

Coming: One World Religion II

Fred R. Coulter—July 9, 2011

Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath services. We've often wondered: How is a one-world religion going to happen? All these religions fight each other. Like we covered in the first one, when the false prophet, who will probably be a pope does miracles, and I think his first miracle is going to raise the beast from the dead. Then he calls fire down from heaven, and everybody's going to say, 'This is a man of God.' Besides, you have the power of Satan there to convince them.

There are still some Protestants who are trying to do some things that need to be done. Everyone was very surprised by this announcement on Texas Governor Rick Perry's website. He told a little bit about himself and then he said: *I am asking for a day of fasting and prayer on August 6.* They're going to go to the big baseball stadium, the Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas, and they're going to have a big rally there. He did this on his own initiative. I'll show you Scripture where God will recognize this, if they will do that.

Remember the Church at Home one that I did where the governor of Georgia publicly confessed the sins of the people of Georgia and asked God to intervene and end the drought? In three weeks the drought was over and had plenty of rain. And after that they had more rain and more rain and more rain and it filled up all the lakes and filled up all the reservoirs.

When a leader, who is supposed to do what is right, appeals to God, God will recognize that. Didn't He do it with the Ninevites there in the book of Jonah? Jonah came in and preached and the king said, 'Oh, everybody fast and pray and repent and put on sackcloth.' Even made all the animals go without eating and drinking, too. And God heard him. Let me read what Gov. Perry says:

On August 6 of this year, 2011, we are going to have a day of prayer and fasting. And it's going to be the real deal. It's not going to be some program where we line up a dozen political figures to come in and talk. It's going to be people standing on that stage, projecting and claiming Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior at Reliant Stadium in Houston.

Let me tell you, that's a big stadium and there will be a lot of people. Boy, I bet the Texans will turn out in droves and they'll have to have auxiliary places available, too.

...But it's going to send a powerful message across the country. Our country's broke.

Well, actually, Washington is broke; our country's going to be just fine. But we've got to have men and women are willing to stand up to proclaim the values that this country was based upon.

In 1774 the Continental Congress, when they got together penned that first document, they talked about "life" and "liberty." Interestingly, the third thing they talked about was "property."

A couple of years later, when they actually wrote the Declaration, they changed that "property" to "the pursuit of happiness." I just signed a piece of legislation today, the eminent domain legislation.

I tell people that "personal property" and the ownership of that personal property is crucial to our way of life.

So he stopped that eminent domain takeover for developers to go ahead and put up malls and buildings. Not like the Chinese who put up 63-million luxury apartments and the Chinese are too poor to get in and rent them. What they ought to do is do like 'Uncle' Ben, just print more of their yuan and give it to them so they can go rent them.

Our founding fathers understood that it was a very important part of the pursuit of happiness. Being able to own things that are your own is one of the things that makes America unique. But I happen to think it's in jeopardy. It's in jeopardy because of taxes; it's in jeopardy because of regulation; it's in jeopardy because of the legal system that's run amok. And I think it's time for us to just hand it over to God and say, "God, You're going to have to fix it."

I think it was Herman Cain who stood up the other day and said, "How's that 'hope and change' thing working out for you?" I think it's time for us to use our wisdom and our influence and really put it in God's hands. That's what I'm going to do. I hope you'll join me. I hope you'll join us in Houston on the 6th day of August and really start a revival across this country.

Well, surely someone's going to ask, 'Would it be okay if we fasted and prayed on that day?' *Certainly, because we're citizens!* As citizens we can do it. Remember, God always honors repentance—*always!* Remember there in Jer. 5, God told Jeremiah, 'Go through the streets of Jerusalem, if you can find one man. One man! I'll pardon the

whole thing. I'll delay My exile of the people.' A calendar-watcher reminded me that that day is on the Sabbath.

Here's what I want to leave you with. I know from time to time people will say something like, "There goes Perry, he wants to secede." But I love this country. We're a special place.

We were created by God-fearing individuals who understood the Biblical values and how powerful they could be and would be in the future. And I suggest that for our country our best days are ahead **if**... [There's that big little word.] **...we get on our knees and ask God to take over and give His wisdom.**

I may wear out the Lord every day in prayer. I pray for this country. I pray for the restoration of the country. I pray for our President every day. I pray that God turns buckets of wisdom out upon his head, that God will open our eyes. **We can change this country, but it requires our giving it to Him and letting Him guide us.**

Interesting! When you notice the economic well-being of Texas compared to the rest of the nation, this may be a significant factor in it.

What does God say about this? What does Christ say about people like that? Okay, go to Luke 9:49: "Then John answered *and* said, 'Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbid him because he does not follow with us.' But Jesus said to him, '**Do not forbid him, because everyone who is not against us is for us**'" (vs 49-50).

As God looks down on people, He looks down wherever they are, as they are keeping the things that are in the law, they'll be blessed in those things. As they are not keeping the things that are in the law, they will have troubles and problems and up to curses.

Let's come here to Jeremiah 18, and here's what God is doing all the time. God is judging all people everywhere, all the time, and He does that through the angels, which are called the watchmen and the Holy ones. But He also does it, especially for Israel.

Jeremiah 18:7: "If at anytime I shall speak concerning a nation... [That's any nation. We know that we are really the descendants of the ten tribes of Israel.] ...and concerning a kingdom, to pluck it up and to pull it down, and to destroy *it*; **IF**... [In my letter that's going out this month I used a lot of those quotes where there are *IFs* and I capitalized them and bolded them.] **...IF that nation, against whom I have spoken, will turn from their evil...** [which is

what Governor Perry's appeal is for] ...I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to them" (vs 7-8). There it is right from God's mouth—any country, any people. He's God of the whole universe, the whole world.

Verse 9: "And if at anytime I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build it and to plant *it*; **IF** it does evil in My sight, that it not obey My voice, then I will repent of the good with which I said I would do them good" (vs 9-10). So notice what the message is here. Very similar to what Governor Perry wrote.

Verse 11: "Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and to the people of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am forming evil against you, and devising a plan against you... [He's giving a warning.] ...Return now, each one... [everyone] ...from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.'" A lot of people won't do that.

