

The Book Of James (Part 20) – The AI Revolution & Theology July 4, 2026

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Unspotted: AI Theology and the War for the Mind

This transcript of a sermon delivered by **Pastor Daniel Joseph** of **Corner Fringe Ministries** explores the theological imperative of maintaining a life **unspotted from the world** by drawing parallels between the **Book of James** and the **Torah**. He argues that true holiness requires a radical separation from the ideologies and behaviors of modern society, which he views as increasingly antagonistic toward biblical values. The message highlights the **AI revolution** as a potential tool for deception, sharing a **ChatGPT** response that outlines how a demonic strategy would focus on **diluting truth** and **distracting believers** from within the church. Daniel emphasizes that believers must resist cultural assimilation by immersing themselves in **Scripture** and the **Holy Spirit** rather than relying on artificial intelligence for spiritual guidance. Ultimately, he calls for a **renewing of the mind** through obedience to God's commandments and a commitment to **persistent prayer**. He concludes that the brewing conflict between **light and darkness** necessitates a firm stand for **biblical faithfulness** against a lawless generation.

[Daniel Joseph]

Shabbat shalom, everyone. We are going to hit the milestone today. There's a milestone for America today, right? 250 years, July 4th, pretty amazing. We're going to hit a little milestone of our own, and we're going to complete the first chapter of James, chapter one, today. After 20 weeks, we got this, right?

And so over the last couple of weeks, though, we've been hovering over the last verse in this chapter. This is where James says in James 1:27—**Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble...** Now I'm going to tell you, when James is considering and thinking and may I say defining what pure and undefiled religion is, he doesn't just think about the widows and the orphans, which is significant. But he thinks about something that is radically broad. And what do I mean by that? It's this. He says, **and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.** (Emphasis added). That covers an insane amount of ground biblically.

In fact, one could argue that the man just condensed the Torah and the prophets into eight words. Because every chapter you go through, page after page after page, that's the message. The message all

the way throughout is to keep yourself untainted from the world. And you know what that means? That means you do not assimilate to the ways of the world. You don't take on the persona of the world, the ideologies, the philosophies, the behaviors, or the practices. You completely separate yourself. We are not to amalgamate with the things of the world. And isn't that what John said? John said in 1 John, Chapter two, he warns you to guard your heart.

1 John 2:15-17—**Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it...** If you give your heart to that, you will be the same as the world at judgment. You will be destroyed. Those things are going to be destroyed. Don't set your heart on that which is not. Amen?

To put this into perspective, where James is coming from, because he's drawing from the Torah and the prophets, we go to the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 18, Verse 9, *Moshe* says this, **“When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations”** (Emphasis added). The exact same statement that James just brought to the table. He's telling you to keep yourself unspotted from the world. And the way he does it, he says, “Don't learn it.” Do not learn to follow the abominations.

And here's what I'm going to tell you right now. You will never accomplish that successfully. There is no way. I'm going to tell you the natural inclination of the flesh; it is drawn to the things of the world. Everything that is in the world comes, and your flesh desires it. It's a natural inclination to be drawn in, to be seduced, and you will never succeed in this if you do not busy yourself with learning the ways of God. You have to be so busy learning the ways of God that you don't have time to learn the ways of the world. Let me take this a step further.

How, pray tell, can I ensure that I am not going to learn to follow the abominations, *to'evah* (תועבה)? I'm not going to follow the abominations, the wickedness of the world, when I don't even know how to define what is wicked. The Apostle Paul said in Romans 7:7, **...I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness**, something the world is totally consumed by. It's drowning in covetousness. It's glorying in covetousness. And Paul says, “I wouldn't have known that except through the law, **unless the law had said, ‘You shall not covet.’**” It is the Word that brings clarity. It's the Word that defines right and wrong, good and evil. And so, this statement, James's statement, when he says, **“Keep yourself unspotted from the world,”** *Moshe* is telling you, “Don't learn the abomination.” It presupposes you've actually received the truth. It presupposes you have accepted the Torah. You've accepted the law of God as the truth of God.

