



Prophecy Update: November 3, 2019 Pastor JD Farag

All right. Let's get to our Prophecy Update. If you're anything like me and I suspect that many of you are. You can't help but notice the current state of upheaval on a global scale in the world today. I think you would agree that the world is in a state of turmoil and disorder. As you look around and see what's taking place all over the world.

I mean, even as we speak, the situation in Hong Kong is getting worse, seemingly, by the day. Protests abound in all parts of the world, particularly, here in America. I mean, it's really seemingly getting worse with each passing day. That's what I want to talk with you about today. I'm so sorry. Lord, please don't let my cough be a distraction with you. Please, help me, Lord. Thank you. I'm so sorry.

I want to talk specifically about how God, in His Word, foretold that this is exactly what would happen at the time of the end. If you were to ask me what I thought was one of the most exciting aspects of Bible prophecy? The accuracy with which God foretells the future would have to be it. Actually 100% accuracy, not 99.9. 100 % accuracy is the gauge by which we measure whether or not a prophecy is false. Or even if a prophet is a false prophet or not. If it doesn't come to pass with 100 % accuracy, it is a false prophet and as such, a false prophecy.

Now, the reason I mention this is because everything we see happening in the world today is, exactly, with 100% accuracy. As God said it would be at the time of the end. Prior to his return, 1st in the rapture of the church and then, subsequently, 7 years later, the second coming. It's been said that the rapture is when Jesus comes "for us", and the 2nd coming is when Jesus comes "with us" as 10,000s by his side, as his bride by his side.

I want to, draw your attention to a particular prophecy in Matthew's Gospel chapter 24. This is, affectionately, referred to as the Olivet Discourse. It's when Jesus is speaking to his disciples. He tells them in verse 1 of chapter 24. Well, this is when he left the temple and was walking away. It was, actually, when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to the temple, the buildings, and the structure, which stood there in all of their magnificent splendor.

Verse 2, we're told Jesus asked them, "Do you see all these things?" He's pointing to the temple there. "Truly I tell you [this is stunning listen to this] not one stone here will be left on another. Everyone will be thrown down." Wow! What specificity. "As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives the disciples came to him privately. 'Tell us,'



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they said, 'when will this happen? And what will be the sign of your coming? And of the end of the age?'"

It's really, technically, a 3-fold question. Let's just condense it down to a 2-fold question. They're asking Jesus, "Okay, what will be the signs of your return? And what will be the signs of the end of the age?" [Listen to his answer in verse 4.] He says, 'Watch out that no one deceives you for many will come in my name claiming, 'I am the Messiah' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. [Then he says this] There will be famines and earthquakes in various places and all of these are the beginning of birth pangs."

The reason I wanted to start with this prophecy is because, here we are now, some 2,000 years later. We can go back, and with 100% accuracy, see the first part of this prophecy fulfilled. It happened in 70 AD when Jerusalem was sacked and the temple destroyed. You have to understand that there was large amounts of gold in the temple. It's believed that the gold from the fire began to melt. In order to get that gold, they had to get those stones and take them down to get to the gold. Oh, my goodness!

That's exactly what Jesus said: Not one stone will be left. They're going to take every single stone and they're going to throw it down to get to the gold. It happened exactly as he said it would, 70 AD. You might say that the Lord has a pretty good track record going here. Keep in mind that there were over 300 prophecies about the 1st coming of Jesus Christ that were fulfilled with 100% precision accuracy. Not 99.9, 100 %. Just the probabilities, statistically, the odds of even fulfilling say 8 of those over 300 prophecies of his first coming are astronomical, incalculable, unfathomable. We have talked about this during Resurrection Sunday.

