

>> SINGING: GOOD NEWS TODAY. NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD, THERE IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS TODAY.

>> WELCOME TO GOOD NEWS TODAY, THE PROGRAM WHERE YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND GOOD NEWS, NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD.

>> I'M MARK TESKE, YOUR HOST FOR GOOD NEWS TODAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. WE'VE GOT A GREAT PROGRAM, AND HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP. WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT PREPARING FOR ETERNITY. WE'LL BEGIN DOING THAT THROUGH OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, AND THAT CONSISTS OF OUR SCRIPTURE READING, BEAUTIFUL SINGING, AND A BRIEF STUDY OF THAT SCRIPTURE. TODAY WE'LL BE LOOKING AT 2ND PETER 3:10-11, WHERE WE SEE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ESCHATOLOGY AND ETHICS. GET OUT YOUR BIBLES, TURN TO 2ND PETER 3. I'LL MEET YOU THERE IN JUST A MOMENT. FOLLOWING OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, FREDDIE CLAYTON JOINS US, AND HE'S ADDRESSING THE SUBJECT, DEATHBED SALVATION. JIM DEARMAN WILL JOIN US WITH SOME SOUND WORDS AS HE ASKS THE QUESTION, ARE YOU READY? AUSTIN FOWLER SITS DOWN WITH BARRY GILREATH, AND THEY'RE EXAMINING THE SUBJECT OF BEING UNEQUALLY YOKED. IN OUR FINAL SEGMENT, WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR ANTHONY DISMUKE AND TROY SPRADLIN: DOES MATTHEW 16:3 TEACH THAT CHRISTIANS TODAY NEED TO LOOK FOR SIGNS OF JESUS SECOND COMING? WELL, I HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR BIBLES OPENED UP TO 2ND PETER 3, WHERE WE READ BEGINNING AT VERSE 10, BUT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT, IN WHICH THE HEAVENS WILL PASS AWAY WITH A GREAT NOISE, AND THE ELEMENTS WILL MELT WITH FERVENT HEAT; BOTH THE EARTH AND THE WORKS THAT ARE IN IT WILL BE BURNED UP. THEREFORE, SINCE ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE DISSOLVED, WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YOU TO BE IN HOLY CONDUCT AND GODLINESS?

>> (SINGING)

>> OUR PASSAGE FOR TODAY COMES FROM PETER'S SECOND INSPIRED LETTER. THE CHURCH HAS BEEN PERSECUTED, THEY'VE BEEN DEALING WITH FALSE TEACHERS, THEY'VE HAD A LOT OF ISSUES. AND PETER'S NEARING THE END OF HIS LIFE, THE END OF HIS MINISTRY, AND HE'S TRYING TO PREPARE THEM FOR THE TIME TO COME. AND OUR PASSAGE BEGINS TELLING US THAT THE LORD IS GOING TO COME AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT. THIEVES DON'T BREAK INTO HOMES ON SOME SORT OF SCHEDULE. THEY TRY TO COME WHEN THERE'S NO CHANCE OF THEM BEING DETECTED, WHEN EVERYBODY'S ASLEEP, WHEN THEY THINK THEY CAN GET IN AND GET OUT WITHOUT ANYBODY NOTICING. THE POINT BEING MADE HERE IS NOBODY KNOWS WHEN JESUS IS GOING TO COME AGAIN, NOT EVEN THE ANGELS OR JESUS HIMSELF, HE TELLS US IN MATTHEW 24:36. BUT IN MATTHEW 24 AND 25, JESUS GOES ON TO GIVE A SERIES OF PARABLES REINFORCING THAT MESSAGE THAT HIS SECOND COMING IS GOING TO BE A SURPRISE. THERE WON'T BE ANY WARNING. THIS AND SEVERAL OTHER PASSAGES MAKE THAT FACT VERY CLEAR; YET UNTAUGHT AND UNSTABLE PEOPLE TWIST THESE SIMPLE SCRIPTURES TO THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION, 2ND PETER 3:16. THE DESTRUCTION THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS GOING TO BE COMPLETE. THE HEAVENS, THEY'RE GOING TO PASS AWAY WITH A GREAT NOISE. THAT WOULD BE THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE OUTER SPACE, THE FIRST AND SECOND HEAVEN. THE ELEMENTS ARE GOING TO MELT WITH A FERVENT HEAT. THE VERY BUILDING BLOCKS OF OUR UNIVERSE WILL BE GOING AWAY. THE EARTH AND ALL THE WORKS IN IT ARE GOING TO BE BURNED

