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Good morning and welcome on this Independence Day. We're so glad you're joining with us online. On Sunday mornings we have two services, the first of which is our Bible Prophecy Update and Second Service is our verse-by-verse teaching through the Word of God. That will be live-streamed at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time. We'd encourage you to join with us today. We are currently in the Book of Hebrews and today's text will be Chapter 4:12-16 which is one of the most powerful passages in all of Scripture concerning God's help in our time of need.

Maybe there is somebody here today that needs to hear this or watching online. God loves you. He's not angry with you. And get this: He even likes you! Isn't that sad that we live in a day and age when the word "love" has been so marred that the word "like" has more power? God likes me? Yeah, He likes you. He's not mad at me? No. God loves me? Yeah, so much. Whatever it is that you're going through know that God loves you and He will see you through.

I know this is not proper English, but God can't not. Is that proper English? I don't know, but if it is, I think they call that a double negative. That is a great way to start, right? For those of you online, I want to encourage you to go directly to the website at JDFarag.org if you're on YouTube and Facebook and that way you can watch the update in its uncensored entirety and it is available for viewing live on the website. That way it's uninterrupted because we're going to probably in 20 minutes or so end this livestream and then it will be on the website. Okay, let's get started. You ready? Okay.

I want to do something just a little bit different and begin by posing a question. And the question is this: What would you do were you privy to factual information about a coming disaster? Now, I realize one's answer would likely be along the lines of, well, I would want to warn them ahead of time, so they're ready. However, what if everyone else was saying that this coming disaster is not true? And if you continue to say it's true, you'll be imprisoned. Actually, let's just say you're already in prison and the reason you're already in prison is because you spoke the unpopular truth about the doom and gloom of an imminent disaster. Then the prison guards come to your cell and tell you that you've been given another chance, but you have to go along with the crowd, namely 400 experts, if you will, all of whom are saying the same thing which is this: Instead of what's coming being disastrous, it will be victorious. And then even after you tell them that you can't go against God's Word, they take you anyway, and you're going to present your case along with the others. Then the expert who goes before you, very dramatic, he's even got props, and he says what's coming is victorious not disastrous.

Now it's your turn. What are you going to do? I mean you're already hated and despised, and you already know they're not going to listen to the truth anyway. So you decide to respond with a sanctified sarcasm. Then it comes as no surprise when knowing you're being sarcastic, they make you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God. So you do. And you go against all 400 experts who are not speaking the truth and you tell them the truth, that God has declared disaster. You're then slapped in the face, mocked, ridiculed, slandered, silenced, censored, and sent back to prison. Only now you're barely going to get bread and water, if that. Then it's not long after this that the message of doom and gloom about this coming disaster actually happens, and it's exactly as you proclaimed it would be from the Word of God.

Now what if I told you that this is a true story and it actually happened? It happened to a man that many have never really heard of. His name is Micaiah. And the fascinating account of what actually happened is recorded in two places, 1 Kings 22 and 2nd Chronicles 18. It all starts when

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Jehoshaphat, a righteous King, one of only nine, by the way, allies with Ahab, one of Israel's most evil Kings. You might know his wife, Jezebel. And Jehoshaphat allies with Ahab because well, they were all in it together. Sound familiar? Let me pick it up in verse 3 of 2nd Chronicles Chapter 18. "So Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me against Ramoth Gilead?" And he answered him, "I am as you are, and my people as your people; we will be with you in the war."

Verse 4, "Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire for the word of the Lord today" [let's see what God's Word has the say about this]. Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, 400 men, and said to them, "Shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" So they said, "Go up, for God will deliver it into the king's hand." But Jehoshaphat said, [wait a minute] "is there not still a prophet of the Lord here, that we may inquire of him?" I mean, how much are you paying these guys anyway? Apparently, they are going to tell you what you want to hear.

Is there somebody else we can maybe get a second opinion? "So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man by whom we may inquire of the Lord; but I hate him, because he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil." [that's because your evil] "He is Micaiah the son of Imla." And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say such things!" Then the king of Israel called one of his officers and said, "Bring Micaiah the son of Imla quickly!" [let's get this over with] So as they go to get him, they get their royal robes on, and they're sitting there in their thrones and readying themselves as the prophets ready themselves to speak in the name of the Lord.