Verse 12: "And they say, 'There is no hope; but we will walk after our own ways, and we will each one do *according to* the stubbornness of his evil heart.'" Then He goes on showing what's going to happen. Well, we're right at the brink as a country in a lot of these things. We'll have to see just how this is going to go, but this is also important. As I pointed out in the first message concerning the coming one-world religion, that the ones they're going to have to get rid of are the Christians in order to really bring it together the way they want to bring it together.

Come back here to Revelation 17 for just a minute; let's show the final solution for that and we will see that there are two categories of the final solution. Each category of people is killed. It talks about the woman, the great whore, who is riding the beast. I covered that in part one.

Revelation 17:6: "And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints..." Who are the saints? *The saints are those who have the Spirit of God!* 'Saint' comes from the word *sanctified*, and if you have the Spirit of God, you're sanctified. Saints are not some little idol someplace; they're real living people. It also says in one of the Psalms, 'Blessed in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His saints.' So, saints die which shows when you're alive and have the Spirit of God you're a saint. Doesn't mean you are *saintly* all the time. We're all fighting human nature.

"...and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus" (v 6). Who would be the martyrs of Jesus? *Someone who thinks like Governor Perry! They are not against Christ, they are for Him!* What happens with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus? *Most of those are going to end up in the second resurrection!* If

they stand for the name of Christ and are killed and haven't been called unto salvation, but they still do it, well, God's not going to forget them. They'll obviously be in the second resurrection. I thought I would bring that up.

Also, Michelle Bachmann said in one of her speeches, what we need to do is 'repent, get on our knees and humble ourselves and cry out to God.' And she quoted 2-Chronicles 7:14:^[transcriber's correction] **"If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray... [and confess their sins to Me] ...and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."** That was part of one her campaign speeches, even showed it on television. Did any of you see it? *Yes, that was something!*

Where is the rest of Christianity going? They're going to have to go on two tracks:

1. coming back to God
2. going toward a world religion

How are they going to get the Muslims to agree? I mean, today they wouldn't agree. But if you have a pope who performs miracles, calls fire down from heaven, they will all believe, *because Satan is going to send his spirit of deception*, and God is going to give them over to believing a lie.

There is a movement right now to appease the Muslims in the Christian churches on Sundays. The first week of this being done was the last week in June.

What Would Jesus Think? Churches Now Promote Islam by Michael Carl, WND June 24, 2011 (www.wnd.com)

Dozens of Christian churches, from Park Hill Congregational in Denver to Hillview United Methodist in Boise, Idaho, and First United Lutheran in San Francisco to St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Honolulu, are planning to send "a message both here at home and to the Arab and Muslim world about our respect for Islam" **with a time to read the Quran during worship this Sunday.**

There were some in here who were saying, this one here, the one who wrote this column, he says, 'This is spiritual treason.' And then he quotes 2-Corinthians 6. The only problem is he doesn't give credit for all of these things being said in the Old Testament as well.

I've got another article here, it shows: American Churches to Embrace Chrislam on June 26, 2011. I think it's another version of what this fellow wrote.

2-Corinthians 6:14: "Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers...." How they're going to stand up there and do readings from the Quran, readings from the Torah, readings from the Catholic books, reading from the Hindu books, reading from the Buddha books, reading from the Quran. What are they going to say?

I'm sure the imam, because he's probably what you would consider a liberal imam, if he goes into a Christian church on Sunday, *supposedly* Christian church, I am sure that the imam is not going to turn the place in the Quran which says, 'Kill all Christians.' Oh, he'll go to the one and say, 'Oh, we believe in love. Oh, let's get along with everybody.' And the way they get along with everybody is *you submit to Sharia law or it's your head.*

Verse 14: "Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and lawlessness *have* in common? And what fellowship *does* light *have* with darkness? And what union *does* Christ *have* with Belial? Or what part does a believer *have* with an unbeliever?" (vs 14-15). 'Oh, but we'll get together and we'll read some lovely parts concerning the God of Abraham, and the god of Ishmael, and the god of the Christians, and the god of the Buddhists. And we'll have all nice platitudes. And after all, the Dalai Lama speaks of compassion.' So, you can see how this is going to come together, as pointed out in the first sermon. Satan is the one who inspires them to do this.

Verse 16: "And what agreement *is there between* a temple of God and idols?.... [We are a temple of God, as Paul says, because we have the Spirit of God.] ...and idols?...." (v 16). How is an imam or a Jew going to do when they go into a so-called Christian house of worship—and depending on which they go into—where they have crosses, where they have statues, where they have burning candles.

It was pointed out in part one that one of the men works for a Catholic hospital and they have a chapel. And just last week, probably in preparation for this, the priest went in there and put symbols of all the religions of the world right up there, right up front. So, it shows that the Catholics are right in the forefront of making this thing happen. And you're going to be surprised who also is behind it, which we'll cover here in just a minute.

Verse 16: "...For you are a temple of *the* living God, exactly as God said: 'I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from the midst of them and be separate,' says *the* Lord...." (v 16-17). If a Muslim comes in here, he's welcome to stay and listen as long as he's quiet. But if he wants to come back he's got to repent, because that's the requirement.

We had a man who in some occasions would come and visit the Church, and he wanted to come to Passover services. So I told him, 'Well, you know, you're welcome to come to church as long as you're learning and growing, heading toward understanding and baptism. But to come and take the Passover, that's only for baptized people.' Never showed up again. That's exactly what it's telling us here.

He says, 18: "'And I shall be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,' says *the* Lord Almighty."

2-Corinthians 7:1: "Now then, beloved, since we have these promises, we should purge ourselves from every defilement of *the* flesh and *the* spirit, perfecting holiness in *the* fear of God." That's how we are to live our lives.

Let me tell you who is fostering this. There is a website called: Faith Shared (www.faithshared.org). Who sponsors Faith Shared? Muslim organization? *No!* They have Muslim organizations that are similar to this. Guess who does it? *One of the biggest evangelical churches in America run by Rick Warren, Saddleback Church of Southern California.* And you heard me give warnings to stay away from people like that. He's the one who was made famous by writing the book, *The Purpose Driven Church*. A lot of churches are affiliated with him. The way they are doing this, the same motif that they use for bringing in gay marriage—'oh, discrimination, oh bigotry.' In this case it is anti-Muslim bigotry in America today.'

