



## **Bible Prophecy Update: July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

### **The Mask Mandate**

***Pastor JD Farag***

All right. Good morning and welcome to our weekly Bible Prophecy Update. Once again today we have a lot to get to. I know I say that often but today especially so we're going to get right to it.

Today I'm going to address, "The Mask Mandate", which is now required both indoors and in outdoor areas where social distancing isn't possible. Over the last several weeks I have received numerous emails from both local and online members, many of whom have asked to remain anonymous for fear of losing their jobs, many of them are in the medical field.

I've taken the time and looked at everything that was sent to me, and all the videos I've watched, articles I've read and researched I've done without exception refutes the effectiveness of face masks. Now let me hasten to say that there are those that are wearing face masks today and by no means is this intended in any way to disparage you or discourage you from doing so.

But I do want to address this matter, because the truth is not only are masks ineffective in protecting anyone from coronavirus. They can actually make you even sicker and may even result in death. Wow, Pastor. Well this is why I sense from the Lord that it's incumbent upon me to address this and perhaps, more importantly, talk about the prophetic significance of this.

In order to do that I'm going to start with a very informative email from a brother here locally. He's actually my, "go-to guy". He asked that I don't mention his name. I know many of you know who he is. His initials are... I mean he's just been such a blessing to me. Actually, I pray that when I get to heaven that God gives me his brain. I mean just the way his brain is wired. I mean it's just amazing.

Anyway, so he emailed me and explained to me why it is that masks don't work. So, I want to share that with you. He says, "I started thinking about how ineffective cloth masks and even N95 NIOSH approved masks are against the COVID-19 virus. So, I thought I might pass on what I found in my research.

First, a comparison to get a feeling for virus size. Note: A micron is one-millionth of a meter or 1000 microns in a millimeter. A human hair is 100 microns in diameter. I know nothing about this. A human blood cell is 7 microns in diameter. A bacterium is 0.5 microns on average and a coronavirus [get this] is 1/10 of a micron."

He then goes on to calculate thread count on cloth masks and the holes in cloth masks concluding that "if the holes were a square you could stack 7000 microns vertically and 7000 horizontally to fill the hole. with 49 million viruses packed side by side, top to bottom. You'd have to be pretty sick to spew that many viruses through one hole.

But that is just one hole in a mask large enough to cover your nose and mouth. What we have created is a screen door to our house using 6 inches by 6 inches well-wired fabric concrete reinforcing wire. Now that's not going to stop any bugs.

Now let's look at the N95 NIOSH approved particulate masks. The "N" means it is not approved for oils and the 95 means it will stop 95% of any particulate 3 microns and larger. But we already said that the virus was 1/10 of 1 micron in diameter."

Pictured here is a box of N95 masks with the warning that reads as follows and I quote, "Use for certain particles. Misuse may result in sickness or death." This is a different brand pictured here. Listen to this warning. "THIS PRODUCT IS AN EAR LOOP MASK. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT [and these are all in caps] A RESPIRATOR AND WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS OR OTHER VIRUSES OR CONTAMINANTS." It's on the box!



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Back on March 31st, Fox News published an article about how the US Surgeon General, Jerome Adams said, quote, "The data doesn't show that wearing masks in public will help people during the coronavirus pandemic. What the World Health Organization (WHO) and the CDC (the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) have reaffirmed in the last few days is that they do not recommend the general public wear masks."

He then explained the reasons why. "On an individual level, there was a study in 2015 looking at medical students and medical students wearing surgical masks touch their faces on average 23 times," Adams explained. We know a major way that you can get respiratory diseases like coronavirus is by touching a surface and then touching your face. So, wearing a mask improperly can actually increase your risk of getting the disease."

Adams also said that "The N95 masks aren't as effective for the general public as one might think saying, "N95 masks have to get fit-tested. As a medical professional, I can't just go out and wear an N95. I have to make sure it's properly fitted and I have the right size in order for it to work properly he explained.

In early March, Dr. Anthony Fauci was interviewed on 60 Minutes and he was asked about wearing masks. The question posed was, quote, "There's a lot of confusion among people and misinformation surrounding face masks. Can you discuss that?"

Fauci responded by saying, quote, "The masks are important for someone who's infected to prevent them from infecting someone else. Right now, in the United States people should not be walking around with face masks." The interviewer interrupts Fauci saying, "You're sure of that? Because people are listening really not closely to this."

