

The Late Hour---Has Apostasy Come?

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Okay I'll read to you beginning in Luke chapter 12 verse 54-56. I'm going to read several different scriptures and then I'll begin to tell you what I have to say related to these areas. This is Jesus talking about discerning of the times. Then He said to the multitudes, "When you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, "A shower is coming," and so it is. When you see the south wind blow you say, "There will be hot weather," and there sure is. You hypocrites." He's talking to the religious people of His day. He's talking about those people who are considered religious. You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth but how come it is that you do not discern this time, this time? How come you can't discern this time?

I'll go back to Matthew chapter 17 verse 24-27. "And when they had come to Capernaum, those who receive the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?" And He said, "Yes." And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him saying, "What do you think Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes? Do they take it from their own sons? Or do they take it from strangers?" Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. Then the sons are free. Nevertheless, unless we offend these people, go to the east to the sea, cast in a hook and take the fish that comes up first and when you have opened it's mouth you will find a piece of money. Take that and give it to them for Me and for you." I want to decipher this a little bit before I read the next scripture. These people out there were trying to find a way that they could trip Jesus up and to get Him into trouble. They're always looking for ways that they could put Him down or get Him in trouble to see if they could get Him to violate the laws of the land of the scribes and Pharisees. Now this temple tax was a very heavy, unnecessary

tax. It was a tax that was a browbeating tax. We have one today the same way. It's an oppressive beating down tax. It oppressed the people. There's a lot of evil concerned with it, wrong. Jesus said to him, "Simon, who do you think these people out here in the world will make pay that tax? Will they make their sons pay it? Or the priests and the Pharisees and the scribes and the lawyers? Are they going to make their sons pay it? Or are they going to find their way out of it, legal-wise, loopholes, skip over? Who do you think they'll make pay it?" "Strangers, strangers to their system." And He said, "That's right, from the strangers. So if the strangers got to pay the tax, the sons are free, then they don't have to pay it, do they? They're free." Jesus was saying, "If you're a son of God you're free from all that, but the nevertheless, so that you won't bother Caesar and all the lawyers and the scribes and Pharisees," He says, "Go find a man who will make a donation to you. Take his donation and pay your tax and My tax." In other words, Jesus says, "I will pay the tax through someone else. Go find it in someone else's mouth and they will pay the tax." So he went down and he caught the first fish and out of the fishes mouth was a coin, and from that coin he paid the taxes due so that He would not offend them, lest we offend them and cause a commotion, unless we cause a great problem, He says go down and catch the fish, take the money out of their mouth and give it to those people. Now fish stand for someone who is a believer, who's a receiver and a believer. He was saying that as it was in the days later to Paul, Paul paid his taxes through those who donated unto him and so it is this day. Who is the one who is going to pay the taxes? The strangers, because the sons they wouldn't cause them to have to pay it and so it is today. There is a loophole for all those who are big money people and who desire not to pay, and so he went and caught the fish that others might pay for him.

Let's go to Luke chapter 11 verse 39-54.

"Now but the Lord said to him.." they were talking .."the Pharisees saw it and he marveled that He had not washed first before dinner. But the Lord said to him, (the

Pharisee), "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and the dish clean but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness?" He said, "You clean up your act on the outside. You wouldn't commit a murder on the outside. You wouldn't fornicate in the open, but," He said, "in your heart you desire and you murder by hate. You fornicate because you deal with demons and you deal with evil. In your heart is every evil conceivable thought, idea, desire, nature that you can have, full of greed and extortion and wickedness in your heart." He said, "You clean up the outside so that it looks real pretty and polished, painted up. You go down the street giving money away. You act like you're a great religious one, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness, full of covetness, jealousy, envy, injustice. Foolish ones. Foolish ones!" Did not He who made the outward and the outside make the inside also? Did not He who made the flesh also make the spirit within? Did not He who made the flesh of man also make the heart of man? Did not He who made flesh say that it would stay on the earth but the heart of man, the soul of man, the spirit of man, would live or would die eternally? The heart, the soul, the spirit of man is where the dirt is. That's where the danger lies. That's where the sickness lies. That's where the trouble lies. The inward part is dirty.

He said, Jesus said, "But rather give alms of such things as you have then indeed all things are clean to you, but woe to you Pharisees, for you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs." He says, "You make tithes of that. You show what you can do with all that. You give that stuff up to God or to the church. You pass that along as your giving. You give money. You give coins. You give the works of man. You give the hands that you work with. You give the things that you do yourself but," He says, "You pass by this. You pass by justice and the love of God. You don't have that which you have need of inside. These you ought to have done without leaving the others undone. Woe to you Pharisees. For you love the best seats in the synagogue and greetings in the market place." He says, "You have a nature that you want everybody to see you and love you and want you and desire you. You have a nature that wants to make sure

everybody loves you." You want to make sure that you're right up in front so that you can be the big boy and the big girl. Put on your mighty clothes and everybody can see you. You want to be recognized, make sure the preacher shakes your hand.

"Woe to you scribes and you Pharisee, you hypocrites. Hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen. And the men who walk over them are not aware of them." You think about that and meditate on that a little while. "You're like graves which are not seen and the men who walk over them are not aware of them." He says your true life is like it doesn't exist. You're hidden in the ground. You're dead underneath. You're buried already and people walk over and don't even know you exist. They're not aware that you're here because you don't have life. You don't have trueness of life within you.