Now verse 10, "Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself [those are the props] and he said, "Thus says the Lord: 'With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.' And [verse 11] all the prophets prophesied so saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the Lord will deliver it into the king's hand." Then the Messenger [verse 12] who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king." Just go along with it. Let's not ruffle any feathers here. Let's not make any waves here. Let's not cause any problems here, okay? "Therefore please let your word be like the word of one of them and speak encouragement." [translated, tell him what he wants to hear, not what he needs to hear]. And Micaiah said, "As the Lord lives, whatever my God says, that I will speak."

You would think that after he said that, they would not bring him out before the King, but they did. We pick it up in verse 14, "Then he came to the king and the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" And he said [yeah, go ahead]. "Go and prosper and they shall be delivered into your hand!" [whatever]. "So the king said to him, "How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?" In other words, this isn't the first time this has happened. How many times have I told you? This is why I hate your guts by the way. How many times have I told you tell me the truth? The problem is, Ahab, you don't want to hear the truth.

You'll forgive me for seeing the humor in this, but Micaiah is mocking Ahab with this aforementioned sanctified sarcasm. And to me, it seems that this is God's way of getting Ahab to listen to the truth from Micaiah even though he will neither hear it nor heed it. Verse 16, "Then he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the Lord said, 'These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.'" "And the king of Israel [speaking of Ahab] said to

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Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?" Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right hand and His left. And the Lord said, 'Who will persuade Ahab king of Israel to go up, that he may fall [die] at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner.

Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, and said, 'I will persuade him.' The Lord said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the Lord said, 'You shall persuade him and also prevail; go out and do so.' Therefore look! The Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these prophets of yours [Ahab] and the Lord has declared disaster against you."

It's believed that God allowed Satan himself to put this demonic Spirit of lying in the mouth of the 400 prophets to convince Ahab to go into battle thinking he would prevail and be victorious. And here's why: It would be the fulfillment of a prophecy concerning his death. Now, we continue on in verse 23, "Then Zedekiah [this is after Micaiah says this to Ahab] the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the spirit from the Lord go from me to speak to you?" [and he said it just like that too by the way] And Micaiah said, "Indeed you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide!" [in other words, just wait, you'll see]

Then the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son; and say, 'Thus says the king: "Put this fellow in prison and feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction, until I return in peace." Oh! But Micaiah said, "If you ever return in peace, the Lord has not spoken by me." And he said, "Take heed, all you people!" In other words, mark my words. God said it, that settles it. You know the story, right? You know what happens? He's killed in battle. It's actually quite a remarkable account. He actually - I don't know how he did it, but he gets Jehoshaphat to dress up like him instead of him so they will think that he is him so that they'll try to kill him, and he won't be killed.

And Jehoshaphat agrees. I'm like, dude, what's the matter with you? And as the Lord would have it and as only the Lord can, they realize wait a minute that's not Ahab, that's Jehoshaphat. We want Ahab. And they find him. And they shoot him with an arrow, and they prop him up for the entirety of the day in battle until he finally dies. And he doesn't return victorious from the battle and it's exactly as God declared it would be vis-a-vis Elijah. And that 1 Kings 21. Let me begin reading in verse 17. "Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who lives in Samaria. There he is, in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it. You shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the Lord: "Have you murdered and also taken possession?"

And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the Lord: "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours." Chapter 22, beginning in verse 37, "So the king died and was brought to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria. Then someone washed the chariot at a pool in Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood while the harlots bathed, according to the word of the Lord which He had spoken." Wow! So as it turns out Micaiah and Elijah were right according to God's Word in speaking that which was unpopular and daring to have the audacity to go against all the experts who were saying the exact opposite. Well, doubtless you already know where I'm going with this, so I'll just get right to the point and say it. The Lord has declared disaster. Please know that I in no way wish to posture myself as rising to the level of a prophet Micaiah or

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Elijah, but what's happening in the world today will end in unspeakable disaster. Everything is headed in the same direction and that direction is God's prophesied disastrous end. And one need look no further than to the swiftness with which unprecedented global events are concurrently converging prophetically.

Everything from events in the Middle East to right here in the United States on this Independence Day and everything in between. I'll start with this report on Tuesday, June 22 from "The Begin-Sadat Center For Strategic Studies" about Iran, Russia, and Turkey being what they dubbed an Eurasionist model of foreign relations. Here's their executive summary. Iran, Turkey, and Russia are building a new model of bilateral ties. Unshackled by formal alliances, the trio is showing [listen to this] it can work together to limit Western influence. You know who that's talking about, right? America.