UP. JUST LIKE GOD CREATED EVERYTHING WITH THE WORDS OF HIS MOUTH, HE CAN JUST AS EASILY DESTROY IT WHEN THEY'VE COMPLETED THEIR TASK. WE'LL HAVE THIS MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF GOD'S POWER RIGHT BEFORE THE JUDGMENT COMES. ALL THESE THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DISSOLVED. YOU SEE, THAT'S A COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF THEM. THEY WILL NO LONGER EXIST. A DIFFERENT WORD IS USED HERE IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE THAN TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE FLOOD EARLIER IN THE CHAPTER. THAT WAS A RENOVATION; THIS IS A TOTAL DESTRUCTION. THERE'S GOING TO BE NOTHING LEFT. THEREFORE, AS A RESULT OF KNOWING THAT THIS IS COMING, HOW ARE YOU TO BEHAVE? YOU SEE, EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS EARTH WILL BE GONE. SOULS WILL BE THE ONLY THING THAT REMAINS. THUS, WHEN WE HAVE A RIGHT PERSPECTIVE, ETERNITY IS EVERYTHING AND THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD END UP BEING NOTHING. THEY'LL BE TOTALLY DESTROYED. SO THAT REALITY SHOULD MOTIVATE US TO ALWAYS BE READY FOR ETERNITY, ALWAYS BE READY AS IF THE JUDGMENT DAY WAS HAPPENING TODAY. WE OFTEN SEE IN SCRIPTURE WHEN THE JUDGMENT DAY IS BEING DISCUSSED, IT'S IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY ADMONITIONS FOR CHRISTIANS TO LIVE OUR LIVES IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE OBTAIN SALVATION. ESCHATOLOGY AND ETHICS. THE STUDY OF THE END TIMES, ESCHATOLOGY; ETHICS, DOING WHAT IS RIGHT. SO AS WE PUT THIS ALL TOGETHER, WE SEE THAT WE ALWAYS NEED TO BE PREPARED, BE READY FOR THE JUDGMENT DAY IF IT COMES TODAY, AND LIVE EVERY DAY LIKE THAT. SECONDLY, WE NEED TO PUT WORLDLY THINGS IN THEIR PROPER PERSPECTIVE. THESE THINGS REALLY DON'T MATTER. SOMETIMES WE GET SO CAUGHT UP IN THAT. DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO DO THAT AND LOSE FOCUS ON WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT. LIVE YOUR LIFE SO THAT YOU CAN OBTAIN ETERNAL LIFE. THAT'S WHAT GOD DESIRES FROM YOU. HE'S COMMITTED A LOT TO THAT END. ALLOW HIM TO GIVE YOU ETERNAL LIFE. AND THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY. NOW FREDDIE CLAYTON IS WAITING FOR US ON THE PASTIME PORCH. HE'S ANSWERING THE QUESTION, WHAT ABOUT DEATHBED SALVATION?