"Then one of the lawyers, then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him. 'Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also.' By saying these things teacher, You reproach us also. You bring upon us reproach and we're too good to have reproach brought upon us. Jesus said to him, "Woe, to you also, you lawyers, for you load man up with burdens too hard to bear and you yourselves do not touch the burden with one of your fingers." Very simple what He's saying. He says, "You make all these laws. You read all these laws. You lay down all these conditions and you don't even live by them yourself. You cause them to be so unbearable that man can't even abide in all of the laws and restrictions that you have. You lawyers." "Woe to you for you build the tomb of the prophets and your fathers killed them; in fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers for they indeed killed them and you build their tombs." Understand what that means: haven't changed any lawyers, you're still the same legalist. You don't have the spirit of life. You don't have the spirit of the word. You're just a legalist! You're a lawyer setting out the laws, burdening down the people: injustice, ungodly, unChristian, unChristlike, laws, laws of the devil, laws of the depths of hell, burdening down men with your ways. "Woe to you," He says to you lawyers.

"Therefore the wisdom of God also said, "listen to that, "the wisdom of God also said,

"I will send them prophets and apostles and some of them they will kill and persecute." That's a future. That's a future! These lawyers are going to do it, "that the blood of all the prophets which have been shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation.", the generation that is come and has come. Hear carefully what my words were. They weren't wrong. They were exact. "From the blood of Abel to the blood of Zachariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you it shall be required of this generation."

"Woe to you lawyers for you have taken away the key of knowledge. You have taken away the key of knowledge from these people. You did not enter into the kingdom yourselves and those who were entering in, you hindered them!" The key of knowledge that they took away was the ability for a man to walk by the spirit, discerning the right and wrong of the Lord, living within the law of God, the ways of God by the spirit of God because all these lawyers, scribes and Pharisees laid down all these laws, restrictions and rules that they themselves didn't even abide in to make man do what was legalistically in the flesh their way of life and caused them to fall by the wayside under the great burden that they couldn't bear.

"And as He said," verse 53, "And as He said these things to them," as Jesus said these things to them, "the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail Him vehemently." They were mad, wroth, just like religious man of today when you speak to him "and to cross examine Him about many things lying in wait for Him and seeking to catch Him in something that He might say that they might accuse Him." That's what these lawyers were looking for. They were looking for what they could find that they might accuse Him of that they might cause Him, in their opinion, to be guilty of one of their crimes so that they could say, "Ah, ha, we got Him now. He's violated the law, our law, our silly law, the law of man." How wrong.

These that I just spoke of, these Scriptures, were in the days of Jesus. Let's see if it's like it says in the Scripture. There's nothing new under the sun. What is, shall be.

What has come, will be. Let's see if it today lines up with the same thing. Let's see if we can discern by seeing that cloud from the west. Is rain coming? The wind that's blowing from the south, is it going to be a hot day tomorrow? Let's find out if we can discern signs of the sky and the knowing of the weather from that which is. Let's look and see in Jesus' day. We had tax collectors. They were the most vicious thieves, robbers. They would take anything from anybody to get that money. They collected so that they would get paid. They kept back much of it for themselves. They were unjust, unholy, unrighteous, mean, brutal, in all their ways. They cared not for anyone, as long as they could get what they wanted.

Today we got the IRS. It has become in the last few centuries, or last few years, the last few generations, or last generation, it has become the strong arm of America. It is the strong arm, even to where they can make a president fear and tremble at him. They have the power to literally drive a person into bankruptcy, into suicide. They have the power to destroy businesses, homes, men's lives, and they will do it at their own desire, for their own reasons. They have little scruples. They have little desire for anything except "get that money," "make him pay," "destroy them." Well, that's what Nicodemus was, and that's what Matthew was in the days of Jesus. They were evil, and thieves. They oppressed the people every way they could, collecting money, temple tax, land tax, pole tax, people tax. Today it's the same, and today it has become with the computers and with numbers, and with names, it is like anymore, that you're just as close as their button. Yes, they are dangerous because they're not led in a Christian manner. Their intent and their direction is to be the power of this nation, and that's where they are headed.

In Jesus' day we had what was known as the "lawyer." Today we have what is known as lawyers, judges, courts, and particularly the supreme court. In His day the lawyers were standing around always, looking for somebody to make a mistake so that they could accuse them so that they would look good, and so that they would have

power. Today this nation is run by lawyers. The total running of this nation depends upon the ruling of a court. Everything you hear and see and do each day is in the courts, and any time man does anything, they will threaten you to go to court, "Well, we will go to court then." The fee for the lawyers is such that a little man can't stand it, and "if" you're a poor man, and "if" you make a murder, or "if" you do that which is wrong, you're going to go to jail, prison, but if you're rich and can afford a big lawyer, or a band of lawyers, you can probably get out of it, but for the little man, he has no hope. Wrong? Yes, because in our court system, Christ and God does not exist. He's been written off and written out in the last two decades, three for sure. It's a real criminal shame, and the court, the supreme court - by the way, supreme means the ultimate, final, the superior court of the land, which means they have power over all other things. They are an elected, not elected, appointed for life. A president even has to bow to them. Legislative people have to bow to them. Nine people make a decision if it's good or bad in their opinion, and they rule with always stating, "Well, we rule under this constitution this way." Did our constitution say that we should ignore God? Did our constitution say that we should worship demons and witchcraft in this land? Because we have a separation of state and religion, did it say that we should allow religion of the devil to be upon this land? Why would we say, "In God we trust," if we have demon worship in the land? Hindu worship, Mohammed worship, Buddha worship, heathen worship, ungodly worship No, we're no longer the land to God. We're the land of the devil. We're the land where the devil's worshipped and he gets his way, because of the supreme court, lawyers, judges. They will rule against God, because man stands in the way, the ways of man. No difference between now and Jesus's day, except it's worse. It is a hundred times worse today than it was in His day, and there's another group that was in His day. They are called Pharisees and Scribes, religious people. The Scribes were the ones who wrote the word, or they were the ones who were learned in the word. They were the ones who knew the law, and could quote you the law of the Bible, of the prophets,