Fauci then says, "Right now, [quoting] people have no reason to be walking around with a mask. When you're in the middle of an outbreak wearing the mask might make people feel a little bit better and might even block a droplet, but it's not providing the perfect protection that people think that it is. Often there are unintended consequences because people keep fiddling with the mask and they keep touching their face." Close quote.

You'll forgive me, I have to show you this photo. It went viral, pun intended by the way, on social media and it shows Fauci with his mask off after throwing the first pitch of the 2020 baseball season at a Washington Nationals game. I won't comment on the pitch. Sounds like you saw it.

Again, in addition to masks being ineffective, they can also pose health risks, especially when wearing them for long periods of time. I took the time to compile the information from several sources. Many of whom again are doctors or nurses, and I want to sort of summarize the conclusions for you.

Several studies have found serious health issues from wearing a face mask such as difficulty breathing, leading to a reduction in blood oxygenation (hypoxia) or an elevation in blood CO2 (hypercapnia) [if I'm pronouncing it correctly] headaches, and other life-threatening complications.

To add insult to injury these drops in oxygen levels are attributed to impairment in immunity [if you can imagine]. If this weren't bad enough both the oxygen deprivation and the immune system impairment create this perfect storm especially for people with cancer and here's why.

Cancer grows best in a microenvironment low in oxygen. In addition to cancer patients being at an increased risk so too are those with heart issues. By virtue of the prolonged episodes of hypoxia increasing the risk of both heart attacks and even strokes.



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As I've shared with you in the past, I have asthma. I am unable to wear a mask for any length of period of time, if I do, I end up gasping for breath. I went into the bank... This is interesting, who would have ever thought you'd go into the bank with a mask and they'd give you money. I'll let you think about that one for a moment.

Of course, the line was long and I was in there for this elongated period of time. By the time I got out I mean literally I ripped the mask off my face and I'm just gasping for breath. I was starting to wheeze.

I've often said that I'm a very blessed pastor. Many online members have sent me... In fact, I want to show you what one online member sent me; It's an asthma mask. Check this out. Says it right on there, asthma mask. Here let me show you. No, for real. How do I look? I don't think it's my color. I think I'm an autumn.

I had another online member send me, "Exemption and Legal Rights Cards". I want to talk about that in a moment. There are those like myself that are supposed to be exempt, right? And we're not even required to disclose our medical condition under the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA. But no mask still means no entry.

Here's this screenshot of these cards that another online member sent me. One card is, "Notice of Legal Rights" to not wear a mask and the other one is, "Notice of Legal Rights", to not receive a vaccination. So, I carry them with me. Yeah. For the online member that sent that to me, thank you so much. I'd like to get another 100,000 of them if I could.

The Face Mask Card states, quote, "I am exempt from any mandates and/or policies requiring me to wear a face mask. Wearing a face mask poses a serious health risk to me. Under the ADA & HIPAA, you are not legally allowed to inquire about my medical conditions and I am not required to disclose any further detail." So there. It doesn't say, "so there."

"Organizations [get this] and businesses can be fined up to \$75,000 for the first violation of the ADA and up to \$150,000 for subsequent violations." Also, on the back of the card has info to report a violation.

I know what you're thinking, have you tried to use this? Not yet. I have to confess I haven't used it yet but I'll be sure to let you know what happens if and when I do. I think they still allow one phone call so I'll let you know.

In all seriousness, we have a serious question that needs to be answered and the question is this. If masks don't protect you and can even cause serious health problems then why are we being forced to wear them? I know you're not going to like this answer and the reason I know you're not going to like this answer is that I don't like this answer.

I need to warn you that the image I'm going to put up on the screen is a little disturbing so either close your eyes or turn away. But face masks are a symbol of slavery, silencing, and submission and I believe the mandate is to gauge the willingness of the masses to comply and be controlled by preconditioning.

The imposed restrictions have been met with little to no objections as the masses have essentially acquiesced to the mandate. It seems that many have made drastic lifestyle changes under the banner of a coming vaccine which is being touted as "The Golden Ticket" if you will, to get one's life back, to get one's freedom back.



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Sadly, the masses will clamor for the said vaccine out of utter exasperation and desperation so as to be given back that which was taken from them in the first place. I can't wait to not have to wear a mask.