There was one by the name of Peter Stoner, a mathematician. You have to love mathematicians. He actually tried to figure out what would be the odds of one man fulfilling just 8 of those prophecies. I'm probably going to botch this. Bear with me. I'll be as brief as I can. But he likened it to this. It would be the same odds as taking the state of Texas and stacking up silver dollars. I don't remember how high over the entire state of Texas. Then blindfolding a guy and saying, "You have to pick the right one of those silver dollars, out of all of those silver dollars, stacked so high covering the entirety of the state of



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Texas. That would be the odds of just fulfilling eight. 8! Did I say eight? The specificity, the accuracy!

He goes on to describe, now, what's going to be the signs of the coming of the end of the age. Here we are now in 2019 and we have witnessed Israel's rebirth as a nation, the return of the Jews to their land. To me, I truly believe it set in motion a final countdown of sorts. It started on May 14th of 1948 when, with specificity and accuracy, the prophecy is: Can a nation be born in one day? Answer: Yes. Never happened before. It'll never happen again. It happened in one day, by one vote in the United Nation. Exactly as God said it would, on May 14 1948.

Now fast forward to 1967 June. That's when Israel recaptured their eternal capital of Jerusalem, 1967. I really believe that's when it, really, started speeding up, as it were. Now, here we are today and Israel is now on the cusp of rebuilding the 3rd temple. I mean on the cusp. However, Bible prophecy indicates that it will come on the heels of war, which brings about the 7-year peace agreement.

Listen to Zechariah chapter 12 verses 1-3, "A prophecy, the Word of the Lord concerning Israel. The Lord who stretches out the heavens who lays the foundation of the earth and who forms the human spirit within a person declares, 'I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem and then [listen to this] on that day [verse 3] on that day when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations.

All who try to move it will injure themselves." Another translation renders it, if you try to cut up Jerusalem, divide Jerusalem? That's my city. I put my name, literally, on Jerusalem. If you try to cut it up? I'm going to cut you up. If you try to divide it? I will divide you. If you try to move those immovable boundary stones, those burdensome boundary stones? Pooh! Try and see. Try and see!

I would submit that day is, today. It's evidenced by this Jerusalem Post report about how Avigdor Lieberman, in referring to comments by IAF Chief Major General Norton is saying that, "Israel is in an emergency security situation." Listen to this, quoting Lieberman, "When IAF Commander Major General Norton warns that the challenge of aerial defense is becoming more complex and the threat of missiles and rockets is now being joined by drones and cruise missiles. And when the IDF is



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deploying David's Sling and aerial defense systems, it means we are in an emergency situation. [It's coming to a head.]

To make matters even worse Israel's emergency security situation comes at a time [it's the worst possible time] when Israel believes it can no longer look to or count on the United States. According to The Times of Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told a group of ministers that they should not expect the US to take serious action against Iran for at least the next year. Netanyahu, on Thursday, hinted publicly for the first time an unease with Washington's hesitancy to take action. Echoing statements in recent weeks from officials speaking off the record about Iran's growing boldness.

Several weeks ago, Netanyahu told cabinet members in a closed-door meeting that US President Donald Trump would not act against Iran until US general elections in November 2020, at the earliest. Have a nice day. Wait a minute. We have to wait until the elections next year? Well, speaking of elections, The Jerusalem Post is reporting that... Can you believe this? A 3rd Israeli election. Unprecedented. Never happened before is now looking likely because of the ongoing coalition talks ending in a deadlock. It's important to understand that nobody wants a third election. They are doing everything they can to avoid it.

Just this morning there were reports about Naftali Bennett being willing to sit in opposition in order to prevent another election. Now the jury is out on how this will all play out. But in the meantime, look at what's happening. There are those who want to impeach the US President and there are those who want to indict the Israeli Prime Minister. Everything's on hold. I was thinking about this this morning on the way here. That the current state of disorder could in fact be the catalyst for the New World Order.

Let me say that again. The current state of disorder in the world today could be priming the pump, as it were, readying the world for that leader, the Antichrist, to come on the scene with a solution. This new world order, this one world order, one world religion, one world economy, and one world government. As we witness, now in real time, and even at breakneck speed the disorder governmentally in, not just Israel but what we're seeing here in the United States.