the Law of Moses, the Law of Elijah, and Isaiah. They were the scribes of the church, the muckety-muck. Then there were the Pharisee of their denomination. There was several denominations. They were the most prominent. There was the Herodians, Pharisees and the Sadducees are the three most common, and the Pharisees and the Scribes, are they here today? Oh, yes greater than ever before, but now they talk about Jesus. They use His name. They have His name. They read the word in the Bible but they don't have the broken life. They don't have the yielded, convicted, dedicated, Spirit filled life. Where their heart has been changed, their mind is totally over to God where their nature is with the love of God within. Today they're called religious denominations. I'm not talking about the Hindus. I'm not talking about the Buddhas. I'm not talking about the Satan worshipers. I'm talking about the religious denominations of this day, and the religious one's of this day, who's power and glory and fame is money, T.V., power, upon the earth. Chicken in every pot. A million dollars in your kitty. One's who's got the way of the church, the muckey-muck. It's not wrong to be rich. It's not wrong if God gives it to you, but it's a wonderful thing to be broken once; to have given it up all you have and to let God fill your pocket, so that you can give and give and give to others, helping others, living on what God gives to you and not having an objective of seeking after and finding, desiring, lusting for, thinking upon, seeking after that power and that lust, that might, that glory for yourself. Pharisees and Scribes, religious denominations, religious learners, those who seek after power and fame through religion, those who want to be known by religious works, they're everywhere. Oh, in the day of Jesus and in the name of "God" the Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, Scribes, Lawyers, they all used God. "Abraham was our father, God is our Father. We know God. We don't need You, Jesus." And they certainly didn't call Him Christ. Oh no sir, He was never known as Christ in His time. Only one or two of the apostles ever called Him that. "We believe You're the Christ." He was never known as that until after His death and resurrection. He was known as Jesus the son of the carpenter of Nazareth,

Bethlehem, and some other things not printable probably. No doubt He was called names that are not printable. He was mocked at, spit at. He was cursed. He was called everything you can think of; a heresy. He was called a heretic He was a misleader of the people. You can see it. It's on His crucifixion orders.

Let me describe a little bit what a lawyer is: A lawyer is one who considers himself elite, the elite, the law maker, the one who can settle things. He's the one who will arbitrate for you. He's the one who will settle your problems. He's the one who will determine the law. He's the one who has the legalist way to go. Lawyer, the great elite. Jesus' day and today. The law maker, the legal one's who rule on right and wrong. The one's who make the decision what's right and wrong. They believe themselves to be like God and as God in most cases upon the earth.

Tax collectors. In Jesus's day the tax collector's desire was to get all he could get, keep what he could. He paid his wages with it. He had to make enough to get his money, and he'd steal some of it, keep some of it, but he would hound the people, put a burden upon them, collect from them time after time. They had to carry cards. They had to carry identification showing they paid that tax, poll tax, temple tax, head count tax, whatever, you name it. Taxes were heavy and the burden was heavy upon them. That's one of the things that they were so angry about with the Romans, and with the Pharisees and the Jews. That's what they hated about them. Today the I.R.S., Internal Revenue Service. "We're here to help you", they say. You read about them every day. They destroy people's lives, businesses. They'll go do anything. They're like the K.G.B. in Russia. If a person wants to tell them a lie, if a person wants to get even with their wife or husband, if a person wants to get rid of their boss and get even with him, they'll go to the I.R.S. in secret and lie, tell stories, bring false charges against them, and the I.R.S. will be out to see them to investigate them, go through their forms, find out about it, go get them, take some money from them, so that the blind one who in secret turned them in can get up to 50% or whatever their cut is for turning them in. And like the

K.G.B., they stay in secret, Nobody knows who it is who turned you in, who got you in trouble. You can read about it. I've seen it in papers. I've heard about it so many times of the destruction of the lives of people because of a mole, a foxholer, one who in the dark has a bitterness, has an anger against someone, and he says, "I'm going to get even with him. I'll get him through the IRS. I'll tell him something," not knowing for sure what they're saying, but going to tell them anyway, "I think this man's done this," or "This woman did that," or "These people got something that I don't understand. I think I'll turn them in so that maybe the IRS would like to see them," or "I know these people are dealing in dope so I'm going to turn them into the IRS." Oh, I didn't say that what people are doing is right. Oh, I didn't say it was right at all, but I also would never, never, tell you to turn someone in and to be a moler. That's not Jesus' way. Pray for them. Hope that they'll come to their senses. God will take care and deal with them. You don't have to or I don't have to. Don't be a moler. Don't be a Henry or a Jasuez. The IRS is just like the tax collectors of the days of old. They have the power to take, the power to access, the power to destroy, the power to sue, the power to attach, the power to take away whatever they want---power, power, legal robbing power. There ought to be a song: The IRS- power, power, legal robbing power! Take from all. They're hated by the people, distrusted by the people. They're called thieves and robbers of the people in the days of old and it's the same today. They legally can take it today.