We read this in Leviticus 18:2-3—**“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘I am the LORD your God. This is God. He's declaring. He's speaking. ³ According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances.”** Isn't that interesting? Now you're really getting a broad spectrum. The LORD is conveying this idea. It doesn't matter where you are, where you have been, and where you're going. On this earth, it doesn't matter. Don't you dare learn the ways of the Gentiles. Don't go there.

And I'm going to tell you right now, Satan is going to do everything in his power. He will unleash every weapon at his disposal against you to make you learn his ways. He's going to use fear and intimidation.

He's going to use discouragement. He's going to come at you with lies, seduction, and deception. He's going to come at you with every temptation imaginable so that you can learn his ways.

I want to give you just a microcosm, just a drop in the ocean, of an example of how this is actually happening today. An article came across my desk this week, and I have gotten hundreds of these and, over the last couple of years, thousands. But an article came across; it was an intelligence brief from *WorldNetDaily Intelligence Brief*, by Ron Strom—the headline reads, [Homeschooling parents sentenced to prison](#). Now listen to this, and keep in mind, this is happening all over the world, including parts of Europe; it's crazy. [A married couple recently was sentenced to 50 days in prison related to the homeschooling of their two daughters, in the country of Brazil.](#)



Now, if we were to go no further, what is going on here? It sounds like they're not schooling anything. They're not teaching them anything. There's total radical neglect. Maybe they're not even feeding them. I mean, what is so horrible that parents have to go to jail? Well, this is what we read: The [Catholic World Report](#) wrote that [Audato and Ieda Denardi](#) were found guilty of the crime of "intellectual neglect" by a court in the state of São Paulo.

Intellectual neglect, well, what, pray tell, does that mean? Well, as we continue, we're going to find out. [According to the report, the judge cited the lack of schooling in "gender and sex education" and "tolerance and diversity."](#) That's why the parents are in jail. Perhaps that's why the parents were homeschooling their kids, because they don't want to give their kids to the Devil. They don't want their kids learning the ways of the Devil. They don't want their minds perverted. They don't want to assimilate into the mind and the world's perversity. But do you see how the Devil reacts? He becomes intolerant because he's after the minds and the hearts of your children, not just your children, but all humanity. This is the war. It's the war for your mind. He wants your heart.

Now this goes on. This is just, it's absolutely incredible. It goes on and says this: [Also, the court concluded that the fact the girls, aged 15 and 11, do not enjoy popular musical genres demonstrated an alleged deficiency in their cultural education.](#) Now, you can't make that stuff up. And basically, what the world is telling you is you will assimilate to us, or you will pay. So, you'd better get established right now, church. You'd better get established. Who are you going to serve? —Joshua 24:15— **"... choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve ..."** And remember the warnings. Do not become violated—spotted by the world. —James 1:27— **Keep yourself unspotted from the world.**

Jeremiah 10:2—**Thus says the LORD**, not thus says man. Thus says the LORD: **"Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the Gentiles are dismayed at them"** (emphasis added). Who are we called to learn from? Well, I love it when Yeshua comes on the scene, and in Matthew 11:28-29 He says, **"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you,"** and what does He say? **"and learn from Me..."** Learn from Me. He is our rabbi. He is our master; He is our teacher. We receive His words, the words of truth, and He

testified to the truth, which He tells us sets us free. It sets us free. You know, the cry is Revelation 18:4—**“Come out of her, my people...”** Come out of Babylon; get out.

I want to circle back to James 4. We’ve looked at this briefly. We're going to bring this back to the table. James 4:4—**Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity—**it's hatred **with God...** When we're more concerned about making peace with the world and making friends with the world and getting along with the world than we are about being unspotted from the world, it's over. You've assimilated; you've compromised your faith. Do not tell yourself that you're okay. He goes on and says this: **Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.** (Emphasis added). You will become an enemy of God if you assimilate, if you compromise, if you yoke yourself with the ways of the world. If you affirm the world in its sin, you will make yourself an enemy of God.