This mixture of correlating and contradictory interests, which characterizes the new Eurasionist model of bilateral relations is a product of the changing global order. Perfect. Why do you say that? Oh, because there's a prophet by the name of Ezekiel over 2500 years ago that said that they would do this. They're doing exactly this. This is exactly what God said would happen at the time of the end in Ezekiel 38. That there would be this alliance of nations with Russia, Iran, and Turkey at the helm that would invade Israel from the north in of all places Syria, Damascus specifically.

This movement afoot to limit Western influence/the United States of America, it comports with Ezekiel's prophecy by virtue of America's conspicuous absence as it relates to any nation coming to the Defense of Israel. In fact, it is very explicit in Ezekiel 38, no nation. Well, then how does Israel survive against all odds when this alliance of nations, these superpowers, Russia, Iran, Turkey, et Al, all invade, Israel, small, little, it'sy-bitsy Israel and nobody comes to their defense. That's by God's design, and God says I'm going to do it this way so that they will know that I am the Lord your God. Watch Me now. That's not in the original. I realize I run the risk of not seeming very patriotic on this 4th of July as America celebrates Independence Day as a country, but I have to speak the unpopular truth, nonetheless.

Here's the truth: The United States has been and even now is heading full speed ahead to said disastrous end. You know on Friday, we celebrated Pastor Mac's retirement ceremony here at the church; however, the Marine Corps band declined to attend, citing the passing of the American flag as "too political." So Mac was given the choice of having either the band or the flag ceremony. For the benefit of those of you who were not in attendance, that flag ceremony was amazing. This brings me to the breaking news last week from 'Forward News' about Israel's new Prime Minister Naftali Bennet, quote, staking Israel's claim to the Temple Mount.

Here's a couple of quotes. "Right wing leader Naftali Bennett reportedly told American Jewish leaders Monday that Israel wants more control over the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, a holy site that has long been a contentious point with the Muslim world. Unfortunately, the Temple Mount today doesn't allow for the full exercise of freedom of religion, and there is discrimination against Jews there," he said. The Old City site is now run by a Muslim organization called the Waqf. Israel seized the Temple Mount and the rest of East Jerusalem during the 1967 war and has since annexed it. Bennett rejects any compromise with the Palestinians on Jerusalem and says the holy city's problems would be solved by "gradually increasing the exercise of law in all of Jerusalem."

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He goes on to say and I quote, "America is our friend, our biggest friend, but we can agree not to agree." Did you catch that? The common denominator with these reports is that they both point to the Antichrist's revelation and subsequently the commencement of the 7-year tribulation. This is what I mean by concurrently converging prophetically. Everything precisely, even simultaneously is coming together with precision accuracy, precision, 100% accuracy exactly as God said it would. And further confirmation of this is what I will at least for now simply refer to as "the current global crisis," which I would like to expound on for the remainder of our time today.

However, in order to do that we're going to end the live stream at this time and if you're not already there, redirect you to the website. If you'll kindly allow me to, I would like to share with you why it is that the proverbial handwriting is on the wall concerning the disaster that's coming. It's really just a matter of time before many of those left behind after the rapture will be coerced and ultimately forced to take the mark and worship the beast during the 7-year tribulation. What follows are several articles and reports that not only speak to the disaster that's coming, but also that which seems to already be here.

I'll start with this CBS Boston YouTube video from June 11 entitled "Unvaccinated Students At Exeter, NH Prom Marked For Contact Tracing." Here's a couple of quotes from the video and by the way, the links are online too as well. "Some parents in New Hampshire are upset about how their un-vaxxed kids were treated at the prom. Students who haven't had the shots were marked on their hands with a Sharpie. The school says it was for contact tracing. Students who were not fully vaccinated were unable to show a vaccine card had [listen to this, quoting] a number [number] written on their hand.

Every few songs the students were asked to raise their hands so it can be determined who they were dancing around." It seems that it's not just who you're dancing around according to KHON2 News here in Hawaii, it's also who you're worshipping around. Don't look at the person next to you right now. The news report is titled, "Hawaii's latest COVID-19 cluster tied to faith-based gatherings." [Laughter] I'm sorry. Actually, I'm not sorry at all. The Hawaii State Department of Health released its latest COVID-19 cluster report on Thursday, June 24, with the latest group of cases [cases, not infections, not illnesses, cases] tied to you, faith-based gatherings.