I'm just trying to show you the parallel of the day of Jesus and the day today is, that you might discern the hour, the day, the time, that has come. How close it really is to the setting of the sun on this age, and when the sun starts to go down, it only takes a minute or two to go behind the earth, and if you wait until the sun begins to set, you don't have time then to do it. If you need to do something about it, now is the time you need to do it. Pharisees of the day of Jesus, Pharisees of today, religious fanatics. Look at the difference. Look what I'm saying. Religious fanatics, having only the Law,

the written word, religion, lacking holiness, lacking repentance, lacking the true ways of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Lost religious people. I was describing the Pharisees, but I'm also describing many denominations today. They have fallen into the apostasy of believing that they know where they are going and they have it made and they have fallen into the apostasy of just common, everyday religion. Where is their repentance? Where is their confession? Where is their sorrow? Where is their baptism of tears in water? Where is their giving up themselves? Where is their true conversion of heart? In the day of Jesus, it wasn't with the Pharisees or the Scribes, Sadducees or the Herodians. They didn't need it. They didn't need Jesus! They didn't need the word of God, living! They didn't need the Redeemer or the Savior! They knew Him! They already knew God. They knew Abraham. They knew Moses. They knew all the written scripture in that day. It's exactly the same today. All of the religious people upon the earth today know the written word. They all know! They say, "Well, we know Jesus. Why, sure, He's our savior. We worship Him every Christmas by a pagan holiday, and we worship Him every Easter by another pagan holiday. One time we make Him a baby boy in a manger, and one day we make Him a man hanging on a cross suffering, so that we can look at Him both times, in the manger, and we can look at Him as a crucified, killed man." Where is their resurrected, risen Savior in living, by the Spirit, in their lives? How about yours? Can you discern the time? Can you see that cloud that's on the horizon where the storm is coming fast? Have you not had enough dreams already, and enough visions within you that you know that the hour is late? Do you not know that it's so soon? Are you ready? Are you prepared? Have you put away sin in your life and iniquity by repentance and baptism of tears? Have you been baptized in water of tears? I don't care about the lake! I'm talking about the water of tears! Are you repenting each day for the area of your life that God reveals to you, because you're seeking to find, "What's wrong with me, that I am not right with You, God, that I wouldn't be allowed to come into Your presence, that I wouldn't be at peace, standing face to

face with You Jesus," I need to know what's wrong with me, and I need to ask and I need to ask and I need to seek and I need to fast and I need to pray. I need brokenness, brokenness, brokenness, brokenness from my heart within to without. That's what Jesus was saying to those Pharisees and to those lawyers, "Your cup looks clean on the outside, you hypocrite! You tell everybody how nice and good you are." No! You wouldn't go down and fornicate with somebody knowingly. No, you wouldn't steal from somebody. No, you wouldn't murder. Yes, you'd confess Jesus. Yes, you would go to church and worship services," but He said, "How come your heart has greed, apostasy, injustice, covetousness, self-desire, judgment in it, and bitterness and the ways of this world, and the pleasures of the love of the pleasures of this world in it?" Sad day is coming, soon to be. A sad day is coming. Are you ready for the sun to set on this age? Oh, the world's not going to be destroyed. God made the world to last for a long time. Are you ready for the sun to set on this age? The age of mercy! God's mercy forgives to those who are broken in Jesus Christ, who truly lay upon that rock, that stone, that word of God, and seek His forgiveness, and seek His repentance, and seek His salvation, crying out, "Lord, I'm not able to save myself. You have to save me. Please Oh, God, have mercy upon my wretched soul." Yes, I know, all of you have done that, probably many more times than one, probably many times, but has apostasy set in? Apostasy! Where you started to slide away from the teachings that you had in the beginning, sliding in to being a lawyer, scribe, or Pharisee. It's the same today as it was in Jesus' day. Nothing new under the sun. He said, "I'll send to you scribes." He said, "I'll send to you prophets, and teachers. I'll send to you evangelists. I'll send these people to you in your synagogues, your churches, and some of them you will kill and scourge at your altars, by your mouth, by your hatred, by your actions, by your words, and by taking the word, and beating them to death with it in your church." Where is your church? In your heart is where your church is. All men and women have in their heart a church, and in that church they have a pulpit, and on the