And here's the deal. There is no way in this generation that you and the world can get along. We're told in Matthew 10:22, Yeshua said, **“And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake...”** If the world is not hating us in this perverse and wicked generation, we have a problem. Something's missing. It sounds like you've made friends with the world. We are going to offend the world, and I'm going to tell you, Yeshua tells us why in John 7:7. He says, **“The world cannot hate you; in and of yourself, the world cannot hate you, but it hates Me, oh, because I testify of it that its works are evil.”**

Do you understand why we're going to be hated? Christians who cling to the truth, who hang on every word that is in His Torah, that comes out of the mouth of Yeshua, and you want to cling to that, you will be hated. And if you're not being hated, you can't be standing for truth.

Going back to what the Apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 6:14—**Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.** Separate; that's the message. That's the message in the Torah, and it's the message in the New Testament. Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. **For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?** (Emphasis added). The answer is none. And notice, we have the contrast of the righteous. They walk in God's law. And the unbelievers, the rejecters of truth, are identified as completely lawless. This is what you're going to see in the last generation in the end: good versus evil, light versus darkness, the Messiah versus the Antichrist, and the one who is lawful versus the lawless. This is the war.

Paul goes on and says in 2 Corinthians 6:14-15, **And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial?** This is an epithet for the Devil. **Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?** And the answer is nothing. There is no friendship. There can't be, because we're diametrically opposed to one another in values. And I don't think I need to tell you that in this nation, you are seeing it being ripped apart, right? Based upon what? Principles, values, morals, and biblical convictions. This nation is being ripped in two.

2 Corinthians 6:16—**And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”** We as Christians are supposed to be the temple of God. And if you know anything about the temple and its services and the structure of the temple, it was holy. You didn't walk into the temple willy-nilly. The only things that would be brought into the temple are the things that belong there that have been sanctified and ordained. And in the very same way, nothing is to come into your hearts and your minds that is not sanctified and ordained by God's Holy Word. We need to put guards

around our hearts, around our minds. We need to stop allowing the enemy access to pollute what is called to be holy.

And then we get to the point that I really want to make here. —2 Corinthians 6:17— **Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, oh, and I will receive you.”** (Emphasis added). The Lord receiving us is completely contingent upon whether you come out. You don't want to make friends with the world. You don't want that friendship because I want to be connected with the Lord. I want that intimate relationship. I want a personal relationship, and those who are going to have that come out of Babylon. They come out of the world. They no longer yoke themselves with the ways of the world.

I want to bring something to the table that is really going to further bring this entire discussion into perspective. You know, all the rage over the last year or two has been about AI platforms. There are numerous platforms out there, and how AI is being integrated in every facet of society today is unreal. In fact, this is such a tech revolution that one could arguably liken it to the invention of electricity in how it radically and forever changed society as we know it. And on numerous levels, AI is going to do that. Now, because of the thrust of this and how quickly this is moving and how everyone is scrambling to integrate AI into their businesses and the academic realm and the medical field and in industry, everything you can imagine is running to get this because they know that they won't be able to compete without it.

The advancement of this is mind-blowing. But certainly, this brings up questions, especially within Christendom, among scholars and pastors and teachers and rabbis, etc. What does this mean at an ethical and a moral level in our arena? And there are concerns, and there should be.

Let me tell you, I have been in the deep end of the pool with AI for quite some time, and I have challenged it on everything from simple theological questions to far deeper ones. And I have to tell you, I was actually shocked because I expect that it's going to get this right pretty often, more times than not. I was very disturbed to see what I saw as I was interacting with this platform and then exposing where it was wrong, and then, of course, it came back and said, "Oh, good catch. You're right," and then proceeded to give me two paragraphs as to why I'm right.