Okay, Lord, I'm sorry. Currently DOH is investigating a different cluster of 11 cases associated with a place of worship on Kauai. Earlier this month, two unrelated visitors from the mainland tested positive for coronavirus; both of them attended services on the same day and at the same location with overlapping service times. DOH reports that nine more cases have been identified among people who attended these services. Hawaii health officials continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated to slow the spread of the virus.

Wearing masks indoors is highly recommended, especially for those unvaccinated to keep staff and congregations safe during services and events. CDC recommends the following: 1) Correctly and consistently wear a mask indoors. 2) Maintain 6-feet of distance between non-household members. 3) Avoid indoor spaces with poor ventilation. [Laughter] 4) Don't congregate in common areas. 5) Don't attend services or events when sick. And 6) of course get vaccinated for COVID-19. Back on February 19th, Hawaii News Now, published an article pointing the finger of blame for Oahu's Covid cases on large social gatherings. Quote, "The state Health Department's newest cluster report [cluster report] says a social gathering on Oahu is to blame for at least 15 COVID-19 cases [cases].

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That's for us here in Hawaii, but for our Pacific neighbors in the Philippines, according to Reuters, [did you hear about this]?

Their president is threatening them with jail if they refuse to be vaccinated. "You choose vaccine, or I will have you jailed," he said in a televised address, following reports of [get this] low turnout at several vaccination sites in the capital Manila." Oh, having problems getting people to get the jab? There was one report, I didn't include it today in the interest of time but in Israel on Friday July 9 coming up the expiration date on their current supply of vaccines will expire. So they're trying to figure out what they are going to do to get as many people in Israel to take the vaccine before the expiration date. In fact, they're even - I just saw it this morning on I 24 News before I came to church. They're actually talking about maybe giving it to another country and ordering a new supply with a later expiration date.

Well, that's very nice of you to offer to do that. The point is this: It's called supply/demand. No demand, plenty supply. [Laughter] And it works both ways. High demand, low supply. He goes on to say, quoting the president, "But for as long as you are here [and this is interesting] and you're a human being [okay] and can carry the virus, get vaccinated," close quotes. Well, as you might imagine with the finger of blame pointed at religious gatherings in particular and hands even being marked to identify who has been vaxxed or not, the coercing and forcing to get "the jab" is revving up as evidenced by this MedPage Today article on June 22nd, titled, "Target Evangelicals to Boost COVID Vaccine Confidence, says Advocate."

Here's a quote, "Increasing resources and national efforts to target White evangelicals, the most COVID-19 vaccine-hesitant group in the country, could help end the pandemic sooner, a vaccine advocate said during a hearing of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) [that's ironic, is the acronym] committee. Last one: Think that evangelicals won't be blamed for refusing the vaccine, so-called, let me hasten to point out this interview from NPR on Wednesday that an online member sent me in which they also lay the blame of this new so-called "Delta Variant" [have you heard about this?] They're laying the blame of this new variant at the doorstep of evangelicals.

The article is titled, "A 'Pandemic of Unvaccinated People' As Delta Variant Spreads Rapidly." Here is a quote from the host and guest in the interview. BARBARA FERRER: Currently, this is a pandemic of unvaccinated people, who are at increasing risk for unknowingly incubating delta variant and other variants of concern. AMANDA HEDGPETH: Patients that are less likely to get the vaccine tend to live in more rural areas, tend to live in more red areas or red states, those without a college education and those that are evangelical. [Laughter] You'll forgive me. Here's the problem. "Boosting confidence in the evangelical vaccine refuseniks" the problem is that people are getting very sick or worse yet they're dying after getting "the jab."

On Monday, June 21st, The Colorado Herald reported that thousands of flights had to be canceled [thousands of flights, why?] because vaccinated pilots were falling ill or dying. There is no pilots. What happened to them? Oh, they got the jab. Are they okay? No! They are sick or dead. How about that? What are we going to do about the flight? We have to cancel it. Thousands of them. This paragraph explains why. I know some of you'll really understand this. "Pilots have an increased risk of blood clots. COVID 19 vaccine recipients have an increased risk of blood clots. Reuters and Fact Checkers cannot hide the fact that an increased risk on top of an increased risk is potentially a disaster." I just got done saying it's a disaster. "But neither has any regard for human life or the truth, as evidenced by the propaganda they're currently creating by the minute" [that's well said].