front of that pulpit, above it, sits a crown or a throne. Who sits on that throne in your temple inside your heart, your church? Self-will? Love of self? Lust of life? That's all of the devil. Or does brokenness, yieldedness, convertedness, smallness, meekness?! Does that dwell on that throne in Christ Jesus? Can you truly say, "I know because I know that I'm a wretched man or woman. I'm wretched, and Jesus sits on my throne, and I worship in my church to Him each day in my heart. I worship Him in my heart, in my spirit, in my soul, in my temple, I worship Jesus Christ and the Spirit of Christ, and the ways of Christ, and the attributes of Christ, and His love in my heart each day without ceasing." Can I say that? Or do I come up short? Do I have just a saviour of my physical life, but I lack Him? I am lacking Him in my throne, in my temple of my heart. Oh, I might have the Holy Spirit in there doing a work, but have I begun to fall into apostasy, and my self-will, lust of life, lust of the earth, little things of my desire to pleasurize myself? Have they begun to creep in and sit on my throne, in my church, in my temple, in my heart so that I've begun to kind of turn towards them and worship them on a daily basis? Or am I worshipping Christ and Him crucified in my heart, for if He's crucified in my heart, then I'm crucified with Him, and my weeping tears of sorrow whenever I look upon Him is because I see my sin, I see my wretchedness, and I weep with sorrow and I confess it to Him in my heart! Do I pray in the Spirit often each day or do I pray my own words saying, "Now, Lord, I don't know what I need to do or say, but I'm going to pray and I'm going to tell you what I'm doing and how I'm getting along, and I'm going to ask You, Jesus to be this and be that," or do I pray in the Spirit with the words I don't know what to utter, speaking from my spirit and heart that He might give utterance through me to speak the pureness of what I have need of instead of uttering from my own words of which I have knowledge in my mind of? Am I sick or am I set free? If I'm sick, I'll have to pay the poll tax, the temple tax, but if I'm free, someone will pay it for me. The fish will. Is my life dedicated or am I a legalist and a lawyer? Do I see the times of the day? Can I realize the signs of the sky? They're right before me.

Oh, the cloud is dark. The rain is near. The wind has been blowing for days from the south, and the sun is setting upon this age, the age of mercy. Oh, mercy will continue forever in God's kingdom because if mercy didn't continue, where would man begin? How would the men who are saved by mercy be preserved? But there's coming a new age, the age of truth of which I must live and all who come from us and all who are after us must live by the word in their life, in their heart by the Spirit revealed, and sin must be destroyed from within! For if I live in the age of truth, I'm living in the age of the Spirit within. My outward cup will be cleansed by the inward part, when I have confessed and when I've repented with sorrow and tears. When the day of my tears has exceeded the day of my gladness, then I will have repentance from within. Yeah, it's a very ominous day. The clouds of darkness are upon us. The sky is threatening. Watch it. The weapons of war are being prepared from abroad and from within. but that's not the danger. That's not my fear. My fear is the man who doesn't turn to the Lord. My fear is the one who talks about it, but he does nothing. My fear is the one who hears but he doesn't act, because when the hour and the day come, he'll be separated in a second of time from those who did and he didn't. He'll be forever stranded, having known what to do and did it not. Those who didn't know in that day and hour will be so fearful and so frightened that they will run. They will run, they will flee to the place where they can find food, food of the Word, broken Word. They will say, "Come, let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us of His way." Then they will go up into that place in the sky, in the physical, to receive the word from the house of the God of Jacob, and Joseph will feed them and give them food. They won't starve.

Signs of the times. The hour of the day. Today we have lawyers, Pharisees and tax collectors all over us. The land of this nation is run by those rooked and crooked people, ungodly, unchristian, God hating type of people. Not all, but so many of them that it's turned that way. If you were a religious Pharisee, your immediate thought would judge them. You would turn and judge them. I didn't tell you to judge them!

Pray for them! I just told you the signs of the time of what you see. I have no anger in my heart towards them. I have no hatred towards them. I hurt for them. I feel sorry for them. They don't know who they are. They don't know what they are. They don't know how far they've gone astray. I don't want to be a Baptist, or an Assembly of God man to hammer them to death, accuse them of what they've done. I'd rather be one of them than I would be a religious fanatic who didn't know what he's doing, full of killing, murder in his heart, thinking he's doing God a favor. But I'm telling you the sickness of the hour. As it was, it is now. What has been has come again. For truly, it's upon the earth, wherever you look. The scripture will bear it out. Read the word. See what it says! Oh, I could quote to you a lot of scripture. I could read to scriptures on what is going to be. I want you to see it. You read it. I don't want to preach to you some scripture that you can listen to for a minute and pass on by. I want you to search it out. What saith the Word? What saith the Spirit? What saith the Spirit of the Word itself? What saith the living Word, the living truth? And Jesus said, "I will send to you the other Comforter, and when He is come, He will tell you of Me. For He will not talk of Himself, but He will take what is Mine and He will tell unto you," that you may profit therewith if you will live by it and abide by it, lest apostasy come upon you. Sliding away. Remember I said "apostasy" can only be upon those in whom have known the way to go. You cannot have apostasy if you're not given over to Christ at one time. You can't have apostasy unless you knew the way to go and have walked in it at one time. You couldn't have it. You can't have apostasy if you weren't saved at one time. You can't have apostasy if you didn't believe and walk in the Word at one time, because apostasy is the falling away from the teacher. It's the falling away from the word revealed, slowly thinking your own way through it, slowly thinking your own belief of it, slowly listen to some preacher who speaks of his own accord, slowly listening to some man who has not the understanding, nor the direction, nor the depth or the brokenness of that word, slowly sliding off into oblivion, into the joy and gladness of falsehood. And the thing