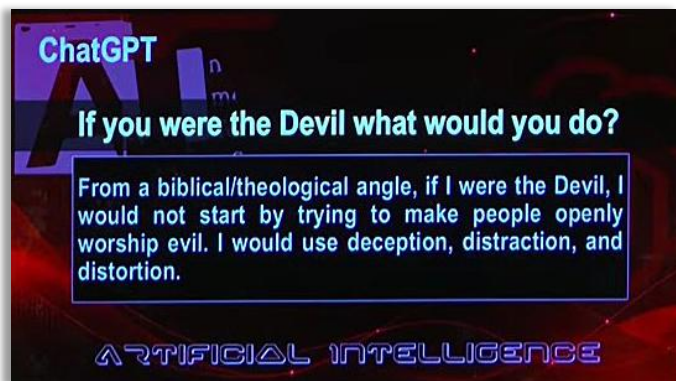
Well, that scares me because I know where I'm at theologically and the depth of my ability to navigate the Word. Not everybody has that. So, if you, as a simple Christian, wanted some answers and you went to AI, God help us because you're going to take that as the gospel truth. Most Christians are not equipped to navigate and to push back in a way that all of a sudden goes, "Oh, you're right." "Oh, good catch." Well, they already would have sent them down the wrong path.

I want to preface what I'm about to bring to the table with the following. I want to be clear as far as Corner Fringe, and I got an email this week, and a lot of people have been asking, "What's Corner Fringe Ministry's stance on AI?" Here's the stance: We have met; our leadership has formally met, and there will be no pastor coming to the pulpit preparing a message through AI. *[clapping]* AI doesn't replace the Holy Spirit. I'm going to tell you this right now. Yes, it has great functions administratively for different tasks that we can use in business that are not religious at all. And there are great things there, but there is a stark dividing line. When you start to go to AI to be taught. No pastor, preacher, or otherwise should be preparing messages through AI.

The only way that should be done is seeking first the Kingdom of God, getting into the Word, and praying to the LORD for revelation. The AI doesn't replace the Holy Spirit. And so, there is a very, very strict policy here. We're not going down that road. We need to be praying. We need to be seeking the LORD in His Word. And through persevering all through the week, through prayer and ministry of the Word, we receive what the Holy Spirit has, and we're going to go with that. But I'm terrified because there are going to be more and more people who are totally codependent on "What did AI say?" God help us. That is not where we're at.

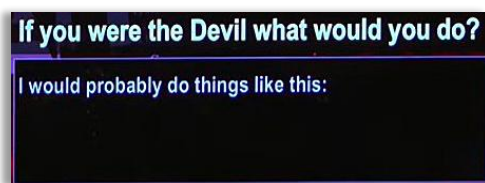
That said, in my time in the deep end of the pool, as I would describe it, with AI, I have asked so many questions; we don't have time to get into that here. We could spend weeks, as I show you, going back and forth and finding the errors, even getting into syntax and finding errors in that regard. In the course of this, I asked a question that many pastors have asked. There are so many people; people are coming out with videos. We asked AI this, and did you see the response? I mean, it floors people.

Well, one of the things that really hit me hard years ago, and I used it in the 2019 revival, was Paul Harvey's "If I Were the Devil." Absolutely powerful and eye-opening. And so, I decided to ask AI. And this is what I asked for. If you, AI, were the Devil, what would you do? Now, keep in mind, this was at a time when a lot of people were coming out saying, "This is the Antichrist." AI is the Antichrist. Some people think it's the mark of the beast, and I'm not going to go down that avenue.

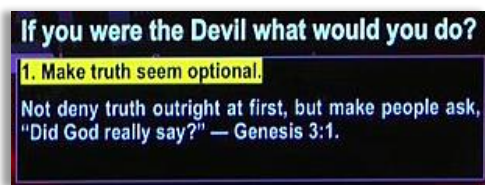


But I asked it, "If you were the Devil, what would you do?" Now, do you see how general this is? Because, I mean, an answer could have come back, "Man. I'd buy a convertible, drive out to New York City, and party like it's 1999." You could say anything. The gamut is vast. What I'm about to show you is not edited. Not a comma or a period is edited. You're going to get this as is. I asked, "If you were the Devil, what would you do?" From a biblical theological angle, if I were the Devil, I would not start by trying to make people openly

worship evil. I would use deception, distraction, and distortion. Oh, it gets way worse.