>> WHAT ABOUT DEATHBED SALVATION? THE EMPHASIS OF THE BIBLE CONCERNING SALVATION IS ALWAYS ON TODAY. QUOTING ISAIAH FROM ISAIAH 49:8, PAUL SAID, IN AN ACCEPTABLE TIME I HAVE HEARD YOU, AND IN THE DAY OF SALVATION I HAVE HELPED YOU. BEHOLD, NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME; BEHOLD, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION. WHEN JESUS SAW THE INTEREST OF ZACHEAUS WHO HAD CLIMBED A SYCAMORE TREE TO SEE HIM, HE SAID, ZACHEAUS, MAKE HASTE AND COME DOWN, FOR TODAY I MUST STAY AT YOUR HOUSE, LUKE 19:5. AS JESUS FORGAVE THE SINS OF THE THIEF ON THE CROSS AS RECORDED IN LUKE 23:43, HE SAID, TODAY YOU'LL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE. FRIENDS, IT'S NEVER WISE TO PUT OFF RESPONDING TO GOD'S EXTENSION OF HIS LOVE. SOME, HOWEVER, SEEM TO BE WAITING UNTIL THEY'RE NEAR DEATH TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT WITH GOD. THE BOOK OF ACTS LAYS OUT GOD'S LAW OF PARDON FOR TODAY. AT PENTECOST, PETER AND THE APOSTLES MADE THE FIRST OFFER OF SALVATION UNDER THE CHRISTIAN AGE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST. AS THE MULTITUDE UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY HAD IN FACT CRUCIFIED THE VERY SON OF GOD, THEY REALIZED THEY NEEDED TO RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE. THEY WERE CUT TO THE HEART AND SAID TO PETER AND THE REST OF THE APOSTLES, MEN AND BRETHREN, WHAT SHALL WE DO? AND PETER SAID UNTO THEM, REPENT, AND THAT EVERY ONE OF YOU BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF YOUR SINS, AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ACTS 2:37-38. OTHER CONVERSIONS IN ACTS FOLLOW THE SAME PATTERN: THE SAMARITANS, ACTS CHAPTER 8; THE

ETHIOPIAN, ACTS CHAPTER 8; SAUL OF TARSUS, ACTS CHAPTER 9, ACTS CHAPTER 22; LYDIA, ACTS CHAPTER 16; THE JAILER, ACTS CHAPTER 16; AND THE CORINTHIANS IN ACTS CHAPTER 18 REALIZED THEIR NEED FOR CONVERSION TO CHRIST, AND THEIR FAITH MOVED THEM TO REPENT OF THEIR SINS, CONFESS THEIR FAITH, AND BE BAPTIZED. NOT EVERY CONVERSION MENTIONED EACH STEP, BUT EVERY CONVERSION ACCOUNT MENTIONED BAPTISM. DOES GOD CHANGE HIS LAW OF PARDON FOR A PERSON ON HIS DEATHBED? FRIEND, THERE ARE NO NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF SUCH CONVERSION. AND THERE'S NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN FOR THOSE NEAR DEATH. THE THIEF ON THE CROSS IS NOT AN EXAMPLE FOR THOSE LIVING TODAY, BECAUSE HE LIVED UNDER THE JEWISH LAW AND WASN'T SUBJECT TO THE NEW COVENANT OF CHRIST WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT AT JESUS' DEATH, HEBREWS 9:15-17. HE RECEIVED THE FORGIVENESS OF HIS SINS IN THE SAME WAY THAT OTHERS DID DURING THE PUBLIC MINISTRY OF JESUS, THROUGH THE DIRECT PARDON OF THE SAVIOR. HE WAS NOT SUBJECT TO THE COMMAND OF PENTECOST BECAUSE HE LIVED BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH ON THAT DAY. NONE OF US IS IN A POSITION OF DECIDING THE ETERNAL FATE OF OTHERS. WE'RE ALL IN THE HANDS OF A JUST AND LOVING GOD. BY THE GRACIOUS SACRIFICE OF CHRIST, GOD SET IN MOTION THE MEANS OF OUR SALVATION. IT'S UP TO US TO RESPOND TO HIS LOVE IN OBEDIENCE. HE'S WARNED THAT THE DAY IS COMING WHEN THE LORD JESUS IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN WITH HIS MIGHTY ANGELS IN FLAMING FIRE, TAKING VENGEANCE ON THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW GOD AND THOSE THAT DO NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, 2ND THESSALONIANS 1:7-8. NOW IS THE TIME TO OBEY CHRIST AND LIVE FOR HIM. AS LONG AS THERE IS LIFE, THERE IS HOPE TO OBEY GOD; BUT MANY WHO PLAN TO REPENT ON THEIR DEATH BEDS WILL NEVER HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY. DON'T BE ONE OF THOSE, FRIEND. THIS IS FREDDIE CLAYTON, WALKING AND TALKING IN THE LIGHT.