However, there will be those who refuse it, which will then lead to a system of validation vis a vis certification in the form of a vaccine identification. We've talked about this in-depth over the last several weeks. Absent this proof of vaccination, you will not get your life back and you will be required to continue wearing a face mask in public.

Do you know what's interesting about that? Prior to this coming vaccine, wearing masks was a symbol of compliance. I mean I went for a walk the other day with my little doggie, Buddy, my little puppy. I love my doggie; he loves me too. We're crossing the crosswalk... I'm not wearing a mask and by the way, neither is my dog wearing... I'm sorry... I actually saw somebody... They don't call it a mask; they call it a muzzle. Hmm I digress.

Crossing the crosswalk, beautiful sunny day, just praising the Lord. Thank you, Lord; This is good. It's good for me to get out from behind the computer and just breathe fresh air and work on my tan. My wife always says she likes the dark handsome type. I'm working on the handsome part. So here comes this guy on a bike with a mask and he's giving me stink-eye.

Have you had this happen? Oh, yeah, I mean, you're not wearing... You are endangering the public safety and health of the community! I mean and he was, hey, where's your mask? He says it to me twice! Hey, where's your mask? And then I just ignored him and I continued walking. Then he started mumbling, I couldn't hear him because he was wearing a mask.

Wearing a mask prior to the vaccine is compliance. But when there's a vaccine it's no longer compliance; its defiance. How about that? There's actually those who are now labeling people, "anti-vaxxers, anti-maskers". No, that's a thing.

Now again, when not if, the vaccine is available, as we're being told, there will be those who refuse the vaccine and the mask, which will then restrict them from buying goods and services, basic goods, and services. This would mean that they would have to either wear the mask when they go through the check-out. Or do what I do, I make my wife go into the store.

Now that might be sustainable for a period of time. However, it wouldn't be long before they would be forced to comply. It's very likely that at that time it will then become the mark of the beast as we've talked about, that we're told about, in the book of Revelation Chapter 13. Now we don't know exactly when or even exactly how this will happen, but what we do know from Bible prophecy is that this will happen.

For those who might be skeptical with respect to this scenario may I just kindly ask that you consider the following. I want to start with this very interesting YouTube video that was posted last Thursday. It was a heated vaccine debate between Robert Kennedy Jr. and Alan Dershowitz. It was moderated by Patrick Bet-David on his YouTube channel.

He started by playing a clip from a previous podcast interview with Alan Dershowitz which we actually covered in the update back on May 24<sup>th</sup>. In it, Dershowitz stated and I quote, "You have no constitutional right to endanger the public and spread the disease even if you disagree. You have no right not to be vaccinated. You have no right not to wear a mask. You have no right to open your business." I'll add "slash" church. [business/church]



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To which Jason Goodman, the interviewer, interrupted saying... I tried to catch this screenshot; he's going, "Wait! Can I stop you? No right not to be vaccinated? Meaning if they decide you have to be vaccinated, we have to be vaccinated?"

Then Dershowitz replies by saying, quote, "Absolutely, and if you refuse to be vaccinated? The state has the power to literally take you to a doctor's office and plunge a needle into your arm." Dershowitz then goes on to say, quote, "The alternative is to live in your home and don't get vaccinated and never ever leave your home.

But if you want to interact with other people? The Constitution does not give you the right to spread your illness to other people. And you can disagree, you can be a dissenter, leave the country, go into a bubble. BUT! What you can't do is say, [listen to this] 'I don't agree with Dr. Fauci.' Take the law into your own hands and decide to spread the disease; That is not a constitutional right."

Dershowitz goes on to say, "I would like to see a government mandate if a safe vaccine is developed for COVID-19. I hope it's mandated. And I will defend it and argue that in the Supreme Court of the United States against your views." Wow.

So that's how this interview started off with this clip of him saying that. He was asked if he stood by those earlier statements? He not only stood by them he almost in some ways doubled down on them. Well as the interview goes on, I would highly recommend watching this. It's a little over an hour, very, very interesting, very informative.

Dershowitz asks Robert Kennedy this question, quote, "I would like to throw a question out to Robert. I think I know the answer. Robert, would you be against a law that mandated the wearing of masks in public for everybody even by people who don't approve of wearing the mask?"