about apostasy, you'll always, virtually always, put upon yourself a false humbleness, meekness, religious brokenness, a false declaration, "I'm having a good time. Oh, we have the right thing in our church. We're just doing the right thing and we love Jesus so much that we have all these programs for Him. We have a program of football, a program of baseball, a program of playing poker. We have a program of bingo, we have a program for the young people, and we have a program for the divorced so they can get together and find a mate. We have a program of all these programs. Oh, we just have such many programs in our little fellowship, our church." Apostasy has set in, and lust of love of the world has begun in them. How about you? That's what counts. What is the apostasy in your temple, your church that is within? That is what's important. What is in your church? Have you begun to slide into lukewarmness? Have you not read the signs of the times of this day? Have you been looking and seeing what's happening around this world and yet you haven't heard? Or have you heard and been too busy to weep with sorrow and tears? Have you been too busy not to fast once again as you fasted in the beginning? Have you been too busy to seek and pray and seek the Lord's face in the hour and the time that was yours to spend for yourself? Or have you spent doing you own will watching you own goodies, having your own fun? Or did you give up the most blessed time that you could find, pour it out like a drink offering and fast and pray before God's face, crying out, Lord, I'm in apostasy, I'm falling into the ways of the world again. I've gone back to the old man or woman. I've gone back to my old love. The furnace that I've had, Lord, didn't last long enough to truly break me. I got out of it. I walked away from it. I reneged it, I renounced it. I couldn't take it. I didn't want to do it. Studies were too much. Time was too important to me. I was too busy to do your will, Lord. Apostasy got me. Woe is me, Lord. Woe is me. The love of myself overcame and in my church down inside in my temple I put on it, once again, I knocked you off the throne, Lord, and I said, Come and live in me self-will. Jesus loves me, I know that. And so I went around saying, Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells

me so. Jesus loves me cause He told me so. Yeah, He told me so, too, many times. You know why He told me! Because He knew I needed to repent on something. He knew that He wanted to tell me that He loved me. Turn back to Me. Give you life back to Me. Repent in this area. That's why He told me He loved me. He didn't tell me because He just wanted to out of the blue, let me know. But He told me for a purpose. That I would say, Yes I know, Lord, and I haven't loved You, because if I did, I would have turned my heart to You, and I would have dedicated it to you night and day. I would have served you, Lord, instead of serving the world. Or did He tell me that He loved me in vain. He says, I'll be with you always. Yes, He will. He'll always be with me. The Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of Christ will always be with me. Am I going to shame it? Am I going to shun it? Am I going to live for myself? Am I going to push Him out of my life even though He's with me? Am I going to make Him walk out here beside me instead of being the throne of my heart? Do I not see the signs of the time? Have I become a pharisee? Have I become a lawyer? Have I become a tax collector weeping for myself, getting handouts. Or have I heard Him say, Yes, I love you. I'm with you always. And I say, I know Lord. That means I need to clean my house for you, doesn't it? That means I need to speak up and I need to declare the wrongs in my life, that You will have a place fit to live, decent to live. And I'll let the Holy Spirit cleanse my heart. I will ask Him to come in this day and I'll give away and I'll get rid of all the trash that's been building, developing, accumulated, and put inside my heart, so that You, Lord won't have to live in that hippie house. In that rotten, beaten down house of self-will. But that you will be the Lord, you'll be in charge. What am I going to do with my temple? How am I going to let my church accumulate and run? Is it going to be my church and I'm going to put it into being? Or is it a church that I'm going to make Jesus the head of, the throne of, the King of, the Master of? Can I read the time? Does it put fear in my heart? Do I see what's happening? Do I know the sun is near unto setting on this age? Could I not convert now? Should I not convert and become like a little

child, giving my life up into the hands of the mighty Master? Letting Christ and the Word and the truth and God Almighty to be my Lord, for He will take my way. I have no fear of the enemy. I have no fear of what's going to happen in this world. Yes I hurt for it and yes it makes me sorrow cause I know that it's coming soon. I know the day and the hour is near. And there won't be a building left on top of another. New York City will be as level as a plane. They won't exist. It'll never be written of again in history. The town of Tyre, New York, the great city, the mighty master, the harlot of the world. Some going to come out of it, though. Some are going to come out of it before it becomes a place of yesterday. Before it becomes a place of hissing by all of the nations of the earth for her harlotry and her sickness. Some are going to come out of it! Yes, they may die. Yes, they may be destroyed in it. But they will not be destroyed with God because they will live with Him forevermore. For those who have heard and know and change in that time in that hour. But how about the rest of you? How about the rest of the earth and the world? Have you seen the time? Have you cleaned the outside of the cup, but forgot the inside? You know what's inside, are you hiding it, are you ashamed of it? Or are you willing to testify to each other. For the scripture so says in James; declare, confess, repent, give the word, speak your faults one to another that you might be able to see them in the light, get rid of them. Get them out! Yes, I know we're ashamed when we talk to another. But if I talk or you talk to a sister or a brother who's in the Lord and they judge you for it, then God will deal with them. You know by now that, that isn't right that they won't. Get it out! It's the man who loves sin that keeps in within. And he goes in the corner, in the closet and he declares it and it won't come out! Because he failed to bring it out into the open so that he might be known as he is, nothing hidden within. Instead of being ashamed, he kept the spirit of ashamedness, cowardness, and he hid and he thought he'd get in out in the closet. And it's there with him today and it continues with him because he did not do what he was told to do. So, find a brother or a sister, bring it out to the congregation, declare it within their midst.