Faith Shared (www.faithshared.org):

Hate crimes, opposition to building of mosques and discrimination. Desecration of the Quran.

One man burned the Quran and the whole world knew it.

Anti-Sharia laws. More than a dozen state legislatures...

Now this is right off their website, so I'm summarizing some and I'm reading some.

...have proposed and in some states passed bills that would prohibit consideration of Sharia Law in civil courts.

Why? *Because Sharia Law is a religious enforcement of the teachings of the Quran!* It's not like civil law that we have, much of it based upon what the Bible says, years ago, but not so much today. They say:

These bills are unnecessary. The U.S. Constitution's protection of the boundaries between religion and government already prohibits any religious law from being implemented as civil law.

Well, up in Michigan a judge did just that—allowed Sharia Law. And what is the mosque right next to the place where the World Trade Centers were destroyed, what is that going to be? *A big mosque in America to promote Sharia law!* What do they have in the U.K.? Once the camel gets its nose under the tent, the rest of its coming in. *It is!*

They have Sharia courts sanctioned by the British government for them to enforce their own Sharia Law. Now what happens when they get to a death penalty case and they judge him guilty? *They take him out behind the court and they take their glittering sword and they whack off his head.* You know it says that Islam would live by the sword. That's how they decapitate people. In France they do it a little more sanitary, they use a guillotine.

These bills appear to be a way to stir up fear against Islam...

No! It's a way to protect our laws from Islam.

...and reflect deep misunderstandings about the religion. They also disparage the peaceful practice of religion, which should concern people of all religions about the state of religious freedom in our nation.

Oh, my! If you don't let homosexuals marry, you are discriminating against equal protection under the law.

Bill Marr is one of the most liberal persons in Hollywood, said he read the Quran and it was the most evil book he's ever read. I read it clear back in 1966 and it was boring, no inspiration at all. It tells you in there to kill the Christians, cut their heads off. Once the camel gets in the door, guess what? *You've got an Arab or a Muslim riding it with a sword in his hand!* 'How good we are!'

Let's see this; we'll see it in action. Instead of repenting, see the proposition that God sets forth, Isaiah 64:4: "And from ancient times men have not heard, nor did they perceive, neither has the eye seen, a God besides you Who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him. You meet him who rejoices and works righteousness, *those who* remembered You in Your ways... [That's what Governor Perry is trying to do in his own way.] ...Behold, You were angry, for we sinned. We have continued in our sins a long time. How can we be saved?" (vs 4-5).

Now notice how they react, v 6: "But we are all as the unclean *thing*, and all our righteousness *are* as filthy rags. And we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And *there* is no one who calls upon Your name, who stirs up himself to take hold of You, for You have hidden Your face from us, and have consumed us away because of our iniquities" (vs 6-7).

Now let me read to you some ‘filthy rags of unrighteousness.’ This is from the Faith Shared website if you want to go on there. Remember this: ***Every evil attempt is always cloaked in good.*** ‘Oh, it’s good for you, won’t hurt you. Take this medicine.’ But now they’re beginning to find out that all this cholesterol-lowering stuff, what’s the brain made of? *Cholesterol!* Wonder why there’s so much Alzheimer’s disease? May be other factors, but when are taking that heart medicine, and how many are on it? *Millions!* (Sorry for the sidebar.) Here’s how they justify it:

We live in a pluralistic society, people representing different faiths and cultures co-exist, live and work together. We are often challenged by misinformation and stereotypes and those challenges often manifest themselves in mistrust, fear, prejudice and violence. So how can we as communities of faith begin to respond to the challenges of our time, while holding to and affirming our own identities.

So the first thing they want them to know is, ‘Well, you can keep your own identity.’ How can you when you mix it up with everything else?

Clearly the more we learn about each other and our identity in relation to each other, the better we respond to those challenges. On June 26, through Faith Shared, thousands of congregants all over the nation will share Scripture with each other’s faith communities. Congregations in an intentional and welcoming manner will make space in their houses of worship during their services for friends and neighbors who share sacred and Holy texts from different religious perspectives.

We will, through the simple of act of sharing, begin—in some case continue—the process that empowers a community to demonstrate how our faith unites rather than divides. We will express on this day understanding among different faiths.

As we move toward the tenth anniversary of events of September 11, 2001, our pastors and priests and imams and rabbis and their congregants can play an important role by adding a measure of mutual respect to the public dialogue.

All sounds very good.

Rural and urban America will come together on June 26 to worship together to celebrate our shared beliefs.

Really? You’ve got

- those who believe in Friday
- those who believe in Sabbath

- those who believe in Sunday
- those who believe in no day
- those who believe in faith in God
- those who believe in Buddha
- those who believe in whatever the Hindu god is
- those who believe in Allah
- and the different forms of Jesus.

What they’re really testifying to is this: *It’s all Babylon the Great, the daughters of the woman riding the beast!*

They used to say that the daughters, there of the Mystery Babylon the Great were the Protestant churches. *No.* Every one of the world’s religions came out of Babylon. So when it’s talking about Babylon the Great, it’s talking about that whole system in the end-time, and they’ll come together. They will come together. It will look like a miraculous thing. It’ll take some time.

Just like when they first proposed gay marriage. They said, ‘Ah, no, that’ll never happen. No, no, the American people will never go for it.’ Well, one of the largest states in the Union, New York, passed a law and they’re going to have a binge of gay marriages in a couple of weeks here.

Whether Faith Shared is integrated in Sunday services or in meetings after church, we hope that it is just the beginning. Think about how you might integrate this important work throughout your community. For some, this will be a continuation of a work already under way. For others, it will provide a starting place.

Then they have instructions: How do you do this? Isn’t it interesting? *Just the first step!*

Remember Glenn Beck’s big August 28, ‘8/28’ in Washington, D.C., where they had upwards of 600,000 people? He had all of the clergy there and says we need to respect all religions. Well, the night before they had a special meeting in Washington, D.C., at the National Opera House and it was a special religious meeting with all of the religious leaders there. So, guess whose spirit is there to make them feel good? ***These are all from Satan!*** He’s going to:

- make them feel good
- give them a sense of accomplishment
- to give them a sense of purpose
- to give them a sense of peace

That’s how the one-world religion is going to come! Here’s what they say:

Celebrate!