After refuting the claims made by Dershowitz on vaccines Kennedy answered the mask question this way. And I quote, "I have read at least three med reviews involving hundreds of studies on masks and the majority of the studies, in fact there's a BMJ study from 2015. It says that masks are actually likely to spread the disease and make you less healthy, because the carbon dioxide that you're breathing and the people who wear the masks are more likely to get sick." Close quote.

You'll forgive me for saying this, this way but "mask" is one letter away from "mark". That's not a play on words. And if you really think about it? Right now, currently, I cannot like you go into a store and buy anything unless I have an M-A-S-K. It's not going to be long; The handwriting is on the wall.

Before that M-A-S-K will become the M-A-R-K. And without the M-A-R-K, you cannot buy or sell or do anything. You need to live in Dershowitz's bubble. I truly believe that it's a matter of time before the aforementioned scenario plays out. Now in all fairness, I could be wrong. But I'm having considerable difficulty seeing all this just kind of go away.

Do you remember when this all began? We were told, "Just stay home until we flatten the curve." "Wear masks, social distance, until we flatten the curve." Listen I've seen a few curves in my life but that curve got flattened and we still couldn't come out or take the mask off or hug one another or open the church back up. I'm going to talk more about that in a moment.

I mean if you really think about it. I mean I can't see a scenario where we're going to wake up one morning and our news feeds are going to be basically, hey, not only is the curve flattened and the cases dropping and it's, hey, it's all good now. You can take the mask off. I don't see that happening.



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They've told us as much because the narrative continues that COVID-19 is never going away and life will never return until there is a vaccine.

Now there is good news. Some of you are looking at me like, there is? Yeah, there is and it's for born-again Christians. The good news is that we are not going to be here when this happens and the reason why we're not going to be here when this happens is because the rapture has to happen first. Yeah, praise the Lord.

I need to explain something here because I've come under some criticism as of late. Because we've been addressing some, would you agree, very intense matters? And yet I like to laugh. I'm sorry, it's medicinal. The Proverb says that laughter's like medicine and I need a lot of medicine. [Proverb 17:22] And it's not a vaccination I need. I need the laughter medicine and it's the joy of the Lord, man. It's the joy of the Lord and that's my strength.

So, I've come under criticism like, how can you be so humorous when this is so serious? Can't you be serious? No, I can't; I just can't. I'll try but, I mean, I know it's serious but here's the thing. I know Jesus, and Jesus is coming! And this is an indication of just how soon it is that Jesus is coming and I have joy! And you can too by the way.

I'm going to talk more about that if you'll hang in there with me about how you too can have this joy. It's a real joy; It's pure joy. It's the joy of the Lord and it comes from the Holy Spirit that indwells every believer in Jesus Christ. That's why! Yeah! That's my story and I'm sticking with it! I mean sometimes I get giddy. People are like, what's the matter with you?

I just know, all of this means one thing and that one thing is that trumpet is going to sound and the dead in Christ are going to rise first. Then we who are alive and remain are going to be caught up, raptured up, to meet the Lord in the air and forever be with Lord. And I can't wait! And I know it's going to happen soon! Okay, I feel better. I have a lot more that I need to cover so stop doing that, okay?

Yes, the rapture must happen before this does happen, however and there is a, however. That's not to say that it's not going to get increasingly difficult for Christians and the Christian Church prior to the rapture. Actually, it already is and the persecution could very well get even worse under the banner of this current crisis.

I don't know if you heard about this on Friday. The Star Tribune published a report about this sharply divided US Supreme Court decision denying Calvary Chapel Dayton Valley Nevada's appeal to strike down a 50-person cap on their worship services.

"In a 5-4 decision, the high court refused to grant the request from the Christian Church east of Reno to be subjected to the same COVID-19 restrictions in Nevada that allow casinos, restaurants, and other businesses to operate at 50% of capacity with proper social distancing. That Nevada would discriminate in favor of the powerful gaming industry and its employees may not come as a surprise. But this court's willingness to allow such discrimination is disappointing," Justice Samuel Alito wrote in a dissent joined by Clarence Thomas and Brett Kavanaugh.

Kavanaugh also wrote his own dissent as did Justice Neil Gorsuch who said, "Today's world [quoting] with a pandemic upon us poses unusual challenges. But there is no world in which the Constitution permits Nevada to favor Caesar's Palace over Calvary Chapel." Oh? I like that. Interestingly, Caesar's Palace, what an irony.