I have to say and you'll forgive me. Now how do I say this? I want to be very careful. I'm learning it's not so much what I say. It's how I say what I say. Just ask my wife to tell you about that. But I don't see this ending well what's happening in the US, to the US? I'm sorry



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but it doesn't look good. It doesn't look good. I mean what in the world? Then I look at what's happening in Israel and I think to myself, "It doesn't look good there either. In fact, it looks worse." But then I have to stop and remind myself that this is exactly what God said would happen with precision accuracy at the time of the end.

One last article and it has to do with the peace plan. On Thursday, Ynetnews reported about the departing US special envoy, Jason Greenblatt, saying in an interview with Al Arabiya Network that the current time is inappropriate for the publication of the Trump administration's peace plan for Israel and the Palestinians. I'll add "so-called". Also known as the deal of the century given the delay in the Israeli government's coalition formation process.

Don't you find it kind of curious? dare I say even suspicious? That Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel/Trump, the President of the United States both are on the receiving end of this movement afoot, gaining traction, to get rid of them? Isn't that peculiar? Do you see the connection here with what we are told in the Bible about what's going to happen at the time of the end? Where's the US?

Well, something must happen to the United States because we just got done reading in Zechariah 12 that all the nations of the earth will be gathered against Jerusalem. All means "all" that includes the United States. So, what happens to the United States? Nobody's left to come to the defense of Israel. Make no mistake about it. Iran when they chant and they do chant. When I say Iran, I'm not talking about the Iranians, the Persians.

By the way, they are coming to Christ by the multitudes in Iran, of all places. They're coming to a saving knowledge. Jesus is appearing to them in dreams and revealing himself as the Christ, their Savior. I mean, they're all in "full-on on fire" for Jesus Christ in Iran.

So, when I say Iran in the prophetic sense I'm talking about the Ayatollah and I'm also talking about President Rouhani, the leadership of the Islamic Republic of Iran. When they chant "Death to America" and "Death to Israel", they do so because it's first death to America, then it's death to Israel. Once there's death to America, then we can go and destroy Israel. See America, is the "Great Satan", Israel is the "Little Satan", in the eyes of these deceived Islamic regimes. They see Israel as the "Little Satan" and the United States as the "Great Satan".



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Please and let me hasten to say parenthetically that our battle is not against flesh and blood. I need to say this. This is one of those times when the Holy Spirit is pretty strong. I realize that sometimes when you see me up here struggling and fumbling and bumbling, I'm usually having a talk with the Holy Spirit. I should say the Holy Spirit's having a talk with me. I'm kind of wrestling a little bit because I'm feeling and sensing that he's impressing upon my heart to share something.

I do have to share this because I think this is the Lord. Maybe this is a word for somebody here today or maybe for somebody in our online church. We just got done talking about it in Thessalonians. We don't wrestle against flesh and blood. Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals, right and left. Sometimes, and I have to maybe speak for myself, I have to be careful that I don't come off more as a conservative than I do as a Christian. That's not the right battle. That's not the right fight. That's not the "good fight". We're not wrestling against people.

Let me ask you this question? Do you really believe that having the right political party in office is going to solve our problems? Do you really believe that? Do you really believe that's the answer? I would venture to say that for the most part you are and would identify as being a conservative, a conservative Christian. I almost don't like those words because of the implication of it. What do you mean a conservative Christian? I mean, that's redundant isn't it? If you're a Christian you, by default, are a conservative, right?

It plays right into the hand of the enemy. I know I'm kind of struggling here to communicate as clearly as I can. Maybe I need to come out and say it. Can we just love one another? Yeah, but they are a Democrat! Really? Okay, Lord, you told me to go here so I'm going here. I look at the state of Hawaii and I think to myself, "Oh, sweet Jesus." Now in my flesh, my reaction in the flesh is something like this.