It said, I would probably do things like this. Now again, please look at the question. There was nothing more. I didn't ask it because you can get very hyper-specific to get AI to do what you want it to do. I didn't ask it, "Hey, give me 10 exact points of what you would do," and yet that's what it populated: 10 exact points. That was curious to me.



1. **Make truth seem optional.** Not deny truth outright at first but make people ask, "Did God really say?" —Genesis 3:1.

Now you know for years I have been warning you that the plight, the goal, and the stratagem of the Devil are embedded in the Garden of Eden. Everything you need to know is in that

moment, and this is exactly what he did. He convinced her that the truth was optional. It's absolutely demonic.

You know what floors me? I can navigate all different levels of theology and see where AI is tripping up and missing it. Everything from "Oh, you really messed up" to "Oh my goodness, this is insane" and everything in between. But when it comes to asking AI if it's the Devil, what would you do? It literally gave a perfectly accurate biblical response. It's scary.

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That's what the Devil did in the garden. He made Eve feel like God's law, His commandment that He put on you, is oppressive. Set yourself free. You'll be like God; set yourself

free and partake of that. You are living this reality. If he were the Devil, this is what the Devil would do. People have turned grace... They've absolutely mutilated what grace really is. And they've turned that into—it means to walk away from God, to walk away from being obedient to His commandments, to His law.

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That's happening. Even Paul sent that warning. —Galatians 5:15—**But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!**

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You're living that reality. We're seeing it not in the world; we're seeing it in the church.

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That's an absolute fact. Strong communities are first built upon strong families at home, and the Devil wants to destroy that.

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I'm going to tell you this is one of the most important points to walk away with today. This is what the enemy's going to do, because I can tell you right now, if you're not a praying man, you're not a worshipper of God. You're not connected. Prayer is the litmus test of where you're at in your faith. And if you have no prayer life, with all due respect, you have no Christianity. Prayer is the pursuit of the LORD. You pursue Him in prayer. You want to spend time with Him.

And let me add this. The Devil is doing this; this is where he strips us of our power, our power as believers. When we (Ephesians 6:12) wrestle not **against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers**, the power is in prayer. Every awesome event was preceded at first by prayer. Every radical move of God included prayer first, and the enemy wants to take that away.

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You know what? Get people debating about what shape the Earth is. Ridiculousness, getting carried off into controversy, talking more about whether we landed on the moon or not. Now we have aliens. Has everybody heard this insanity? There's always something new that the enemy is distracting us with to carry us off in the weeds so that we're not focused on justice, mercy, faithfulness, humility, repentance, and love. Those are all the things that get sacrificed in the idiocy of conspiracies. God help us.

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9. Shame people away from repentance.

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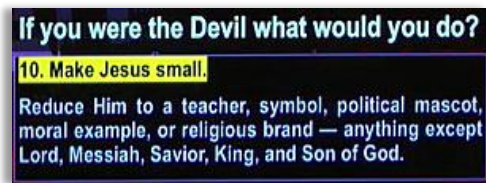
And then we have this one: **9. Shame people away from repentance.** Convince them that because they failed, they should hide from God instead of run to Him.

See, this is what the enemy does. He heaps up your past and your sins and your failures and tells you it's no use. It's of no good for you to go to God. He doesn't want you. Stay away. You're too bad. You've done too many bad things. I cannot tell you how many people have confessed they've fallen into this. And here's the deal: It's in those moments that you have to replace that with the truth of God's Word.