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I think of when Jesus when he was trapped. I love it, sometimes just in a sanctified, of course, but I just like to read the gospel accounts when they try to trap Jesus. It's like we got him now! Let's see what he says to this? So, here's this coin, should we pay taxes? They got their iPhones recording the response. And Jesus says, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's."

The late Larry Burkett who founded Christian Financial Concepts back in the '80s had a saying. I really love it and I've quoted it many times. He said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's; Give to God what is God's. But don't give to Caesar what is God's." Caesar's Palace.

Back on July 9<sup>th</sup>, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser published an article that was I mean it was basically a full page. A huge picture of this Calvary Chapel on the mainland, SAN Antonio Texas. The headline, "Reopened churches see cases surge."

I mean they lay the blame of the surge in cases solely at the doorstep of the churches, which is kind of interesting to me. Do you know why? I don't know if you know this or not? Pastor Mac by the way talked about this on Thursday night. This Thursday I really encourage you to come. He's going to do part two.

Did you know that for the last two months, 60 days, two months in Portland Oregon, do you know what they're doing over there? Have you heard about this? The rioting? No case surges there. I mentioned this last week, I think, a sure way to absolutely, no way get COVID-19, just go riot. But boy you go to church? Whoa! I don't know if I'd do that if I were you.

Have you heard what's happening? Forgive my cynicism. I had a brother send me a meme. It said, "Go to church and if the police show up just say you're rioting for Jesus." I'm like, yes, that's it! That's it! Listen to this quote. This is the Honolulu Star, no friend of the church, dare I say. I mean no disrespect and if you work for the newspaper, praise the Lord, God is a forgiving God. But anyway, I'm sorry, that was not good. ...

Quoting the article, "In Texas, Pastor Ron Arba said his church, Calvary Chapel of San Antonio, had followed the letter of the law and tried to practice social distancing since it was allowed to reopen in May. But now about 50 congregants and staff members including the pastor and his wife have tested [keyword] positive for the coronavirus.

Arba said, "All the cases had been mild so far." I don't have the time today perhaps the Lord will present the opportunity on a future update to talk about the dynamics of testing, testing positive. Keep in mind the number of cases is rising. Do you realize that a coronavirus is a cold virus and a flu virus? I better leave that there.

Last Saturday Jack Hibbs sent me a text message with this photo of the Champion Newspaper which is a local newspaper there. In this article with the headline, "Churches forced to go outside for worship." Quoting the article, "Calvary Chapel Chino Hills Pastor Jack Hibbs presented a Bible series inside the church on Wednesday and the parking lot was full.

After his talk, a Facebook video showed him mingling with his congregants while not wearing a mask! With plenty of hugs and handshakes, the pastor was prayed over by a group of faithful who circled around him laying hands on him while not wearing face coverings!

Several residents contacted the Champion with concerns about the church possibly spreading the virus. They said they contacted the Chino Police Department, the City of Chino's Code Enforcement Department, and the San Bernardino County Public Health Department with no apparent response.



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That's what I'm talking about right there. I suppose and the Lord knows my heart on this and my integrity before him. But this is probably the right time to go on record with the official position of this church.

As the pastor of this church which as you know is my profound privilege to be, this is our formal position. In response to the city and county of Honolulu's Thursday, July 2nd Amendment to Emergency Order Number 2020-18, which requires, quote, "All individuals within the city to wear face coverings while outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible.

Whereas Section 11 on page 35 of said amendment limits [quote] 'in-person spiritual services', we have been forced into noncompliance. While we certainly wish to obey the laws of the land as the Apostle Paul exhorts us to do in Romans 13 verses 1-2, the city and county of Honolulu has regrettably and unlawfully overreached and as such we must posture ourselves as did Peter and the Apostles in Acts Chapter 5 verse 29, who after being told that they had strict orders not to teach, proclaim, and worship Jesus Christ stated, 'We must obey God rather than man.'

Moreover, the City and County of Honolulu respectfully [this is not in defiance] respectfully has exercised unlawful authority ordering us to disobey the Word of God and the God of the Word. Simply put: God has not given the government authority over the church, it's pastors and/or it's leadership and is in fact prohibited from any interference with church matters that would in any way overrule the church's God-given authority.