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Not only is it killing people with blood clots, it's also killing people with spike proteins throughout the body, in every cell of their body, by the way. The European Union Times reported that the first autopsy of a Covid vaccinated patient found that every organ of the body was infested with the spike proteins. "The first-ever postmortem study of a patient vaccinated against COVID-19 has revealed that viral RNA was found in every organ of the patient's body, meaning that the vaccine is either ineffective or the coronavirus actually spreads faster in vaccinated individuals." "In summary, the results of our autopsy case study in a patient with mRNA vaccine confirm the view that "although the vaccine triggered an immune response within the body, it didn't appear to stop the spread of the virus, and therefore the spread of harmful viral spike proteins throughout the body.

This is just more bombshell, scientific evidence that the vaccine likely does more harm than good and may actually even accelerate the spread of the coronavirus. I know we have talked about this in prior updates. And you'll forgive me for referencing this, but when our daughter Noelle died, she had a third copy of the 18th chromosome in every cell of her body and her internal organs shut down and she died. This is very similar because this replicates itself into every cell in a person's body and it kills them.

Now some have asked, and I think it's a good question and it deserves a good answer, well how come it's happening to some, but not others? A couple of thoughts. First it is believed, and I have actually had someone tell me who's in the medical field that not everyone is getting the actual so-called vaccine. They are getting a placebo, Number 1. Number 2, very interesting because they have targeted the human genome, we all have our own unique DNA, and as such, we respond differently depending on our own genome. So for some [clapping] oh, sorry, it's kind of like that. It's very fast.

And for others it will take some time depending on the genome. Aren't you glad you came today? You know maybe I just need to say this. I don't have permission, if I could be just so blunt, I don't have permission from the Lord to stand up here behind this pulpit as is my privilege to do every week and tell you that it's going to be okay. We will get through this. We will be victorious against this invisible enemy. I can't even - let me take it just a little bit further if you don't mind, just real quick, and say that I don't really even have permission to stand up here and say hey, we're all in this together because see that is the narrative. But it's not the truth.

If you don't mind I just want to get back to this very interesting detail in 2nd Chronicles where Micaiah is responding to Ahab and telling him the truth. And he says you know I saw the Lord and there was almost like this emergency meeting in Heaven about how are we going to get Ahab to go into battle so that the prophecy about his death will be fulfilled? And it's implied, and I believe this to be the case, that a demonic spirit was given permission to put a lying spirit in the mouths of all 400 of those prophets. You know, it could very well be that they actually believed it. They actually believed that Ahab would be victorious and that it would not be disastrous.

Why do I mention that? Because I truly believe the enemy has been allowed to put a lying Spirit in the mouths of those who speak that which is not the truth. I have to speak the truth. I know you don't want to hear it. You've got to know I don't want to preach it. Oh, believe you me, I would love nothing more than to stand up here and [singing] oh, happy day, everybody now, oh, happy day. But I can't. We will end as we began sort of in the Spirit of an Elijah and Micaiah by saying that according to the word of the Lord, God has declared disaster is coming upon the world, but God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever would believe in Him would not perish in hell for all eternity but have everlasting life. That's the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the

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truth so help me God. And it's the good news. But the good news isn't really good news unless you know what the bad news is first. So I have just spent the last, don't get your watches, however long telling you the bad news.

Disaster is coming. It was prophesied in God's Word. He's told us that this is how it ends. This ends in disaster. This is the end. That's the bad news. Are you ready for the good news? I am! Because and again, I know this isn't proper English, but the badder the bad news is, the gooder the good news will be. And this is the good news, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Paul writing to the Corinthians says this is the Gospel that I preach to you that Jesus Christ came to earth and died for you.

He was crucified in your place, and He was buried, and He rose again on the third day defeating death, paying in full for your sin so that you could have everlasting life. That's really good news. And that is what the word Gospel means. It means good news. You're free and clear. Your penalty, your debt has been paid, paid in full. You're free to go. Good news. I am? Yeah. But I was sentenced to death. I know. But Jesus said I will go to their death in their stead. My blood shed. The Bible says there is no remission of sin without the shedding of blood. So He paid in full with His shed blood on that Cross so that we could have everlasting life.

This is why we end these updates this way and it's also why we end with a childlike simple explanation of salvation by way of the ABCs of Salvation. The A is for admit or acknowledge that you've sinned and that you need the Savior. This might seem like a firm grasp of the obvious, but this is where it starts. I mean if you think about it, I'm not really interested in a Savior if I don't acknowledge I'm a sinner and need a Savior. Romans 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one." We were all born sinners which is why we must be born-again. For all have sinned [Romans 3:23] and fall short [missed the mark] of the glory of God. That's what the word "sin" means, by the way, missing the mark. It's an archery term.