It’s another one of their printouts. I’m reading all the printouts from that website.

Faith traditions embraced by a larger and more diverse community.

Forums: Foster great public conversation on interfaith relations in houses of worship, school auditoriums and town halls.

Library displays: Celebrate the rich diversity of culture and faith in the community. Feature publications and films that help each other understand faith traditions and cultures different from our own.

All right, how are you going to reconcile ‘you shall not murder,’ and you shall not take vengeance in your own hands when you have the faith-killings? If your daughter went out and dated someone who was not a Muslim, she comes home and you could cut her head off. How are you going to reconcile that?

Time capsules: Show people in your community ten, fifteen, twenty-five, or even fifty years from now how you thought and felt about each other.

How are you going to do that?

Today create a time capsule and invite faith communities to contribute thoughts...

Really? *The thoughts of men are sin!*

...and items and hold a celebration as you together share with future generations.

Local legacies: Lights, camera, action: Have your cameras out there, all of them going. Let’s get this really big.

Music: Let’s gather together collection of sacred and secular music and/or dance to produce interfaith performance by and for your community.

How about the war dance with the Muslims and their swords? That would be interesting—wouldn’t it? *Yes!*

Tours of places of worship: Open your churches and let them come in.

All right, this will be the last one I will read here. Since you don’t know how to do this, the Faith Shared: Uniting in Prayer and Understanding, has this little memo for you:

Guidance: For outreach to mosques, synagogues, temples, gurdwaras... [Indian] ...meeting rooms, and other houses of worship.

Here’s what they say. Someone downloads this and here’s the message that’s on it:

We are grateful for your decision to take part in Faith Shared. To make this event a success, you should find houses of worship from other faith-traditions to partner with.

Just the opposite of what 2-Cor. 6 says.

If that is not possible, you may want to have members of your congregation read from the holy text of those other faith traditions.

Isn’t that lovely?

The following is an outreach guide to put you on the path to success. We will continue adding resources to faithshared.org as we get closer to the event. So check back regularly.

Survey Your Faith Community

1. What other houses of worship are there in your community and who you need to contact to invite them into the discussion?
2. Does your community have any existing interfaith groups or clergy counsels that you can tap into?

Well, there are a lot of them out there.

3. How do you reach beyond the traditional interfaith supporters?
4. Which houses of worship would if joining the faith-shared efforts, draw other faith traditions to help broaden the event? And who are the other respected clergy in your community whose involvement will send a strong message?

For what?

5. What are other community groups planning as we approach the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2011? What are the ongoing interfaith dialogues in your community? Are youth programs involved?

Interfaith Alliance staff is available to help you in your efforts to line up clergy from other faiths and to point you in the direction of those who need help.

Tips for the event:

Gather images, video, and testimonials for the record. A goal of Faith Shared is to take the experiences of communities and share them with others across the United States and internationally....

Yes, put it on Twitter or Facebook. ‘Hello, here I am. Look at me, I’ve got six faces. Look carefully. I represent all the religions of men.’

...Images of Quran burnings and demonstrations against proposed mosques too often have been the images of this nation to the world....

So, what we need to do, we need to have

...Positive images, stories, quotes from Faith Shared services and events that will help to counter these misperceptions.

Isn't that something? That's just part of it. I've got about 10 or 12 pages of what they tell you to do. What they have here, they've got a picture. What do you have? You have different clergy from the different ones. You've got seven of them. There's the Hindu speaking with the imam right behind him. There's the rabbi. What's the rabbi going to do? Come back and here and see what's in the rabbi's book.

Come back here to Deuteronomy 12. Let's go right there. Let's see what's in the rabbi's book and what he's going to do about it. You have to really have virtually no belief in anything to even do this. We covered this in part one, but we'll go ahead and read it into the record again here because it's needful.

Deuteronomy 12: 28: "Be careful to observe and obey all these words which I command you, so that it may go well with you and with your children after you forever when you do *that which is* good and right in the sight of the LORD your God. When the LORD your God shall cut off the nations before you, where you go to possess them, and you take their place and dwell in their land, take heed to yourself that you do not become ensnared by following them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not ask about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods that I may also do likewise?' You shall not do so to the LORD your God, for every abomination to the LORD, which He hates, they have done to their gods; even their sons and their daughters they have burned in the fire to their gods. Whatsoever thing that I command you, be careful to do it. You shall not add to it, nor take away from it" (vs 28-32).

Well, I submit that what they are doing, they're adding to and taking away at the same time. And they are in a spirit of deception and they think it is so good. Amazing!

Let's come here to the book of Jeremiah, chapter 5. Jeremiah is filled with this, because by the time Jeremiah was bringing his prophetic warning to the people of Judah, they had just given themselves wholly over to other gods.

Jeremiah 5:1: "Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in her open places, if you can find a man, if there is one who does justice, who seeks the Truth; and I will pardon her." *All of Jerusalem, for one man God would pardon it!*

Anybody who says that God is vicious and mean and kills people for no reason, He would give

all the wicked a reprieve if there was one man. But you see, it was too much like it was before the Flood. Their thoughts were only evil continuously. They had corrupted their ways and violence filled the earth and we're heading right that way right now, *very rapidly!*

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If you really want to find out the state of the nation today, read the book of Jeremiah. If you really want to know what's going to happen, then read the book of Ezekiel, which follows. This is pronouncement of the punishment. Ezekiel is a prophecy of the carrying out of the punishment.

God says this, Jeremiah 5:7: "How shall I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken Me... [That's what we have done—haven't we? Kicked God out of everywhere—the government, the courts, the schools, and so forth.] ...and have sworn by them that are not gods...." 'Oh, let's follow this religion. Let's follow that religion.' Up there in Northern California that's a hotbed of *New Age spiritism and witchcraft*. And they like to go out there on the Wiccan nights and get around a big redwood tree and dance in the birth suit.