Furthermore, the church of Jesus Christ is not subject to government officials, rather government officials are subject to Jesus Christ. Finally, we will never seek the government's permission to assemble as a church nor [and this is very important] are we contending for the constitutional right vis a vis the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, which states 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.'

Here's why. "Our religious freedom of worship is a command given by God and not a privilege granted by the state." And that's why we will not ask for "said permission". That's our formal position.

At this time, we'll just bow our heads, and close our eyes, and you can leave if you want. Don't flatten anybody's tires in the parking lot on the way out. Now for those of you here locally or if you're watching online and you're here on the island, I really need for you to hear me when I say this and all of you here today.

If any of you are in any way uncomfortable with our position please know that we absolutely truly, truly understand. Perhaps it would be best for you to just watch the services online should you wish. But if you do come, and please hear me, be prepared and be prudent and let me explain why.

We've already had a couple of instances like that which took place at Jack's church in Chino Hills California. In fact, one was just last Sunday. In-between services, it was after the first service. And this guy comes in; he doesn't go to the church.

Somehow, he made it past the security team, he just walked in under the guise of needing to use the restroom so he just went. He used the restroom and then he came back and he started taking video. This is the second time now this has happened. He started taking video of our violations.

Pastor Mac then confronted him, as is our right, and he was from what I understand... I'm so glad I wasn't there. Not to protect me from him but to protect him from me. I mean that; No, I'm serious.





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Again, God knows my heart, I am ferociously protective of this church that God has granted me the profound privilege of being the pastor of, and overseeing, and protecting the flock.

I'm going to tell you right now, as long as the Lord gives me breath, as long as the Lord allows me this privilege, not on my watch, nobody's going to come into this church and cause problems. I'm going to tell you right now online if you have nefarious or malicious intentions and you want to come especially after what I just stated? This is private property. You will be kindly asked to leave and if you do not leave you will be removed. We will call the police and you will be removed from this property. This is private property.

No media is allowed here. This is not a circus; This is a church. For those that want to take a video of, "The pastor's not wearing a mask. Can you believe it?" They're laying hands on him, praying over him! That's what we do in church! The worship team is singing! I'm reporting you! Can you imagine? No, this is for real, right?

Have you actually read the order, the amendment? I did. I read it. Barely, it was not easy, very painful. It was actually a section in there about singing. Are you kidding me? I'm not kidding you; I wish I was.

I mean he just starts going off, "I'm going to report!" He did call the police. He said I'm going to call every news station and media on the island and I'm going to report you! I don't think you want me doing that do you? That's what I mean by it's a good thing I wasn't out there.

Why do I even bring this up? Because I want you to know we need to be a shrewd as serpents and harmless as doves. That's not the first time and it certainly won't be the last time. In fact, I would suggest that it's going to get even worse.

I want you to know that if you're planning to come, we welcome you. We're not going to turn anybody away. But you need to be prepared and you need to be prudent. We're going to do the best we can on our end to ensure a safe environment so we can worship as we have been commanded by God to do in this his church. But we also need your help as well and we need to understand what we're up against.

Please, this is very important and I know everything's important, well this is even more important. We covet your prayers. The kind of things we're dealing with and I believe will yet future, should the Lord tarry, deal with. We really need your prayers, man. Please pray for us. Pray for me. I mean we're facing some very, very difficult decisions and opposition. Is everybody okay?

Be that as it may, we're going to keep our hands to the plow and we're going to press on. We're going to occupy until he comes. We're going to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ while there's still time and we're going to continue doing what we're doing every week.

There is coming though, I should say and just qualify, there is coming one week where we will not do this and it won't be because we were shut down. It's going to be because we were taken up, just saying. But we're going to continue doing these weekly prophecy updates and we're going to continue preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and sharing the ABCs of Salvation which is just a childlike explanation of how to be saved.

Before we get to the ABCs, I want to read a short praise report from an online member in the UK. He writes, "I shared with a man on Monday the gospel and then provided him with a copy of the ABCs of Salvation. And he gave his life to Christ that evening. But even if he didn't. I mean this is a profound privilege is it not to lead somebody to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ?"