Now, don't judge me because you're just as guilty as I am when I say this, okay? My first reaction in the flesh is !!!! You see these politicians on TV and, I mean, you can't believe your ears. What? What? It's not just Hawaii, the whole nation! I think about California... I mean, oh my goodness. Do you know that people are leaving that state? For all of you online members in California, we love you. We'll pray for you.



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But then I'm reminded of something. I thank God for it. Because I'm reminded that the early church, the one we just talked about that loved each other so much that the Roman Empire took notice of their love one for another? That was under Caesar Nero. He would take Christians and he would dip them in tar, burn them alive and say, "Now let your light shine, light of the world." Christians were put to death. Christians were persecuted. Christians were tortured. Christians were martyred.

Yet they didn't have a pro-Israel President, as it were. This is the early church. You don't see them picketing, protesting, and lobbying. What you do see them doing is praying. Again, I won't take it much further. Just one more thing on this matter. We talk about prayer in schools, right? How about prayer in the churches? We talk about Christianity in the public square. How about just real-deal Christianity in the church? How about we start there? How about that? There's so much hatred and even amongst Christians.

It's hard for me so I don't much anymore go on social media. We actually have people that do our social media for us. But every once in a while, I'll click on the mouse and scroll. As I do, I just get so grieved. I see some of these posts and, for the life of me, I could never imagine Jesus ever posting something like that. Yeah, but they're so liberal. Well, what do you expect? Do you expect the lost to behave in a way as the saved one? They're not regenerated. They don't have the Holy Spirit.

By the way, they're behaving the same way you behaved before you got saved, right? They're lost. They need Jesus. I've been, lately, by the grace of God and it's only by the grace of God. I really had a change of heart in this regard. Now, I just pray for these people because they need Jesus. They are so lost. If you really think about it, if the rapture were to happen, they would be left behind. Jesus loves them just as much as he loves us. Jesus died for them just as much as he died for us. They're deceived. They're deceived. They need the Lord.

Here we are rising up with our "cause". That's another thing. There are 3 reasons why you come to a church or are called to a church. Well, I should say really 3 reasons why you'll go to a church and attend a church. #1. It's for the community. It's not bad. #2. It's for the cause. You have a cause. Or #3. It's for Christ. Either the community, the cause, or Christ. I think there are too many Christians that have a cause but they don't have Christ. They don't have the mind of Christ, the heart of Christ.



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Okay. Well, I feel better. You probably don't but, oh, well. Those of us who know Bible prophecy are not shaken by the turmoil and uncertainty. Because we know what God's Word says is going to happen. It settles us. It readies us. It steadies us. Here's the truth. There are no other religious writings that have prophecies foretelling future events. Did you know that? Only the Bible.

There's a reason for that. Because God says, "I'm going to tell you what's going to happen before it happens so that you'll know that I am God. Nobody else can say that. That's why when you read the Quran there's no prophetic foretelling of future events. Because Allah is not God, false god. Muhammad, false prophet. Oh, be careful, pastor. Sorry I just have to. Listen to what God says through the Prophet Isaiah chapter 46:9-10,

"Remember the former things of old. For I am God and there is no other. I am God and there is none like me declaring the end from the beginning. [Nobody does that. I alone do that!] From ancient times things that are not yet done saying, 'My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure.'" In other words, "I am God and I am going advance, what's going to happen in the future. So, that when it happens, you'll go, "Wait a minute, God said that would happen and it did happen. That means he's right, and he's God, and he's true."

I love it when God does this, in Isaiah chapter 41, it's so cool. He is, basically, taunting these false gods which are no gods at all. I mean, this is so good. I love it. Listen to what he says, "Present your case, says the Lord. [Hey, bring your case into the court and you argue your case. Go ahead! Go ahead!] Bring forth your strong reasons, says the King of Jacob. Let them bring forth and show us what will happen. Let them show the former things what they were that we may consider them and know the latter end of them or declare to us things to come.