So when an archer shoots an arrow and misses the bull's eye, they would say you sinned, you missed the mark. We've all fallen short of God's perfect standard of righteousness. You might say I haven't really murdered anybody. It doesn't matter. You're still guilty as charged. And the penalty is the death penalty. And again, that's the bad news because see, you may not have murdered anybody physically, but if you've slandered somebody or was angry with somebody, you murdered them in your heart.

Now what's the penalty? That is Romans 6:23, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." I love this because, and I know, I hope you don't tire of me saying this, but a gift is just that, right? A gift. I know that's deeply profound. But if somebody gives you a gift that means you didn't pay for it. If you do pay for it, is not a gift. It's a purchase. No, somebody had to purchase that gift to give to you as a gift for you to receive. The gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Oh, really? Who purchased it? Jesus. How much did it cost? Everything.

It cost Him His life. And He paid. We're not our own but purchased with a price. That's the A; here is the B. It is for simply believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord and that God raised him from the dead. This is Romans 10:9-10. It says, "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved." And the C lastly is for call upon the name of the Lord, or as Romans 10:9-10 also says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Not might, not could, not should, will. The jury is not out.

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God Has Declared Disaster
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The verdict is in. "For it is with your heart [verse 10] that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." And Romans 10:13 lastly seals the deal. It says, "All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved" [period]. For several months now, we have been sharing e-mails that we receive from online members all over the world.

And if you don't mind I would like to share three such emails from online members and how they are creatively coming up with the ABCs, and this one comes from Todd McGough in Portland, Oregon. He writes, "Hi, Pastor JD, I wanted to share this picture. We took one of your business cards from the ABC's forum [this is the JDFarag.org site] and made it into our very own yard sign. This one is from an online member in Falling Waters, West Virginia. Every day I do a cardio workout at Williamsport Maryland Park. As my roommate and I were returning from the park to Falling Waters, West Virginia, Lewis pointed out the billboard. "Hey, isn't that the ABCs of salvation that JD talks about on his sermons?"

I got so excited to see the billboard! God is working in a powerful way! A friend of mine in Columbia, South Carolina mentioned your church and I've been watching online ever since. I just want you to notice the billboard on top. Did you catch that? Isn't that interesting? Injured? We play hardball. It's for an attorney. I already have an attorney, an advocate. His name is Jesus. And He got me off scott free because He paid my debt in full. I mean no disrespect to attorneys if you're an attorney. We love you; God bless you. [Laughter] Attorneys and car dealers, man, I tell you a special place for us in Heaven just so you know.

This last one comes from the Howell's who I know from my old stomping grounds of Spokane, Washington. It's from Allison who writes, "Pastor JD, I was visiting my son and his new bride in Loon Lake and was pleased to see Calvary Chapel Deer Park raised this huge sign off Hwy 395. [I remember that highway well] We still love listening to your sermons and updates. I pray for you, your family and congregation daily.

Let's have the worship team come up. Why don't you stand up? I'll close in prayer, and we'll close in song, and I do want to just take one moment and thank you. I do want to sincerely thank you on a number of fronts, not the least of which is that well, for one thing you're here on the fourth of July no less, but you're here because you're willing to hear the truth. And not only hear it but heed it. I love you and I love your love for God's Word, the Word of God, and the God of the word.

I love it whenever I have a guest speaker as we just had come and visit and speak from this pulpit, and invariably without exception it will always follow up with a text telling me you have an amazing church. I am like I know. If I wasn't the Pastor of this church, this is where I would go to church. It is an amazing church and you guys are so loving. You're the real deal and I love you so much and I thank you so much. I do pray that even though this was tough stuff today and I know it was, I know for you on the receiving end it had to be hard because I know for me on the giving end it is really hard, but it is the truth. And isn't it true that the truth will set you free? "And whom the Son sets free is free indeed."

Let's pray. Father in Heaven thank You. Thank You for the simplicity of the Gospel. Thank you for Bible prophecy. Thank you for telling us in Your word before it happens what will happen so that when it begins to happen, nonbelievers will believe, and believers will look up and lift up their heads knowing that our redemption draws nigh. Lord, I truly believe the rapture is imminent, imminent. And so Lord, even so Lord, come quickly, Maranatha, in Jesus' name amen.