>> THANKS FOR THAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO PREPARE FOR ETERNITY, FREDDIE. HERE AT GOOD NEWS TODAY, WE WANT TO HELP YOU BE PREPARED FOR ETERNITY. YOU CAN DO THIS BY SPENDING TIME IN THE BIBLE TO STUDY THINGS FOR YOURSELF. WE HAVE A FREE BIBLE COURSE TO HELP YOU DO THAT VERY THING. WE'RE ABOUT TO GIVE YOU OUR CONTACT INFORMATION SO THAT YOU CAN SEND US YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION. AFTER THAT, JIM DEARMAN JOINS US.

>> YOU MAY HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT GOOD NEWS TODAY. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FREE BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS, PLEASE CONTACT US. OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS GOOD NEWS TODAY, P.O. BOX 206, DUNLAP, TENNESSEE, 37327. AGAIN, THAT'S GOOD NEWS TODAY, P.O. BOX 206, DUNLAP, TENNESSEE, 37327. YOU MAY PREFER TO E-MAIL US AT GOODNEWSTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. THAT'S GOODNEWSTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. OR CALL US TOLL-FREE AT 1-877-384-7221. THAT'S 1-877-384-7221. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. HEARING FROM OUR AUDIENCE IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS TO US.

>> THE EASIEST WAY TO ENROLL IN OUR BIBLE COURSE IS ON OUR WEBSITE AT GNTTV.ORG. JUST CLICK WHERE IT SAYS BIBLE COURSE, FILL OUT THE INFORMATION, AND WE'LL MAIL IT TO YOU. YOU CAN LISTEN TO GOOD NEWS TODAY AT ANY TIME THROUGH TRUTH.FM. THAT'S A GROUP OF RADIO STATIONS THAT STREAM OVER THE INTERNET. AND THERE'S A STATION THAT CARRIES GOOD NEWS TODAY AS WELL AS OTHER EXCELLENT STATIONS. NOW HERE'S JIM DEARMAN WITH SOME SOUND WORDS FOR US AS HE ASKS, ARE YOU READY?

>> ALTHOUGH MANY DENY IT AND DISMISS IT FROM THEIR MINDS, THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST IS CERTAIN. HOWEVER, DESPITE THE FALSE PREDICTIONS FROM FALSE PROPHETS AS TO WHEN IT WILL OCCUR, JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES NO ONE ON EARTH KNOWS WHEN IT WILL TAKE PLACE, AND HE URGED THEM TO BE PREPARED AT ALL TIMES. A POET EXPRESSED THESE THOUGHTS ABOUT THAT GREAT EVENT: IF HE SHOULD COME TODAY AND FIND MY HANDS SO FULL OF FUTURE PLANS, HOWEVER FAIR, IN WHICH MY SAVIOR HAS NO SHARE, WHAT WOULD HE SAY? IF HE SHOULD COME TO DAY AND FIND MY LOVE SO COLD, MY FAITH SO VERY WEAK AND DIM, I HAD NOT EVEN LOOKED FOR HIM, WHAT WOULD HE SAY? IF HE SHOULD COME TODAY AND FIND THAT I HAD NOT TOLD ONE SOUL ABOUT MY HEAVENLY FRIEND WHOSE BLESSINGS ALL MY WAY ATTEND, WHAT WOULD HE SAY? IF HE SHOULD COME TODAY, WOULD I BE GLAD, QUITE GLAD, REMEMBERING THAT HE DIED FOR ALL, AND NONE THROUGH ME HAD HEARD HIS CALL? WHAT WOULD HE SAY?