Show the things that are to come here after. [I dare you! No, he didn't say that but he is kind of like saying that. I just want to see you try. You can't.] Show the things that are to come here after that we may know that you are gods. You're not. Yes, do good or do evil that we may be dismayed and see it together."

It reminds me of when Elijah has that contest with the prophets of Baal. They put together this altar and they have the sacrifices on the altar. He says to the prophets of Baal, "Go ahead! Go ahead! You call down from your God and have him consume this altar." I mean, they are screaming, cutting themselves and Elijah is having a lot of fun with



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this. Maybe too much fun. He's like telling them to scream louder because, maybe he's hard of hearing? Maybe he can't hear you? So, they scream louder. Oh, yeah, he still hasn't heard you.

This is actually in the original language. The idea of what he says. He says, "Maybe he's in the bathroom?" No, that's in 1 Kings 19. Don't look at me like that. 1 Kings 19, "Maybe he's in the bathroom? He's busy right now." This goes on virtually all day. Finally, it's like Elijah says, "Get out of my way! Really?" He says, "Do you know what? Just so there's no question, I want you to just douse this altar with water and watch the Lord now. He calls out to the Lord."

I'm sorry, I really wonder if Elijah was a pyromaniac. No, I'm serious, right? Because it was thing about fire with him. So, he calls fire down, it consumes the sacrifice. Do you know he went up to heaven in a fiery chariot, right? I think it's like God knew. "I know you're into fire, man. So, come on up and let's just have the fire and everything."

Do you know when he comes to him in the cave when he's running from Jezebel? After he slays the prophets of Baal. Jezebel's like, "I'm going to kill you. I have a contract out on you". He runs and he's hiding in the cave. God comes to him says, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He speaks in the still small voice.

But prior to that still small voice, there's this mighty earthquake, there's this great fire, and this mighty wind. We're told that God was in none of those. Certainly, one would think if you want to get through to Elijah, you need to use fire. He uses fire but he doesn't speak through the fire. Anyway, that's just aside.

No extra charge for that. It's another topic for another time but I think Peter had a sleeping disorder. No, right? He's always sleeping when he should be praying. Like I said, that's for another time. All right. Let's bring it in for a close. I appreciate your patience.

Here's the bottom line. God tells us with 100% precision accuracy: what's going to happen before it happens so when it happens, we will believe. Jesus said, John 14:29, "I am going to tell you before it happens, what's going to happen, so that when it begins to happen you will believe that I am, the great I am. I am He." That's how you're going to know because I already told you it was going to happen.

Do you know that Zechariah prophecy we just read chapter 12? That was written Over 2,500 years ago. We're watching it, now unfold, with 100%



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precision accuracy right before our very eyes. This is why we do these prophecy updates, every week. It's also why we end with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, every week. It's also why we do the simple "ABCs of Salvation", every week.

Would you just kindly give me a couple of more minutes, before we have our communion service, to share with you very simply the "Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ? When the Apostle Paul writes of the Corinthians in his first epistle chapter 15, "He says that the gospel is that: Jesus Christ came the first time; He was crucified; He was buried; He rose again on the third day; and He's coming back again one day. That's the good news. That's the good news. That's the gospel.

Now, what are we going to do with that? That's where the "ABCs" come in. It's very simple. It's childlike simple. Jesus said, "If you want to enter the Kingdom of Heaven [pardon me] you must become like a little child." That childlike faith and trust. I mean in no way to ever insult anybody's intelligence when we do these ABCs of Salvation. But it is just a simple way to explain how to be saved.

The A is for: Admit or acknowledge that you've sinned and that you need the Savior. This is what repentance is. It's a change of mind. So, now, God can change your heart from the inside out. It's a turning from your sin and turning to the Savior for forgiveness of sin. Romans 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one." In other words, nobody's good enough. You might be good but you'll never be good enough. Romans 3:23 tells us why. It says, "All have fallen short of the glory of God. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

Romans 6:23, says, "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord. That's the good news. It comes on the heels of first, the bad news, which is that we've all been sentenced to death because all have sinned. That's the bad news. We've transgressed. We've broken God's law. We've fallen short of God's perfect standard of righteousness. That's the bad news. Now, here comes the good news. The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord. That's the A.