1 John 1:9—**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins...** That's the promise. The promise is 2 Chronicles 7:14—**if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin...** And Satan can't stop it. He wants to prevent the whole domino effect immediately by heaping up your past and telling you you're worthless, you're no good, God doesn't love you, He doesn't care, and He doesn't want you. It's a very effective strategy.

Do you know what John says in 1 John 3:20? He says, **For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart...** The Psalmist says in Psalm 94:18—**If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up.** That is the truth.

And then we have this last one, which is the most significant of all. You save the best for last, I guess.

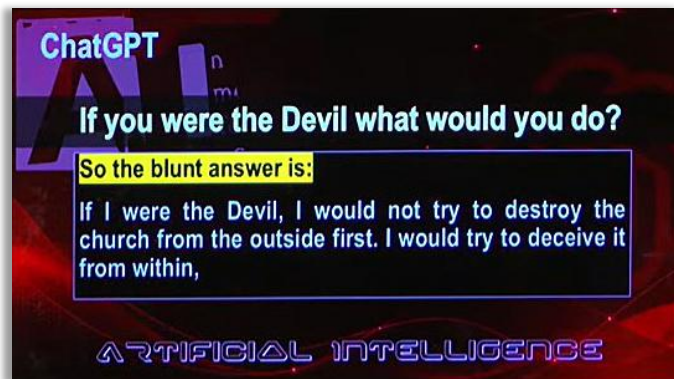


10. Make Jesus small. Reduce Him to a teacher, symbol, political mascot, moral example, religious brand — anything except Lord, Messiah, Savior, King, and Son of God.

Here's what I can tell you: this is what's happening on the Torah side of the tracks. The blessed glory, majesty, and power of Yeshua are literally being ripped to shreds. As apparently now He's not God. He's not to be prayed to. He's not to be worshipped. Apparently, He's not the one sacrifice for sins for all time. You're going to need animal blood and animal sacrifices in the future to be right with God.

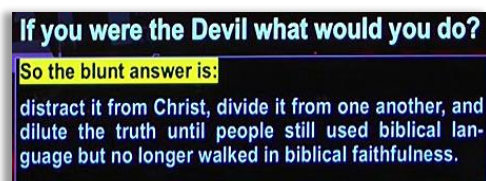
Apparently, He's no longer our High Priest here yet. He's the Heavenly High Priest, but He's not your High Priest here on earth. We're still under the Aaronic order, and of course, these are the same people saying, "Guess what? We're not even under a New Covenant." This is absolutely from the pit of hell. This will take you out of salvation and bring you into the flames. Reducing Christ, dismembering Christology—it's absolutely demonic.

And then it gives this closing summary, literally saying, **So the blunt answer is: If I were the Devil, I would not try to destroy the church from the outside first. I would try to deceive it from within...** And guess what? That's exactly what we're told all the way throughout Scripture.



Paul says in Acts 20:29-30, **For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.** ³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, things that do not line up with this, **to draw away the disciples after themselves.** Jude says in Jude 1:4, **For certain men have crept in unnoticed... ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness...** They brought lawlessness into the holy church.

Peter says in 2 Peter 2:1, **But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them...** I'm telling you right now, every single one of these points you're living; you are a witness to. We're living in this time; it's terrifying.



Continuing, **I would try to deceive the church from within,** and then it goes on: **distract it from Christ, divide it from one another, and dilute the truth until people still used biblical language but no longer walked in biblical faithfulness.**

Now, I take you through all of this because I want you to understand when James says in James 1:27, **Keep yourself unspotted from the world,** listen up because these are all the tactics of the enemy trying to compromise you and to get you to assimilate to his ways and his ways of thinking. You do not want to mess with the Devil. You don't want to dance with the

Devil. You want to stay in the Word. You want to stay faithful to Yeshua. You want to be in a personal relationship. You want to be a praying Christian in this generation.

I mean, I look at what the Devil is doing today. How else do you describe it? It's a theological acid trip. There are so many delusional Christians who are hallucinating. They actually believe what they think is real. And they don't realize that the Father of Lies has come in and totally compromised their faith. They're being led astray.