>> THANKS FOR ENCOURAGING US TO ANSWER THAT CRITICAL QUESTION FOR OURSELVES. HAVE YOU EVER MISSED AN EPISODE OF GOOD NEWS TODAY AND WISH YOU COULD WATCH IT? THERE'S A FEW WAYS YOU CAN DO THAT: THROUGH OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, OR YOUTUBE. YOU CAN ALSO DOWNLOAD OUR APP AND WATCH ON YOUR PHONE, TELEVISION, OR TABLET. THE PROGRAM'S THERE EVERY SUNDAY, SO YOU NEVER HAVE TO MISS AN EPISODE, AND THOSE APPS ARE ALWAYS FREE OF CHARGE. NOW, AUSTIN FOWLER SITS DOWN WITH BARRY GILREATH, AND THEY'RE WORKING THROUGH THE CONCEPT OF BEING UNEQUALLY YOKED AND ITS APPLICATION TO THE FAMILY.

>> WE HAVE WITH US TODAY AUSTIN FOWLER. AND THIS IS KIND OF NEAT TO HAVE AUSTIN WITH ME ON THIS SHORT SEGMENT FABRIC OF FAMILY, BECAUSE, AUSTIN, OUR ASSOCIATION GOES BACK MANY YEARS. I KNOW YOU'RE 30 YEARS OLD, BUT I'VE ACTUALLY KNOWN YOU SINCE YOU WERE 6 YEARS OLD WHEN I BECAME THE PREACHER FOR WHAT WAS THEN THE HIGHLAND CHURCH CHRIST IN DALTON, GEORGIA AND YOUR FAMILY ATTENDED THERE. AND YOU WERE ALWAYS IMPRESSIVE AS A YOUNG MAN WHO STUDIED REAL HARD. AND I CAN REMEMBER AT A VERY YOUNG AGE, I DON'T REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT AGE IT WAS, BUT IN THAT 7 OR 8 AGE RANGE, YOU ACTUALLY MEMORIZED THE BOOK OF 2ND JOHN. AND THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE THAT YOU DID THAT. BUT YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF THINGS SINCE THEN. YOU'VE BEEN A SCHOOL TEACHER, YOU'VE WORKED UH IN VARIOUS MISSION WORKS. GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT A QUESTION THAT SOMEONE HAS ACTUALLY RAISED. THEY HAD A QUESTION ABOUT THIS. AND IT DEALS WITH OVER IN THE BOOK OF 2ND CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 6 WHERE PAUL THERE SAYS, BE YE NOT UNEQUALLY YOKED. AND THE REASON THAT THIS QUESTION WAS BROUGHT UP IS IN REGARD - SOMEONE HAD A QUESTION ABOUT MARRIAGE. THEY WANT TO KNOW, WELL, IS IT SINFUL TO MARRY SOMEONE WHO IS NOT A CHRISTIAN? WOULD THAT BE SINFUL FOR ME TO DO THAT? WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT?

>> I THINK THE FIRST THING IS THAT THAT VERSE IN 2ND CORINTHIANS THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT IS ALWAYS - MOST IMPORTANTLY, ALWAYS LOOK AT THE CONTEXT. AND I THINK IN THAT CONTEXT OF 2ND CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 6, IT'S NOT TALKING ABOUT MARRIAGE. SO SINCE IT'S NOT TALKING ABOUT MARRIAGE, WE CAN'T APPLY THAT TO THE MARRIAGE ASPECT. AND I THINK THERE'S OTHER PASSAGES OUTSIDE OF THAT THAT SHOW THAT, HEY, THAT WAS

SOMETHING THAT HAD TO BE ADDRESSED IN 1ST CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 7. PETER ADDRESSED IT IN HIS SHORT EPISTLE, 1ST PETER CHAPTER 3 THERE WHERE HE'S TALKING ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS. AND SO ONE THING THAT HE SAYS, AND JUST KIND OF SUMMARY IS JUST, HEY, YOU NEED TO LIVE YOUR LIFE OUT THAT THROUGH THE CONDUCT OR THE CONVERSATION OF YOUR LIFE, YOUR HUSBAND MIGHT BE WON. BY YOU BEING THE RIGHT EXAMPLE BY GOING TO CHURCH SERVICES, EVEN THOUGH YOUR HUSBAND IS NOT A CHRISTIAN, HE CAN BE WON BY THAT CONDUCT AND THE CONVERSATION IN WHICH YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE. SO BY THOSE DIFFERENT PASSAGES THAT WE SEE, I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO SAY, HEY, YOU KNOW, IT'S SOMETHING THAT THE BIBLE ADDRESSES. BUT THAT PASSAGE IS NOT TALKING ABOUT MARRIAGE THERE IN 2<sup>ND</sup> CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 6.