Here's the B. B is for: Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. Romans 10:9 and 10 says, "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved." The C, lastly, is for: Call upon the name of the Lord. Or as Romans 10:9 and 10 also says it, "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." Notice it



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doesn't say, you should, or you could, or you might. No, it says, "You will." Romans 10:13 says the same thing, "All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." That's it.

That's why we do these prophecy updates. Because you never know who's going to be in this church: 1st service or 2nd service on any given Sunday. And we don't know who's watching online. Maybe you're hearing this for the first time and you're looking at this going, "Wow, I'm connecting the dots here. This is kind of terrifying, actually." That's a good thing. Bible prophecy can either be exciting or terrifying. And whichever it is, is a good indication of where you're at with the Lord. If it's exciting, that means you're right with the Lord and ready for the Lord. If it's terrifying, you need to get right with the Lord.

I've always said that I would rather scare somebody into heaven than flatter them into hell. I'd rather that this terrified someone, if it's going to bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. If that's you here today, I implore you. Today is the day of salvation. If you're watching online, I implore you today.

Why don't you all stand and we'll pray. Have the worship team come up. If you're able to stay, again, we certainly encourage you to do so. I appreciate your patience. I know I went a little bit long. I know I never do that. But our communion service will probably be another maybe 10 minutes or so. Heavy on the "or so" I guess. But if you're able to stay we certainly encourage you to do so.

Let's pray. Father, thank you. Thank you that we don't have to be unsettled or uncertain as we see what's happening in the world today. Because we know what you said would happen in your Word. We see it happening, Lord. It is exciting for those of us that are watching with great anticipation and listening for the sound of that trumpet and your return for us as your bride as your church. Lord, come quickly, we pray.

Lord, we're also keenly aware that there are those for whom this is very unsettling. That's a good thing because it is a shaking and awaking that needs to take place. Lord, I pray if anybody that is here or watching this that has never called upon you: believing in their heart; confessing with their mouth; acknowledging their sin; their need for you as their Savior. I pray that they would do that today. What a great opportunity before we partake together of the communion table. Lord, thank you. In Jesus name. Amen and Amen.



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All right. The worship team is going to lead us in song. As they do, you can come up and get the elements. They are pre-packaged in the front, here, on the 3 tables. Take the elements back to your seat, then take your seat, and then wait so we can partake together. Go ahead and come on up.

In Luke's Gospel, the 22nd chapter, we have the account of what we affectionately refer to as the Last Supper. Luke, by the Holy Spirit writes, "That when the hour had come, He sat down and the twelve apostles with him. Then he said to them, 'With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.'"

This is yet future. That's speaking about the Wedding Supper of the Lamb. "Then he took the cup and gave thanks and said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves. For I say to you I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes.'" He says it again. He knows he's about to go to the cross. He's going to be crucified. He's going to be buried. He's going to be resurrected. This would be the last time he ever partakes together with his disciples. "And He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'"

If you'll take that packaging. Peel back the top layer and you'll have the bread. Just hold on to it for a moment. Sometimes the Lord will minister something to my heart concerning the communion table. Sometimes, it's before the services. Sometimes, it's during the worship. I don't like it when the Lord waits that long. Sometimes, like just now, it's right before.

This is what I think the Lord is ministering to me to share with you. It has to do with what we just talked about in our study in 1 Thessalonians. In 1Corinthians, Paul is writing to the Corinthian church about the communion. He says to them, "Some of you are, because of the way you're mistreating your brothers and sisters in Christ, you are partaking unworthily of the communion. God's taking notice of it and that's why some of, you by the way, are sick and even dying. Because of what you're doing and how you're treating one another."