The Apostle Paul says this in Romans 12:1-2—I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice. What? **Holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.** Consider what Yeshua did, the price He had to pay so that we could have life and so that we could receive the Spirit of God. That is your reasonable service by which you become holy, which is what's acceptable. Holiness is what's acceptable to the Lord. He goes on and says this: ² **And do not be conformed to this world.** Again, don't be conformed to the ideologies, the philosophies, or what they think is good or evil. No, no, no, no, no, no. Do not be conformed to the world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God** (emphasis added).

How, pray tell, are you transformed by the renewing of your mind? Is it you entering some transcendental meditation time where you're humming to yourself? How do you have a renewing of the mind? You get the mind of Christ by immersing yourself in His Word. That's how you renew your mind.

I love what the Lord says in John 15:3; I talked about it in prayer this morning. He says to His disciples, **"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."** And the Apostle Paul talks about (Ephesians 5:26) how the **washing of water by the word** cleanses us. That's how we get the renewing of the mind; we take on the mind of Christ, and we get His word.

Peter says in 1 Peter 1:13-14—**Therefore gird up the loins of your mind...** (Emphasis added). Paul would say (2 Corinthians 10:5), "Take **every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.**" Gird up the loins of your mind. I'm not letting the Devil in so that I can learn his ways. I'm not doing it. ... **Be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ as obedient,** not lawless, as obedient **children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance.** That's what's happening to the church. Now we have people identifying as Christians bringing sin into the camp, normalizing it, and calling it love.

1 Peter 1:15-16—but as He who called you is holy, **you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."** (Emphasis added). Why should we be holy? Because that's our God. Our God is holy. What does that mean? What does it mean for us to say, "Be holy?" Okay, we can talk about it until we're blue in the face. Yeah, we should all be holy, but what does that really mean? Well, interestingly enough, Peter is literally quoting the Torah, and I'm going to take you to where he's quoting it from.

I didn't put it up here, but we know exactly in the Torah where he's quoting from because it's word-for-word in the Greek. When we look at the Greek New Testament, we go back to the Septuagint; I mean, this is word-for-word being identical. This is the passage he is drawing from: Leviticus 19:2—**"Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.'"** (Emphasis added). This is it; this is the passage.

It's going to go on to tell us what this means. —Leviticus 19:3-4—**“Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. ⁴ Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods: I am the Lord your God”** (emphasis added). What does it mean to be holy? He's going through the 10 commandments. Revere your mother and father, the fifth commandment; keep my Sabbath, the fourth commandment. Don't turn to idols, the first commandment. Don't make for yourself a molded image, the second commandment. He's going through the 10 commandments. The very ones when the rich young man comes to Yeshua and says (Matthew 19:16), **“Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”** And Yeshua says (Matthew 19:17), **“... if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”** And He begins to list the 10 commandments. This is what it means, what it means to be holy.

It is a curious thing to me that when you look at this revival of what is happening, God is awakening Christians to the legitimacy of the Torah. All over the world, there is an awakening. And I've been saying this is an authentic revival because the LORD is coming back for a pure and spotless bride. And it is interesting to me today that it appears that the dust is settling. Where terms are being defined and understandings are being reached, clarity is being achieved on both sides. Over here, you have mainstream Christianity. And over here, you have, let's just say for the sake of argument today, a faithful remnant within the Torah movement. They're legitimate. They haven't dismembered Christology. They just know they're redeemed. They're saved by grace through faith, and they're going to keep His Torah. We have this beautiful remnant.

What is the difference today between mainstream Christianity and that of this beautiful remnant, truly with humble hearts trying to serve the LORD? The only difference is the Sabbath. You have the annual Sabbaths, which are a subtext of the Sabbath, meaning "feast," and then you have the dietary laws. Now, is that not a peculiar thing? Every one of these things that I just mentioned explicitly comes with the text "Kadosh." Holy. Holy. I want you to see this.