>> YEAH. AND I THINK THERE'S A GENERAL PRINCIPLE YOU MIGHT COULD APPLY THAT TO AND SAY THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR VARIOUS REASONS; BUT TO GO THE NEXT STEP AND SAY THAT IT WOULD BE SINFUL? I THINK THAT'S MAYBE ADDING TO GOD'S WORD. GOD DIDN'T SAY THAT IT'S SINFUL. AND ANOTHER QUESTION I WOULD HAVE ALONG THAT LINE WOULD BE, IF YOU TAKE A POSITION THAT IT'S SINFUL, HOW DO YOU REPENT OF THAT SIN?

>> YEAH. MARRIAGE IS, OF COURSE, A LIFELONG COMMITMENT. WE LOOK AT MATTHEW CHAPTER 19, HE TALKS ABOUT ONE MAN, ONE WOMAN FOR LIFE, AND HE GIVES THE EXCEPTION THERE IN VERSE 9, THE ONLY EXCEPTION THAT HE GIVES.

>> THAT'S THE ONLY EXCEPTION.

>> AND SO HOW DO YOU - IF IT'S A LIFELONG COMMITMENT AND IT IS A SIN, THEN -

>> YEAH.

>> I MEAN, DO YOU HAVE TO REMAIN UNMARRIED IF THAT'S THE SITUATION?

>> WELL, TO REPENT OF SOMETHING, YOU HAVE TO TURN AWAY FROM IT, AND YOU CAN'T CONTINUE TO DO IT. SO IF IT IS A SINFUL RELATIONSHIP YOU'VE ENTERED INTO, THE LOGICAL CONCLUSION WOULD BE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE THAT MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP. WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WHAT JESUS SAID IN MATTHEW 19:9, WHERE HE SAID CONCERNING DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE, HE GAVE THE ONE EXCEPTION, HE SAID, EXCEPT IT BE FOR FORNICATION, YOU HAVE JESUS SAYING SOMETHING THAT'S NOT TRUE THERE. SO AGAIN, I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU BROUGHT OUT ABOUT THE CONTEXT. WE ALWAYS NEED TO LOOK AT THE CONTEXT. AND THAT'S WHAT HE'S DOING. HE'S GIVING US SOME GENERAL INSTRUCTION THERE. AND IT DOESN'T JUST APPLY TO THAT RELATIONSHIP, BUT IT WOULD APPLY TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. TO BE UNEQUALLY YOKED IS A CONCEPT, AS YOU KNOW, THAT COMES FROM THE BIBLE WHERE YOU HAVE TWO OXEN, AND THEY HAVE THIS WOODEN YOKE PLACED UPON THEM. AND IF YOU HAD ONE OXEN THAT'S REAL TALL AND ANOTHER OXEN THAT'S REAL SHORT, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE AS EFFECTIVE PULLING AS THEY WOULD BE IF THEY WERE WORKING TOGETHER.

>> I THINK, LIKE YOU SAID, IT'S UNWISE, BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE ONE SPOUSE THAT'S FAITHFUL AND ONE THAT'S NOT, THEN YOU'RE WORKING AGAINST EACH OTHER. IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK OUT TO THE GLORY AND THE MOST BENEFIT TO THE KINGDOM.

>> EXACTLY. SO MAYBE THAT'S BEEN HELPFUL TO THE ONE WHO RAISED THAT QUESTION. BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU, AUSTIN, FOR BEING WITH US FOR THIS SHORT SEGMENT OF FABRIC OF FAMILY HERE ON GOOD NEWS TODAY.