"...When I had fed them to the full, then they committed adultery, and gathered themselves by troops in a harlot's house.... [Sounds much like the Friday night partying that people do today—right?] ...They were *like* lusty, well-fed stallions in the morning... [Yes, today they're really hyped up with all of the so-called erectile-enhancement medicines.] ...everyone neighing after his neighbor's wife. Shall I not punish for these *things*?' says the LORD. 'And shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this? Go up upon her walls and destroy; but do not make a full end; take away her branches, for they *are* not the LORD'S. For the house of Israel and the house of Judah... [We all know what that means, but the world doesn't. They don't know the difference between Israel and Jews. The difference is eleven other brothers.] ...the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very deceitfully against Me,' says the LORD. They have lied against the LORD and said, '*It is* not He; neither shall evil come on us; nor shall we see sword nor famine.... [Isn't that what we're saying today? *Peace, peace!*] ...And the prophets shall become as wind, for the word *is* not in them; thus it shall be done to them.' Therefore, thus says the LORD God of hosts, 'Because you have spoken this word, behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them'" (vs 7-14).

He's talking to Jeremiah. 'Your word's going to be like fire, it's going to burn up this people.' So He says He's going to bring a nation, they shall eat up your harvest and your bread (v 15).

Then He says v 18: “‘But even in those days,’ says the LORD, ‘I will not make a complete end with you. And it will be, when they shall ask, “Why does the LORD our God do all these *things* to us?”.... [We’re God’s people. God bless America.] ...Then you shall answer them, “Just as you have forsaken Me and serve strange gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land *that is* not yours”” (vs 18-19).

Strange gods! And who was the great, great king who started the worst of it? *Solomon!* Whom God appeared to twice and built the house of God. That’s a perfect lesson that anyone can be vulnerable. It’s like a man who once said, ‘Well, I’ve been faithful to the Lord for over 50 years. Satan has no interest in me.’ BANG! He got it! Not that he died; he lost everything.

Here’s how Jeremiah felt. You don’t like to bring bad news. That’s why God only uses one prophet. Look at all these seven prophets in this picture here and they’re all huggy-kissy, ‘Oh, how wonderful we are.’ Here’s Jeremiah when he sees something like that:

Jeremiah 9:1: “Oh, that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!” He didn’t want to have to bring the message, but God said, ‘You do it.’ Even complained to God. ‘Everyone’s out to kill me, God. What are you going to do?’ He says, ‘You preach.’

So he says, v 2: “‘Oh, that I had in the wilderness a lodging place for traveling men, that I might leave my people and go away from them!.... [Stop the world! Let me off! Remember there was that movie?] ...For they *are* all adulterers, and assembly of treacherous men. And they bend their tongues *like* their bow *for* lies. But they are not valiant for the Truth on the earth; for they go from evil to evil, and they do not know Me,’ says the LORD” (vs 2-3). It’s exactly what we’re doing today, going after all of these religions.

Come over here to Jeremiah 10, let’s look at something here. This is very interesting. Normally we read the first part of chapter ten concerning the Christmas tree. Jeremiah 10:10—*after* the Christmas tree: “But the LORD *is* the true God, He *is* the living God, and the everlasting King....” Why are those who are supposed to name the name of Christ and teach the Word of God wanting to get together with leaders of other religions that reject Christ, that hate Christ, that refuse the Bible and make peace with them? How’s that going to work?

“...At His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to stand His fury. Thus you shall say to them... [here’s the message that Jeremiah had to bring; here’s the message we’re

bringing to all of these ‘faith-shared’ ecumenists]: ...‘The gods who have not made the heavens and the earth, they shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens’” (vs 10-11). Like it says there in Deut., you destroy them, you smash their idols, you burn their groves.

Verse 12: “He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by His judgment. When He utters His voice, *there is* a noise of a multitude of waters in the heavens. ‘He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightnings with rain, and brings forth the wind out of His treasures.’.... [compare that to man]: ...Every man is stupid for *lack of* knowledge; every refiner is put to shame by the graven image; for his molten image is a lie, and there is no breath in them” (vs 12-14).

I remember Dolores and I were watching this special, I told her about it where they had these roads going up into the Himalayas and they take supplies up into the Himalayas. You know the first thing that they brought up? *They brought up the idol of their female goddess* and they had to put in the truck. They had to put lots of dirt around it so it wouldn’t move. And I was thinking about Scriptures like this, you know, ‘God is the real God,’ and here they’re carrying this. They have to be carried, they can’t breathe, they can’t see, they can’t think. Yet, people bow down to them.

God says, v 15: “They *are* vanity, the work of delusion; in the time of their judgment they shall perish.” That’s something!

Verse 18: “For thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will sling out the people of the land at this time, and will distress them, so that they may find *Me*.’.... [All the correction that is coming is so that they may be led to repentance to find God.] ...Woe to me because of my injury! My wound is grievous; but I said, ‘Truly this *is* a malady, and I must bear it.’.... [then here are the words of God]: ...‘My tabernacle is ravaged, and all my cords are broken; My sons went away from me, and they *are* not. *There is* none to stretch out My tabernacle any more, and to set up My curtains. For the pastors have become stupid, and have not sought the LORD... [Huh! Sound like what I just read to you earlier? *Yes!*] ...therefore, they shall not be blessed, and all their flocks shall be scattered” (vs 18-21). That’s something!

Notice what Jeremiah confessed, v 23: “O LORD, I know that the way of man is not himself; *it is* not in man who walks to direct his steps. O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in Your anger... [He was meting out the message of anger] ...lest You bring me to nothing. Pour out Your fury on the nations who do not know You, and on the

families who do not call on Your name; for they have eaten up Jacob and have devoured him, and have destroyed him, and have made his dwelling desolate” (vs 23-25).

God always does this. If the people of God will not follow God, He will desert the temple that He sanctified, destroy it. If the people will not listen to Him, He will send them all into captivity. He will destroy the land, make it a desert and a waste. God *is* God and when He deals with the people and gives them His Word, tells them what to do, shows them how to do it; entirely different thing here.

Let’s look at some New Testament examples. Remember what we covered on Day-49 before Pentecost about all the troubles in the churches. Well, the churches are not to be changing gods either. Let’s see that we have the same kind of *declarative warnings* from the Apostle Paul about those who would bring in another Jesus. Is that not bringing in another Jesus? What are they going to do when the imam reads the point about, ‘Well, we believe Jesus to be a prophet, just like Muhammad.’ Now what are they going to do?

- Is that a different gospel?
- Is that a different god?
- Is that a different law?

