is the believers life's aim today...

We are to be living for the rewards to come, not for the world now.

This divides the earth dwellers from the believers.

One will be holding on to this earth with all of his might and fight, the other will be longing to be with the King Supreme, and living to please Him, expecting a reward in the life to come.

This separation is coming...

And John see lastly...

19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

In the Great Tribulation God's earthly temple in Jerusalem will be desecrated by the beast, but its counterpart in heaven remains undefiled and holy.

The ark of His covenant is in view, where God's Glory dwells.

Where His mercy is known and His holy judgments are meted out.

And because He is a Holy God He must deal righteously with wicked mankind.

And once again John sees lightnings, noises, thunderings, with another earthquake and hail.

The third and final woe is coming upon the earth.

This final trumpet blast and woe will carry in it much detail about the happenings of the Great Tribulation.

We will get many parenthetical sections in the chapters to come.

And John will spend much of the next few chapters dealing with those details, before the seven bowls of God's Wrath bring the final judgments to this earth.

Now this morning, there is much to ponder, and chew on.

You know this Thanksgiving this year was quite different for us.

We said goodbye to a lot of loved ones this year.

We spent much of this week remembering, and thinking about heaven.

I watched my wife and her brother go through boxes of memories and pictures of their father.

We missed Tony this year.

But we got to talking about heaven, and how we cannot wait to be there.

The more loved ones that proceed us into Glory just make heaven so much sweeter.

Also, I sat and talked with my grandfather on Thanksgiving, who is going through his first holiday season without grandma.

My grandfather was amazing at getting grandma what she wanted every year, without a doubt we knew

when she opened her gift on Christmas whatever it was, she was going to cry.

He was explaining to me this is the first year, he is not getting her a gift like that.

You know we have been thinking about death a lot.

Now, I am not sure that is bad thing.

What it does is it causes you to do inventory on your life that is but a vapor, goes so quick.

What am I living for? What is my purpose? Am I living for the right reasons?

You see death is promised to each and every one of us.

There will be a day when God says “My servant is done, bring him home.”

We saw even this morning two mighty prophets with power like never seen before, even they had an appointed time.

Heb. 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

You see there is a day coming when your life will be assessed.

And the only thing that will matter then, is what you did with Jesus Christ.

Did you live your life for Him, by Him?

Or were you an earth dweller, living for the things of this world.

We just read this morning what the outcome is for this world and those who cling to it.

This seems to be our application this morning.

If you honestly assess your life, will you find yourself angry when Christ comes to establish His rule over this world and all of its systems?

Or are you already living your life as though He is King.

Are you living for all you can get out of this world, or are you living to bring Him Glory?

There are only two types of people in this world, earth dwellers and heavenly-minded saints.

From Genesis to Revelation we see this distinct separation between those of faith, and those without. And there is coming a great day of reconciliation, and Jesus will separate those who received salvation and those who rejected it.

If you have not received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please do so this morning, there will be men up here who want to pray with you this morning.

Now, perhaps you are here this morning, and you realize you are living your life as though this is all there is.

You are living for this world, you are living for your reward now, I can tell you the more I am around death, the more temporary this place becomes.

The reality of the short time we have here is alarming to say the least.

Well, perhaps you have lost that focus and reality.

Maybe your prayer this morning is as David's was in...

Ps 51:10 where he says.... Create in me a clean heart,
O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Come up for prayer, and renew your heart, renew your focus on what matters.

Whatever your prayer needs are this morning, please come up for prayer, we want to minister to you this morning.

I will end with this....

Matt 16:24-26 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Lay it all out for Him this morning, give it all to Jesus this morning. Phil. 1:21

When you do, you will find peace, you will find purpose, you will find your place in this life.

Amen?