>> THANKS, GUYS. IF YOU LISTEN TO PODCASTS, WE'VE GOT SOME GREAT NEWS FOR YOU. GOOD NEWS TODAY HAS FOUR OF THEM. THERE'S A NEW EPISODE OF GOOD NEWS TODAY DAILY DEVOTIONAL TIME COMES OUT EVERY MORNING. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO START YOUR DAY IN THE WORD OF GOD. ON SUNDAYS, THE WEEK'S PROGRAM IS RELEASED IN A PODCAST CALLED GOOD NEWS TODAY WEEKLY. IN ADDITION, WE ALSO RELEASE SOUND WORDS WITH JIM DEARMAN AND HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION EVERY SUNDAY AS WELL. ALL THESE PODCASTS ARE AVAILABLE WHEREVER YOU GET YOUR PODCASTS. IN JUST A MOMENT, WE'LL GIVE OUR BIBLE QUESTION FROM MATTHEW 16 TO ANTHONY DISMUKE AND TROY SPRADLIN.

>> (SINGING)

>> NOW WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR ANTHONY AND TROY: DOES MATTHEW 16:3 TEACH THAT CHRISTIANS TODAY NEED TO LOOK FOR SIGNS OF JESUS' SECOND COMING?

>> THE QUESTION WE HAVE BEFORE US TODAY IS A GOOD ONE.

>> OKAY.

>> THE QUESTION IS, DOES MATTHEW 16:3, DOES IT TEACH FOR US TODAY, THOSE OF US WHO ARE LIVING IN TODAY'S TIME, DOES IT TEACH US THAT WE OUGHT TO BE LOOKING FOR A SIGN OF JESUS' SECOND COMING?

>> AH, INTERESTING. LOOKING FOR A SIGN. THAT IS A POPULAR SUBJECT TODAY BECAUSE EVERYBODY THINKS ALL THE THINGS THEY'RE SEEING IS GOING TO BE JESUS' RETURN. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS IS TALKING ABOUT. MATTHEW 16:3 SAYS, AND IN THE MORNING IT WILL BE FOUL WEATHER TODAY, FOR THE SKY IS RED AND THREATENING. HYPOCRITES! YOU KNOW HOW TO DISCERN THE FACE OF THE SKY, BUT YOU CANNOT DISCERN THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

>> OKAY. SO THE SHORT ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS NO, THIS DOES NOT TEACH US THAT WE NEED TO LOOK FOR A SIGN OF JESUS' SECOND COMING. IT'S NOT WHAT IT'S TEACHING US BECAUSE THAT'S NOT WHAT THE TEXT IS ABOUT, HIS COMING.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> IT'S NOT WHAT IT IS ABOUT. HE'S ACTUALLY IN THE FLESH DEALING WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. SO AS ALWAYS, WE WANT TO DEAL WITH THE TEXT. WE WANT TO PUT THINGS IN THEIR PROPER CONTEXT, WE WANT TO UNDERSTAND THEM IN THE WAY THAT IT'S BEING EXPLAINED HERE IN THIS VERSE. SO THE PHARISEES AND THE SADDUCEES IS WHO'S JESUS TALKING

TO IN THIS MOMENT. AND THE PHARISEES AND THE SADDUCEES, THOSE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR A MESSIAH, BUT HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR.

>> EXACTLY. AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT I MEAN, IT SAYS RIGHT THERE IN VERSE 1, IT SAYS THEY CAME TO HIM, TESTING HIM. THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE.

>> THEY DON'T, THEY DON'T. BECAUSE THEY WANT A MESSIAH, THEY WANT WHOEVER THEY'VE ENVISIONED IN THEIR HEAD, BUT IT'S NOT JESUS. AND SO, OKAY, PEOPLE ARE SAYING THIS GUY IS THE MESSIAH. LET'S TEST HIM. LET'S PUT HIM TO THE TEST. AND NO MATTER WHAT JESUS DOES, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE HIM.

>> EXACTLY. AND THAT'S THE KEY. AND REALLY WHAT THIS KIND OF FALLS INTO, AS I MENTIONED, THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE LOOKING FOR SIGNS TODAY. JESUS GAVE US THE ANSWER. SO TO ANSWER THE QUESTION OF SHOULD WE BE LOOKING FOR A SIGN? WELL, JESUS HIMSELF SAID IN MATTHEW 24 WHEN HE'S TALKING TO HIS OWN DISCIPLES -

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>> 36. YOU KNOW IT. BUT OF THAT DAY AND HOUR, NO ONE KNOWS BUT MY FATHER IN HEAVEN.