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But even if it's just moving them closer to Jesus. Boy we have before us and I know maybe you tire me saying this but I say it again nonetheless. We have before us the grandest of opportunities, the opportunity of a lifetime, the likes of which we have never seen and may never have again to reach people for Jesus even with a mask.

In fact, I know they have clinical terms for my sense of humor but I use the mask when I'm going through the check-out you know wheezing and everything. So, I'm looking because they're wearing a mask too. Do you think they like wearing that mask? No, they have to but also not going to be able to work.

So, I'll say something to them like, hey how's it going? How are you feeling? Well, actually I'm a little bit dizzy and oxygen-deprived. I know it's got kind of a bummer, huh? Yeah. Well, listen, you have a blessed day. I'll pray for you. I'll pray for you today.

You keep in mind now; do you know how many customers have gone through that check-out and probably read him the riot act? We have to social distance and by the way, I'm going to put my mask down below my nose. So there. ... Because people are on edge and just to have somebody go through the check-out and say hey, and actually care.

Because there's a difference between saying, hey how you doing? I'm fine. How are you doing? Fine. Really? No. It's more like this. It's like, hey, how are you doing, man? No, how are you really doing? And really you care. ... I know I talked about poke... We're almost done; just hang in there.

So, Foodland, spicy ahi poke, so there's this guy behind the counter. He knows whenever he sees me in line, he always loves it. I can tell he's smiling even behind the mask because his eyes are ... either that or he's ... No, no. Do you know the one thing about masks is that you save a lot on breath mints because nobody can smell your breath?

But anyway, so when he sees me coming, I always say to him... I saw a customer one time just, I mean, chew him out. You're ripping me off! And this guy was so gracious, not a Christian, that I can tell. So, when I got up there, I just said, man, dude, you handled that so good. Man, if that were me... [acting as if to spit] No, no, I wouldn't do that. I would never do that. You should always be careful about people who are serving...

I'm really digressing now I know but Just I mean move them closer to Jesus. If the Lord gives you the privilege of leading them in a prayer to accept Christ? Wow. What an opportunity we have right now because people are hurting! People are scared; They're so fearful. People need Jesus.

What are the ABCs of Salvation and the gospel? Well, let's start with the A. The A is for: Admit that you're a sinner. Acknowledge that you've sinned and that you need the Savior. This is Romans 3:10, Paul says, "There is no one righteous. Not even one."

In Romans 3:23 he tells us why. It's because "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 6:23 says that "The wages of sin is death." That's the bad news but here's the good news. The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord; That's the gospel. He came, He paid in full for us to give to us this gift of eternal life. That's the good news. That Jesus came, He was crucified, buried, and rose again on the third day, and He's coming back again one day soon and very soon.

The B is for: Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. And as Romans 10:9 and 10 says that God raised Jesus from the dead. It says, "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead



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you will be saved." That is definite; It's not tentative. The verdict is in; The jury's not out. You will be saved.

And the C lastly, is for: Call upon the name of the Lord. Or as Romans 10:9 and 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." And here's why. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Lastly Romans 10:13, "All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

Why don't you all stand and we'll close in prayer? We'll have the worship team come up. I just want to say for anybody watching online, thanks for sticking it out. I would like to lastly say that if you've never called upon the name of the Lord, this is no time to delay the most important decision of your life for eternal life. Jesus is coming. He came the first time to pay the penalty, the sin debt, the death penalty for our sin.

He's coming back again and he tells us in his Word that he will come and he will take us out of this world in the rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ which can happen at any time. Nothing has to happen before the rapture happens, it's imminent. If you've never called upon the name of the Lord, I implore you today to do so. Today is the day of salvation.

Let's pray. Father in heaven, I thank you so much. I thank you for the blessed hope. It's really our only hope; Our only hope is in you. Our hope is not in this world. Our hope is in you. You promised us that you go and you went to prepare a place for us, that where you are, we may be also.

Lord, I just pray for anyone who has never called upon you, confessing with their mouth, believing in their heart, acknowledging their sin, putting their trust in you for the forgiveness of sin, I pray that today they would come to repentance and make the most important decision of their life, for eternal life. While there's still time and there is still time and that's the good news and Lord, thank you.

Lastly, Lord, and I think when I pray this and say this I do so on behalf of everybody here and watching online: Maranatha! Come quickly, Lord Jesus! In Jesus name. Amen.