Yes! They do it right in the churches where it is supposed to be Christian.

What we’re going to see, as a result of this, a lot of these implanted stealthy people who are there to bring this about, they’ll start coming out in the open. It’s going to further destroy what is left of the Christian community in this world. Let’s compare that to what they’re doing that with all fuzzy-wuzzy love and hugs and kisses and we’re going to read the goody-goody stuff out of our religious text.

Galatians 1:6: “I am astonished that you are so quickly being turned away from Him Who called you into *the* grace of Christ, to a different gospel.” Is this not a different gospel? *Yes, it is!* What is the Gospel? What did Jesus say? ‘*Enter at the straight gate, for broad is way and wide is the gate that leads to destruction. And many go in there at. But narrow is gate and straight is the way and few that go in there.*’ That’s the Gospel of Christ.

Verse 7: “Which *in reality* is not another gospel... [There’s only one; everything else is a fairy tale.] ...but there are some who are troubling you and are desiring to pervert the Gospel of Christ.” That’s exactly what they’re doing here—isn’t it? Didn’t we just start out and read 2-Cor. 6? Do we have any fellowship with those things? *No!*

Verse 8—notice how severe this is: “But if **we**, or even an angel from heaven... [‘we’ means all the apostles] ...or even an angel from heaven, should

preach a gospel to you *that is* contrary to what we have preached, **LET HIM BE ACCURSED!**” All capital letters, exclamation point. That’s exactly what they’re doing—preaching another gospel.

Verse 9: “As we have said before, I also now say again. If anyone is preaching a gospel contrary to what you have received, **LET HIM BE ACCURSED!**.... [Notice what Paul says and even withstood to the face Peter, James, and John right there in Jerusalem.] ...Now then, am I striving to please men, or God? Or am I motivated to please men?.... [That’s what they’re doing here. ‘Oh, let’s all get along, let’s be nice. Let’s be pleasant to each other, let’s be good to each other, let’s accept each other’s faith, let’s accept each other’s religious text.’ How can you do that? *That’s confusion!* ‘God is not the author of confusion.’] ...For if I am yet pleasing men, I would not be a servant of Christ” (vs 9-10). None of these men are the servants of Christ, though they may have a profession that they are. *They are not!*

Let’s see how they come. The same Bible that they’re probably going to read some instruction out of the book of Proverbs, or maybe Ecclesiastes, in this kind of so-called ecumenical setting, they certainly are not going to read what we find here in chapter eleven. Can you imagine that if one of those Sunday-keeping preachers started reading either 2-Cor. 6 or 11?

2-Corinthians 11:1: “I would *that* you might bear with me in a little nonsense; but indeed, do bear with me. For I am jealous over you with *the* jealousy of God because I have espoused you to one husband, so that I may present *you* as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted from *the* simplicity that *is* in Christ” (vs 1-3). I submit to you that all of these things in these ecumenical attempts, they do that very thing. They corrupt your minds from the Truth of God. How are they going to preach a sermon from Deut. 12, after getting involved in this?

Verse 4: “For indeed, if someone comes preaching another Jesus... [That’s the key. They had another Jesus all along, not the true Jesus.] ...whom we did not preach, or you receive a different spirit, which you did not receive, or a different gospel, which you did not accept, you put up with it as *something* good.” That’s what they’re doing with this. ‘Well, this is something good. Oh, look what we’re doing. Oh, we’re holding back the hostility of religion to religion.’

They forget that God says if you please Him, He’ll fight your battles for you. You don’t go please the enemy who hates you and say, ‘Oh, we love you.’ They’re just waiting for a time that they can

not only get the camel under the tent, but they'll bring in the whole herd. That's right, yes, indeed.

Here in the *King James Version* this verse is completely misunderstood, because he wasn't comparing himself to other apostles of Jesus Christ. But he said here the false apostles.

Verse 5: "But I consider myself in no way inferior to those highly exalted *so-called* apostles. For although *I may be* unpolished in speech, yet *I am* not in knowledge; for in all things I have demonstrated this to you" (vs 5-6).

Verse 13: "For such *are* false apostles—deceitful workers who are transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And *it is* no marvel, for Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his servants also transform themselves as ministers of righteousness—whose end shall be according to their works" (vs 13-15).

Let's see what happens to them. I think Satan is going to prosper them for the time being. Remember the wicked always prosper? *For a while!* 'There is pleasure in sin for a season.' But sooner or later it's going to catch up with you.

Sometimes it's like running into a total wall. Other times it dawns on you what you need to do. Let's see another attempt of this back in Acts 8. This is about Simon Magus. Right early on the agents of Satan the devil were there to try and hijack the Truth of the New Testament church. Trying to change it. By 15 years after the death of the Apostle John, Ignatius was going around eliminating all the home churches and moving them into the big buildings. Because what they had, they mostly had home churches. Sound a little bit like Church at Home? *Yes!*

And what they were doing, they were promoting Sunday-keeping beginning 15 years after John dies. Why would that be? Remember the misunderstood prophecy that Jesus said about the Apostle John, speaking to Peter? *When Peter wanted to know what's going to happen to him. He said, 'Well, what if I desire that he remain alive until I come. What is that to you?' He said, 'Follow Me.'*

All the other apostles died. Here's John. He dies, and the rumor was when he died Christ is going to return. That's not what He said, as John clarified there. What do you suppose happened? People still believed it. Do people believe things they shouldn't believe? *Yes!*

Even had one man come up to me and say, 'Have you divorced your wife?' I said, 'No.' He said, 'Well, I heard that.' I said, 'Well, you better go back and tell the other people that they better stop that, because we are not divorced, no plans for

divorce and we love each other. We've been through thick and thin, so we aren't entertaining any of those stupid ideas.' But that's how these things go.

You can expect there are a lot of brethren who still believed Jesus was going to return when the Apostle John died. All right, he didn't die! Open door for false prophets. 'Teachings of Jesus really weren't that good, were they? Did He come?' *No!* 'Well, let's take some of the good teachings of Jesus and we'll combine it with other things.' That's exactly what happened. That's how the fathers of the Roman Catholic Church started out.