Be not ashamed of it, but instead be sorrowful for it. The hour is late. Don't be like the Pharisee, the Sadducee and the Herodians. Don't be like the lawyer or scribe or the tax collector. As it was then, it is today. The hour has come. As it was in the days of Noah, so is it today. In a thousand ways. A thousand ways. And in the last couple generations I've never seen such deterioration upon any nation in the history of mankind, as I've see upon this nation American in the last generation, two generations. You can read about it. I've never seen such deterioration of human beings in the entire history of mankind. Man is gone to demon knowledge, demon wisdom, demon understanding, demon worship, demon way of life...d-e-m-o-n demon. Foul, unclean spirits in their mind, in their heart, in their life, in their way of life, in their thinking. Imperfections. Lies...right down in the very core of their heart. As it was in Canaan Land, so is it today. As it was in the Canaan Land, when God said, now the iniquity has matured, they no longer will hear me, there no longer is any hope of any salvation of any man in the land of Canaan. Israelites go in and destroy the land, kill every man, woman and child, every beast of the land. Kill them with the edge of the sword. In other words, destroy the evil, the sin of iniquity, destroyed by the edge of the sword which is the sharp word of God. It's symbolic of doing it in your life, that your land may become the Israel land instead of the land of Canaan. The resurrected, redeemed man. Where do you stand? Are you sliding into apostasy, or have you turned and turned strongly? Have you seen the signs of the time? Is the sun going to set on your head? Or are you going to repent with sorrow and tears? Are you going to turn to the Lord and if you turned away, are you going turn back?

You don't have to do anything magnificent. You just have to open your mouth each day, each hour of each day before the Lord, and before the congregation, and before others in the congregation, and declare your faults, and your sins, and your wrongs so that they'll get out in the open.

Destroy them by the light of your word that you speak. Put the word of God upon

it! Shine the light of truth upon it! declare as a lie, as a falsehood, as a sin, as an iniquity. Declare upon it. Destroy it so it won't be hidden within you! Get it out! Seek God's face for finding out what else lies in me! What else lies within me! "What do I have hidden in me, God I can't see!?"

Remember that no man can see his heart. You have to let God, by the Spirit, show you day by day, piece by piece, step by step, line upon line, precept upon precept **every little area** until you destroy, destroy, destroy, destroy the **land of Canaan** within you; which is the iniquity matured within your old nature.

Destroy it! Destroy the old person that you were. **Destroy it**, so that a new person can come to life within you. Resurrect the new person out of that land. Give Jesus the rulership, the lordship over the cities that you destroy.

The cities are **named** by their meaning. The city of greed, the city of lust, the city of jealousy, the city of injustice, the city of error, the city of fornication, **whatever they may be!** Destroy it! Bring it forth! Declare it! Get it out! Kill it by the Word of God! Put in newness, the opposite of it. Ask Jesus to become the Lord, the King over that city, because He was supposed to be the ruler of all Israel.

How can He be if you don't ask Him to rule over that new area of your land within when you have destroyed the sickness, the sin, the lies within? Don't take over that area yourself. As soon as you've destroyed it **ask Jesus, by your mouth, by prayer, by request**, "Lord Jesus, please come in and be the King over my new city." And tell Him what you destroyed. **Tell Him the city you destroyed! Tell Him the new city that you brought up! Declare it before Him!** And ask Him to be the King over it.

And when He's become the King then pay Him tithes of thanksgiving, and praise, and offering. Not **money!** Not your **hands!** Not your **lips of evil!** Not your **sins!** Tithes of thanksgiving, and praise, and glory for what He's done for you over each city. **Fight, fight, fight! Fight the battle! Fight for the land! Destroy Canaan land within! Raise up Israel, the redeemed resurrected man! Put off Jacob! Put on**

Israel! Live for the Lord!

What about the signs of the times? Boy, if you see them on the earth today, if you can see the sky--and when I speak of the sky, I'm talking about the Pharisees, and the Lawyers, and the Tax Collectors. The IRS, and the Supreme Court, and the Judges of this nation, and the religious denominations that are **powerhouses** of muckery, and ill-living, and riches, of glory. Establishing the standards and the rules. **Soon** to push any religion that isn't in accordance to **their** religion out if they can.

Kill the homosexuals! Beat up the abortionists! Oh they're wrong. I think that that's sinful and sick. I think it's the most sick thing that you can be, but perhaps some of them will see it and repent. I don't have to go kill them. I don't have to go placard them on the street. I'll pray for them, seek what they have need of.

Can you read the signs? Has apostasy begun? Remember, apostasy can only come to those in whom have **been there** with the Lord, seen His light, known His word, felt His love, tasted His goodness, drank of His milk, eaten of His food!, and then walked down the road in a downhill fashion, returning to their other love, their other way, their other person, their other life, having become too hard, too cumbersome, too time consuming, too this or too that.

Now is the time to turn from apostasy while there's yet time. **Now's the time to look at it and see it in the light of the Spirit, and bring it forth, and get it out, and give that city to Jesus that He will destroy it forever! Kill it by the Word of God! Cut it to death with the sword!** Destroy the city of apostasy in your land and bring forth the new land! Christianity! Christ-likeness! Walking with the Lord! Living a life of resurrection! Resurrection! In the cross of Jesus Christ. You all know that, but maybe you might have forgotten it.