>> THAT'S RIGHT. RIGHT. SO NOBODY KNOWS WHEN HE'S COMING BACK. SO WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR A SIGN. IN THIS TEXT, JESUS IS REBUKING THEM BECAUSE YOU CAN DISCERN WHAT THE WEATHER MIGHT BE ON TODAY OR TOMORROW; AND CERTAINLY WE CAN IN TODAY'S TIME AS WELL. WE CAN DO THAT. BUT YOU CANNOT DISCERN WHAT'S SO PLAIN AND CLEAR THAT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH.

>> EXACTLY. THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF THAT IS NOT REALLY DEALING WITH LOOKING FOR SIGNS; IT'S THAT THEY'RE NOT RECOGNIZING HIM. THEY'RE REJECTING HIM. AND THEY'RE FULFILLING PROPHECY IN THE PROCESS.

>> RIGHT. SO THEY'RE REJECTING HIM. AND YOU THINK ABOUT IT EVEN GOING BACK TO MOSES. MOSES WAS ONE WHO - HOW DID HE PROVE HIMSELF? HE GAVE SIGNS BY WAY OF THE LORD MAKING THAT HAPPEN. AND THEN PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO HAVE THAT FAITH AND ABLE TO BELIEVE. IN THIS SITUATION, JESUS HAS DONE NOT, HE'S GOING TO DO IT JUST BECAUSE THEY SAY DO IT, BUT HE'S ALREADY DONE ENOUGH.

>> RIGHT.

>> HE'S ALREADY DONE ENOUGH.

>> RIGHT. I MEAN, HOW MANY MORE SIGNS DO WE NEED TO DO? THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I FIND INTERESTING, IS THEY KEEP SAYING THAT, EVEN TO THE POINT, LET HIM COME OFF THE CROSS, AND WE'LL BELIEVE YOU.

>> OH. YEAH.

>> LIKE, NO, NO, NO, NO, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE HIM. LISTEN, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING AS FAR AS LOOKING FOR A SIGN IS WHAT JESUS SAID IN MATTHEW 24:44 WHENEVER HE SAID, THEREFORE, YOU ALSO BE READY; FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COMING AT AN HOUR WHEN YOU DO NOT EXPECT HIM.

>> RIGHT. SO DON'T LOOK FOR A SIGN. THE MAIN THING IS JUST BE READY. BE READY FOR HIM TO COME AND MAKE SURE WE'RE LIVING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL AND OBEYING HIS GOSPEL.

>> AMEN.

>> THANKS, GUYS. WE HOPE THAT OUR PROGRAM TODAY HAS HELPED YOU PREPARE YOURSELF FOR ETERNITY. YOU DO THAT BY HEARING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE, BELIEVING THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD; BEING WILLING TO REPENT OF YOUR SINS, TO TURN AWAY FROM THOSE THINGS, WHICH LEADS TO A CHANGE OF ACTION; BE WILLING TO CONFESS HIS NAME BEFORE MEN; AND BE BURIED IN THAT WATERY GRAVE OF BAPTISM. DON'T BELIEVE ME? READ THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS AND SEE IF THESE THINGS ARE NOT SO. THAT PATTERN IS FOLLOWED EACH AND EVERY TIME. REMEMBER, ALWAYS CHECK EVERY RELIGIOUS TEACHING AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD. IF YOU CAN'T FIND IT THERE, THEN DON'T BELIEVE IT. IF YOU NEED TO CHECK US, MAYBE YOU NEED TO LISTEN TO SOMETHING AGAIN IF YOU DIDN'T QUITE CATCH IT THE FIRST TIME, YOU CAN DO THAT. YOU LISTEN TO OUR WEBSITE THROUGH, OUR APPS, OR THROUGH OUR PODCAST. HAVE A QUESTION? CONTACT US. WE'LL ANSWER IT FOR YOU. KNOW THAT WE LOVE YOU, WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU, AND WE WANT YOU TO MAKE IT TO HEAVEN.

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