First thing they did was by 115-120_{A.D.} Sunday-keeping was becoming the 'in' thing. Sunday-worship was the worship day of Mithras. Mithras became the god of the Roman Empire after he was god of the Roman soldiers, the armies, and everything just switched over to Mithraism with the name of Jesus. He was supposed to die and resurrect from the dead, save his people. But he died on a Friday and resurrected on a Sunday. Sound familiar? *All of things!*

Here's the man who started it all, Acts 8:5: "Then Philip went down to a city of Samaria and proclaimed Christ to them; and the multitudes listened intently with one accord to the things spoken by Philip when they heard and saw the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many of those who had *them*; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city" (vs 5-8). Being relieved from all this oppression.

Verse 9: "But *there was* a certain man named Simon, who had from earlier times been practicing sorcery in the city and astounding the nation of Samaria, proclaiming himself to be some great one. To him they had all given heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, 'This man is the great power of God'" (vs 9-10).

And isn't that they are going to say of the coming false prophet? *Yes!* 'Great power of God, he raised up our great leader from the dead and he called fire down from heaven.' Forget about the two witnesses for a minute, but they're over there fighting this thing and they're calling plagues down, rain down, and droughts down, things like that. And they're going right up in the face of *the beast and the false prophet* saying, 'Thus says the Lord.' And they're going to be trying to kill them and can't kill them. So you're going to have that battle going down when it comes down to the final false prophet there.

Verse 11: "Now they were giving heed to him because he had for a long time bewitched them with sorceries." That's all that all of these other religions are—*sorceries!* They were baptized,

needless to say, you can read the rest of the account. That's all I wanted to cover.

Let's see what God says about mixing the religions again, Deuteronomy 18:9: "When you come to the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to do according to the abominations of those nations." What was the requirement? *Any stranger who came into Israel, he had to follow the law of Israel!* Didn't bring their law in. And if they wanted to worship God, they had to be circumcised, because that was required for the Old Covenant. You're not going to go out and adopt what they do.

Verse 10: "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that uses divination, or an observer of times, or a fortuneteller, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard..." (vs 10-11). That's what Simon was, a wizard—Simon the Sorcerer. And yet what do we have for entertainment for our kids? Every one of these things, come right out of where? *Disneyland*—right? *Yes!*

Remember the one with Mickey Mouse, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*? How about now we're way beyond that. That's nothing, that's cartoonism. Now the latest movie on *Harry Potter* is coming out. And they've already sold millions of dollars worth of tickets, because people are all wrapped up in the occult. And the more they get into it, the more they want it.

You look at all of the movies: death, destruction, killing, occultism. When this Harry Potter movie comes out, when the first one came out, a lot of little girls said, 'Oh, that's good, let's get a Ouija board and let's curse our teachers.' What they see, that's what they do. Guess what they're going to do? I remember when the whole family we went up and saw *Star Wars*. Went through the whole thing, oh, the kids were all excited about this. Coming home they said, 'Dad, Dad, what did you think of it?' I said, 'That's a bunch of satanism.' *Oh, Dad! That was a good movie.* Well?

Verse 11: "...or one who seeks oracles from the dead.... [séances] ...For all that do these things are an abomination to the LORD.... ['You're speaking against some very fine people, God.' That's how the world would look at it. God says that's what they do.] ...And because of these abominations, the LORD your God drives them out from before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. For these nations whom you shall possess hearkened to observers of times and to diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you *to do so*" (vs 11-14).

Now we find a different form of occultism here, called philosophy. And philosophy comes from what? *That is a description of the pagan religions!* They were philosophers. Didn't Paul argue with them on Mars Hill? *Yes!* So these things come about. This tells us to be on guard that these things don't come into the Church of God.

Colossians 2:1: "Now, I want you to understand what great concern I have for you, and for those in Laodicea, and as many as have not seen my face in *the flesh*."

It's interesting, because today is the Laodicean age—correct? This is a direct message for the people today. What has happened to the Churches of God when they apostatize, but they bring in mild forms of occultism being the philosophies of the pagans? That's how you get started. Satan is not going to come up and bring the full course. *No!* He's going to get you started on something simple. 'Well, that worked pretty good' and then something else.

Verse 2: "That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto *the* knowledge of the mystery of God, and of *the* Father, and of Christ; In Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (vs 2-3).

That's important to understand, because every one of these things of the occult are brought in, 'Well, this is more knowledge. You can add on to your Christian faith. This is just fine, it's all right.' *No! Don't read those things! Don't go into them!* One of them is Rosicrucians. Another one is Masons. Another one is the Knights of Columbus. All of these fit into this category, right here.

Verse 4: "Now, this I say so that no one may deceive you by persuasive speech." It sounds good. It sounds interesting. It sounds lovely. Oh, that's good, you're trying to get rid of discrimination. Isn't that marvelous. You're trying to help everybody get along with each other. Isn't that lovely?

Verse 5: "For though I am indeed absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, be walking in Him... [*Not in another religion!*] ...being rooted and built up in Him [Christ] and being confirmed in the faith, exactly as you were taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.... [That's your strength. That's what we are to rely upon.] ...Be on guard so that no one takes you captive through philosophy..." (vs 5-8).

- What is the doctrine of the trinity? *A pagan philosophy!*

- What is one of the first things that the Churches of God fell for? *The trinity!*

A free grace with no obligation! “...through philosophy and vain deceit, according to the traditions of men, according to the elements of the world... [the teachings and elements and spirits of the world] ...and not according to Christ” (v 8).

We have an advantage today because we have the whole Bible. They didn’t have the whole Bible. Today we are held to a much higher standard, because we’ve got the whole Bible. ***We have no excuse!*** Back there they could say, ‘Oh, we have the epistle from the Apostle Paul and two more. That’s all we have.’ Today we’ve got all of them, so God’s going to hold us accountable.

Verse 9: “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; And you are complete in Him, Who is the Head of all principality and power.... [You don’t need Allah. You don’t need Buddha. You don’t need Catholicism. You don’t need Protestantism. You don’t need Hinduism. None of those things, ***you are complete in Christ!***] ...In Whom you have also been circumcised with *the* circumcision not made by hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ” (vs 9-11).

That takes place with repentance and baptism, and the covenant baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit. And that’s what’s to inner work in our minds

- to *cleanse* us
- to *change* us
- to *convert* us

which is a lifelong process. Not this kind of stuff. They’re going backward right into Satan’s world.