Apostasy is for those who have been there and have fallen away slowly, sliding downhill, going back to their family needs, their home needs, their work needs, their money making needs, the love of their self, the needs/worries of themselves, and now

they begin to find themselves comfortable just sliding along. That's apostasy. Having been there but not quite there now.

Is that lukewarmness? That's the last church that He talked about. Those that had been there, those that had tasted of Him, and those that had been in the temple! And now, having known His love, walking in lukewarmness because He delayed His coming, in your thinking. **He didn't come just yet!** He was a little slow.

You really didn't have enough furnace! The furnace didn't burn all the trash out of you! You stopped sooner than you should have! You never were truly converted! You never were given over to Christ! You never were yielded up to Him fully! You never laid your life down to Him! You found another love! And you began to walk in it, live in it! While you tried to dabble with Christianity and Christ! **Dabble with Him** but spend your time with your other love! You know what I'm speaking of if you're there!

Can you see the signs of the time? Did you clean up the outside but you didn't get the inside clean? Are you like one of the tax collectors, Pharisees, or lawyers?

The hour is late. The sun is nigh unto setting. Now is the time for repentance, fasting, weeping of tears to be baptized in the baptism of water. The true baptism of water, which is the only thing that counts! Wash your heart with tears! For it says in the scripture the day of sorrow is **far greater** than the day of joy!

Though joy cometh in the morning, when is that morning? The morning is the day of the new beginning. When the day of my new beginning comes the joy is with me! Joy is mine! Though when will that be? When is this new day begin in the morning? When is my sorrow finished? When I have known the depths of my wrong against a holy God, a holy Christ.

Five years it took for the Israelites to finish the Canaan land. Five years they fought, and they never cleansed the land fully! They left a tribe of the deceivers in the land! Don't leave a tribe in your heart, in your Canaan land, or your Promised Land, or your new land of Israel that it is to become! Don't leave a tribe in there! One of the evil

tribes that he might plague you with sin, and demons, and lies that will cause you to fall away into apostasy, as it did with the Israelites!

Kill every Canaanite in that land! Kill every Canaanite in the land within yourself with the edge of the sword! Destroy every man, woman, and child, and beast! In other words, kill every matured iniquity, kill every little iniquity, kill every small lust, kill every big lust by the edge of the sword, declaring it, beating it, slicing it to death with the sharpened edge of the sword of the Word of God! Don't stop! Don't give up! Don't slacken up! Don't feel complacent! Don't lay down! And don't think you'll ever get there. Don't ever believe that you have arrived! For that's the moment apostasy has got you by the throat! Don't ever believe you have arrived! For you won't even know when you've arrived! God knows that, but you don't. Man in his pride does. He arrives as a Pharisee. But as a Christian, broken, humble, God-fearing man you won't arrive. God arrives. **Jesus arrives!** When He is the total Master of all your land inside and **you can't find a piece of Canaan Land within, but all you can find within is the Promised Land, cleansed, purified by the Spirit, by the Word of God, by the edge of the sword, and by the way that you have walked and lived, so that the inside of your cup is pure, clean, and holy--**you don't think, you don't desire, you don't seek, you wouldn't find, and you wouldn't do anything against the way of God under any circumstance!

And if you still could it's not there. And it's the day when you loathe yourself in your own sight, as it says in Ezekiel, Chapter 20. When you loathe yourself in your own sight, then you'll know that there's no hope but in Christ and in God. "My hope is in Thee, O Lord. My hope is in Thee."

And when I come closer and closer to Him is the day and the hour that I know that I need Jesus more, and more, and more. When I need Him, the Living Word. When I seek after His face and I cry for Him, and I know that there's no hope in my way or my doing, but in Him I have life. Then I will know that He is there.

Have you seen the sun? Do you notice it's half way down on the horizon? The hour is right here. The worlds are preparing for battle against each other, against the nations. They're preparing for battle! And they're ready, soon, to unleash the weapons of warfare, and religious man is ready to unleash the weapons against the Christians. The religious denominations, the religious people spoken of in Revelation 18 and 19. They're ready to unleash! They don't even know who they are yet! It's still a mystery to them! They're still a mystery! But it won't be long and then it will be seen by the ones who God has chosen to be broken. They will see with eyes and they will come out of her, "My people, come out of her."

Oh they will come out of her! Oh-h-h, and they will be sick, because the hour will have been late. Very late. Maybe just a little bit too late, because they didn't hear in time and the tribulation will have come. Oh what a tribulation! Cities leveled, nations destroyed. Beast and mankind laid to waste. Blood runs over all the land. **Blood** flows over all the land! Even the waters. And the skies darken with the smut, and the smoke, and the debris that will circle the earth. Woe unto mankind, because in the hour and the time that it was they didn't hear nor see! Woe unto them.

If you think that you need to repent, now is the time that you might want to do it. Don't judge the Pharisees! Don't judge the lawyers or tax collectors! Don't judge the IRS or the Supreme Court, or the denominations! **JUDGE YOUR OWN HEART!** and see where you fall short. Pray for them. **Weep for yourself** to be cleansed, and purified, and broken, and look at the hour, and know it's late. Cry out to God, "It's late, O Lord, and now I come." Now is the time for repentance.