Now think about this. What are we celebrating here? Are we not celebrating, "For God so loved the world, loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever would believe in him would not perish but have everlasting life? It's the love one for another. This



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is the greatest expression, "No greater love hath any man that he lay down his life for another."

How many of us have told our children or even our grandchildren, I love you more than my own life. That's true. I always include this little extra statement because my mom used to always say it to me when I was a kid. In her thick accent she would say, "Wahibo? You wait until you have children of your own. I'm like, "Yeah, yeah, whatever." Then I had children of my own. Oh, now I know. I never knew I could love so much. I mean, more than my own life.

If I love them that much, how much more does our Heavenly Father love us with that perfect love that we talked about. This is the expression of it. This is a commemoration, a celebration, of God's love for us. He became a man and gave himself for us. Dying for us in payment, in full, for all of our sins. That's love and that's what we're celebrating here.

Do you know they used to call them in the early church, the communion? They called them, "love feasts". Yeah, that's what I'm talking about a love feast, man. They were love feasts. The problem in Corinth was they were all gorging, gluttony, drinking wine and getting drunk. Can you imagine? I mean, I've probably opened up a whole can of worms that I have no intention of trying to put back in that can.

But I think you get the point. They were making a mockery of it. I guess all that to say this. The importance of that, which we're celebrating here today. These elements, the symbols, that we hold in our hands. The bread: A symbol of his body broken for us instead of us because of his love for us. Would you partake with me?

Thank you, Lord, so much. How could we ever thank you enough, Lord? You first loved us in that while we were yet sinners you died for us, Jesus. Oh, we love you so much, Lord. We love you so much, Jesus. Thank you so much, Jesus. Thank you for your forgiveness and the cleansing of all of our sins. Thank you for redeeming us. Thank you for saving us. Thank you, Jesus.

Luke goes on to write and he says, "Likewise, he [speaking of Jesus] also took the cup after supper saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you.'" If you'll take the cup, peel back the remainder, you'll have the cup. Just, again, hold onto it for a moment. I think about that day when what we're doing here, today, we'll be doing with him. I mean, literally.



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Do you realize that what we're doing here today is a foreshadow of that, which we're going to be doing when we're there with him, seated by him in his Kingdom, as his bride by his side? I mean, he says it twice. "I eagerly await." As one translation renders it, "I fervently desire, I can't wait." It's like he's saying, "I'm just counting down the days until we do this again. When it finds its ultimate fulfillment in my Kingdom.

We hold in our hands a cup that is a symbol of the blood of Jesus Christ. The blood of the new covenant. This is the blood of Christ, the once-and-for-all sacrifice. His blood shed in our stead for the remission of all of our sins. That's the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. As we partake, I want you to think about how that no matter how scarlet your sins might be. He will make them and wash them as white as snow. He remembers them no more. He removes them as far as the east is from the west.

Don't remind him! Do you know when you pray and say, Lord, I'm so sorry about that. What are you talking about? I already forgave you and I already forgot about it. I already removed it from the east and the west. You went and grabbed it and brought it back. I have to remove it again. Forget it again. Is that weird? It's true. He remembers them no more. Let us partake of this.

Why don't you please stand. Oh, Lord, thank you for giving us this to do so that we would remember what you did for us because of your love for us, Lord.

Lord, if there's anybody here that has really questioned your love for them? I pray that today you would reveal yourself afresh and anew. Love on them. Reveal to them your love for them. Lord, thank you that there's no thing: neither height, nor depth, nor angel, nor principality, nor anything created. That could ever separate us from the love that you have for us. Lord, thank you that there's nothing we can do to make you love us less.

Lord, we love you. In Jesus name. Amen. Amen. Thank you so much for your patience. God bless you.

Have a blessed week in the Lord and Lord willing we'll see you Tuesday night for a prayer meeting, right? 7:00 o'clock, right here, Tuesday night.