He explains here about the circumcision of Christ, which is accomplished through baptism, and so forth, v 12: “Having been buried with Him in baptism... [If you don’t have a note there for Rom. 6, just to ahead and put it in your margin.] ...by which you have also been raised with *Him* through the inner working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.... [notice the warning that he gives]: ...For you, who were *once* dead in *your* sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has *now* made alive with Him, having forgiven all your trespasses. He has blotted out the note of debt against us *with* the decrees *of our* sins... [Like the record of all of our sins—right? *Yes!*] ...which was contrary to us; and He has taken it away, having nailed it to the cross” (vs 12-14).

That’s what was nailed to the cross, not the commandments of God. That’s why in the *Faithful Version* we have the correct translation; now it’s understandable. You read it in the *King James* and

it’s hard to understand. Notice what Christ did to all of the powers of Satan the devil. We don’t need to go back and imbibe in the powers of Satan the devil, because that’s what they’re doing with this ecumenism that they’re doing.

Verse 15: “After stripping the principalities and the powers, He made a public spectacle of them, *and* has triumphed over them in ***it***” (v 15)—His crucifixion. So this is pretty powerful. This is to help keep us on the track that God wants us to go on, and not get carried aside with vain philosophies and worshipping angels.

Verse 16: “Therefore, do not allow anyone to judge you in eating or in drinking, or with regard to a festival, or new moon, or *the* Sabbaths.” If you weren’t doing these things before, which they weren’t before they were converted, and after they’re converted they are now doing these things, the people that they knew before would say, ‘Well, why are you doing these things? Why aren’t you coming down here to the temple of Zeus? Why aren’t you coming down here and visiting us in this grand temple of Diana?’

They were judging them. ‘You mean, you’re not eating pork? That’s the greatest meat that there is.’ All you have to do today is just watch the channel on the foreign foods. They eat the pork—I watched a special on that the other day. They took a whole hog, killed it, used every bit of that including the blood and the intestines and everything. And all they could say was, oh, how good this was.

Now here’s a key, v 16: “...a festival, or new moon... [That means *the new moon for calculating the calendar*. They were using a different calendar, too.] ...or *the* Sabbaths, which are a foreshadow of the things that are coming... [Guess what the *NIV* says? ‘These things *were* a foreshadow of things to come.’ That is, Christ ended it. That’s how they do it.] ...but the body of Christ” (vs 16-17). Notice what he goes through here. He’s admonishing them to stick to the faith—right? Then he says, you go through and look—do not let anyone deceive you. Be on guard so that no one takes you captive through philosophy.

Notice the warning here, v 18: “Do not allow anyone to defraud you of the prize *by* doing *his* will in self-abasement and the worship of angels [demons.] intruding into things that he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his own carnal mind.” That’s what they get into. That’s where all of this is going to lead. What a wonderful deception this is going to be, until when the crunch comes, it’s going to fall apart. Christ returns, all of that’s going to end. Just like there in the first part of Deut. 12, they were to go out and destroy all the idols, all the temples, all the groves, destroy them completely.

What do you think Christ and the saints are going to do when we get back here? *We're going to make the people destroy them!* We're going to make them take every one of the idols and smash into pieces of dust. And every cathedral that has anything is going to be rubble on the ground and they're going to do just like the Germans did at the end of WWII, you clean it up. It's going to be a lot of work they are going to be doing. We're not going to be down there with shovels and picks and things like that. The people are going to clean up their own mess and their own sins, and we're going to supervise it, and they will be blessed by God for doing so.

Notice the way that you keep from getting carried away with these things is, v 19: "And not holding fast to the Head... [not looking to Christ] ...from Whom all the body, being supplied and knit together by the joints and bands, is increasing *with* the increase of God. Therefore, if you have died together with Christ... [through the operation of baptism] ...from the elements of the world... [All the philosophies and occult things of the world.] ...why are you subjecting yourselves to the decrees of men as if you were living in the world? They say, 'You may not handle! You may not taste! You may not touch!'" (vs 19-21). All their rules and regulations.

Let me tell you one that Michael Heiss told me the other day. I'll finish here in just a couple minutes. If you read the book, *Judaism: A Revelation of Moses or Religion of Men?* by Philip Neal, he put in there a good section about how the Jews can extend their travel boundaries for the Sabbath by putting a wire, stringing it around the neighborhood, because you're not supposed to leave your own boundaries. But if the Jews put up a wire or a string or rope that goes clear around a greater area, they can go anywhere in that greater area.

And what they do, they expand it out and expand it out, so they can go anywhere on the Sabbath that they want to.

Down in San Fernando Valley and that's I'm leaving a day early to go down to Southern California, they are going to close one of the main freeways, U.S. Highway 405, for repairs, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. And what they have done in preparation for it, which has set the whole Jewish community in the San Fernando Valley in panic, they have moved the boundaries of their Sabbath journeys and now they can't get out of their homes. The definition of where it is, is no longer there. *Traditions of men!* Can be 'touch not, taste not, handle not.'

Verse 22: "The use of all such things leads to corruption... [Doesn't it?] ...according to the commandments and doctrines of men.... [Rather than

God, rather than Christ, rather than what He's inspired.] ...Which indeed have an outward appearance of wisdom in voluntary worship of *angels*, and self-abasement, and unsparing treatment of *the body*..." (vs 22-23).

They even have some in Catholicism where you want to suffer the sufferings of Christ, well, here scourge your back. So they have a little scourge and they go like this, make their backs bloody. If that isn't good enough, in the Philippines they have three or four men every year get up there and they are crucified on crosses so that they can share with Christ. Those are all the traditions of men. They don't do anything. God looks to what? *A broken heart and a contrite spirit—right? Yes!*

"...and unsparing treatment of *the body*, not in any respect to the satisfying of *the needs* of the flesh" (v 23). Or that could also be properly controlling the pulls of the flesh.

Okay, so that tells you where this is headed. But isn't that something, reading the Quran in so-called Christian churches? That Sabbath is already past. What we probably need to do is get an update on that. I hope that this helps a lot of people understand what's going on.

There will be a one-world religion and this is a major thrust in completing that!

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