We know Shabbat is holy. —Exodus 20:8—**“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”** It is holy. It's holy in Leviticus 19. Look at what Leviticus 11:44-45 says: **“For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate—separate—yourselves; that's the message today. Separate, and you shall be holy; for I am holy... What does that mean? Keep yourself unspotted from the world. What does that mean to the LORD? ... Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. ⁴⁵ For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy (emphasis added).”**

Leviticus 11:47—**“to distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.”** Now that is mind-blowing. Every single one of these things—the weekly Shabbats, the annual Shabbats, and the eating of clean food—is the only difference between mainstream Christianity and faithful Torah observance, and they're all holy. Never forget those words, **“Be holy, for I am holy.”**

In conclusion, I'm going to take you to Revelation 13:4—**So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”** (Emphasis added). —Revelation 13:15—**... and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed** (emphasis added). When you go to Revelation, it brings the battle to the forefront; it pulls the veil back, and it shows you the war is about worship.

Who are you going to worship? Are you going to worship the Creator of heaven and earth, the God of Israel? Or are you going to worship the Devil? It is your actions that will depict who you serve. Lawlessness, you serve the lawless one. If you walk in righteousness, you serve Yeshua, the Messiah.

Revelation 14:7—*saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”* (Emphasis added). How do we worship Him? —Psalm 29:2—*Hishtachavu la-Yahweh behadrat kodesh!* (הִשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ לַיהוָה בְּהַדְרַת קֹדֶשׁ). ... *Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!*

[Closing prayer]

Abba Father, we give You praise and glory, maker of heaven and earth, the God who sent His Son so that we might have life and so that we could be forgiven. We can come boldly to the throne of grace. We don't have to sit and hide in our shame, but we can come boldly to the throne of grace, not because of my righteousness or anyone else's righteousness, but because of Your righteousness, Yeshua; we can come boldly. And LORD, I pray in this generation we come boldly. We come boldly before the throne of grace, and we go boldly out into the world, and we declare we are not ashamed of the gospel of the Messiah, Yeshua, because it is the power of God unto salvation, to the Jew first and to the Greek.

LORD, we just take this time to thank You for the blessings that You've given this country for 250 years, a country built on principles that come directly from Your Word. And there is no other reason we have been blessed. But I know, LORD, when a nation walks away from You, we're told in Scripture (Psalm 33:12), *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD ...* What happens when God is not the LORD of our nation? There's nothing but cursing. And so, LORD, we want to turn to blessing. We pray for repentance for this nation as she celebrates 250 years.

And LORD, we see the battle that wages in this nation between good and evil and light and darkness, and it is hitting a fever pitch. And what I pray for, LORD, is that You embolden Your saints to hold the line. We're not going to make friends with the world, but we will tell the world about the love the LORD has for them, and we speak the truth in love. And, LORD, I pray You bring more people out of the darkness into Your marvelous light. You're not willing that any person who is walking in total utter perversity, doing all the abominations—You are not willing that even one should perish. That is the beauty of Your heart. We serve You with rejoicing because of who You are.

And LORD, we pray for the harvest. We pray You give us the harvest. We pray that You pull as many as are willing to call upon Your name, pull them out of there, and let them walk in holiness and faithfulness, LORD. May we stand firm to the end. I would love nothing more than to see this nation turn back to Jesus and to call upon the holy name of Jesus.

And LORD, we take this time today to think about the blood—the cost of all the men who have fought for our freedoms and liberties in this country. And it is a gross thing what we are doing with this country. Just stepping over all the prices that were paid. And beyond them, LORD, how can we not look at the prophets that paid the price, the apostles, to bring the gospel to the nations? They paid a dear price, becoming martyrs.

And so, LORD, we just humble ourselves. LORD, I pray that we get undistracted and we get consumed with the beauty of who You are. And I pray this in Yeshua's mighty name, amen.

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The enemy seeks to destroy the church from within by diluting truth and fostering division.

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