

## I. Review

Last week we began Psalms Chapter 5 and I showed you **five principals on building a relationship with Christ** out of those verses. The key word we focused on for the last couple of weeks was the word “confidence”. The process of being God’s friend through the confidence that you build in the relationship with him. There are two great studies on the process of becoming God’s friend through confidence in the bible. Both are in the Old Testament:

1.) Moses

2.) Abraham

Both are the only two men in the Bible who are specifically called God’s friend. There are many others, however these two are designated for a reason. When you take those two lives and study them you have a picture of the process that you would go through. **Building our confidence that builds our trust, which then builds our relationship, and we end up being the friend of God.** True friendships are built on confidence and trust.

❖ Principal #1 Give ear to my words – having direct access to God

Then we looked at the first three verses. Verse one was about God giving ear to my words and how we have direct access to God. The confidence you have directly telling God to give ear to my words because you have the confidence in your relationship with him.

❖ Principal #2 O Lord Consider My Meditation

Also, in verse one we talked about the aspect of considering my meditation. How God searches our heart. He considers our motive in everything that we ask him. I gave you two great passages on this. Romans 8:27 where he talks about searching the heart. Then the great story we have of the woman who came to Jesus in Matthew 15:21-28. She did not directly get her prayer answered but met with difficulty. Yet this showed you the consistency based on the confidence and at the end of the day she brings it back to the word of God. Where she had confidence in all along. Incredible study on prayer!

❖ Principal #3 God Hears the Cry of His People

Verse two talked about hearkening unto my cry. I showed you how God heard our cry before we were saved. You see this in the early part of Exodus and in Psalms 40:1-2. Showing us that before we knew we had a need we were caught in the bondage of the world. Crying out for something. God knew that the only thing that would fix us was his son. So, he sent us his deliverer. After salvation God will hear your prayer and you have the confidence that whatever you go through, he will be there for you. To give you everything that you need.

❖ Principal #4 Set Your Affection on Things Above

In verse 3 he says my voice thou shalt hear in the morning. I talked about us directing our prayer. Looking up to the things of God. Not focusing on the darkness that is surrounding us but rather the Bible says in Colossians 2 through the tough times, and the dark times.

The thing that balances it out and gives you the victory is setting your affections on things above. I showed you seven key areas on how to do that.

❖ Principal #5 Christ the King who Sits on the Throne of Our Lives

Going back to verse two is about Christ sitting on the throne of our lives as my king.

We had an alley behind our house when I was a kid. That is where all the kids would play. Nobody had a front garage; you went up the alley. That is where my generation played games. One of my favorite games we played was “King of the Hill”. You had a hill, and one or two guys stood on the top of the hill and you had a flag. And all the other kids would try and take the hill and you would throw them off. So as long as you kept everybody off and kept the flag, you were king of the hill. You know I try and look for a spiritual lesson in everything. That is what we need to do today. We need to throw everything out of our lives and make Jesus Christ King of the hill. When we do that, then he is king of your life. The monarch of your life. Christ sitting on the throne of your life as your king.

Doctrinally these verses are talking about Israel and their time of trouble. Historically it is David going through his time of trouble. But from a practical inspirational aspect it is you and me as we face our issues in life in our time of trouble. Then through the confidence we have in God and his word to get us through all that will come our way. God’s hand of protection in your life.

## II. God’s Hand of Protection & the Confidence we have in Him

Years ago, we took the discipleship lessons around the world and one trip we went to South Africa. We went to Johannesburg actually. They wanted us to have a good experience just like when somebody comes here, we take them out and do things. They took us up to this game park about one hundred twenty miles up into the jungle. It was a 40–50-acre compound that was completely fenced in and walled up in places. When you drove in there, they had little thatch huts that you stayed in. They closed the gate after we were all in there and you literally were experiencing the jungle all around you, right in the middle of the compound.

I remember you would go to sleep at night and all the animals would be making all kinds of sounds all night long. I thought to myself. This is a picture of Christianity because all around the jungle you could hear the hyenas, you could hear the lions, the monkeys, the elephants. But they could never get to us because the fence kept everything out.

Trying to go to sleep with all the noise out there thinking that right outside that wire there was death, destruction and about twenty animals that would like to have me for dinner. I thought to myself that is what Christianity is. I am inside the wire in Christ. There maybe a lot of things out there that want to kill me and want to hurt me and stop me, but the wall of Christ around me keeps that from happening.

Just like I could go to sleep in Africa and have a good night’s sleep, letting those things kind of put you to sleep. I didn’t have to worry about them coming in and doing any damage to me or any of my team because the camp was protected and kept us from being in harms way. The hand of protection in your life and my life is just like that. The world around here is going crazy and

wants to destroy you and hurt you. **But when the hand of God has his protection on you, nobody is going to hurt you. That is the confidence we want to have in him.**

### III Making Christ the Ruling Monarch of Our Life

Our confidence, our trust, our relationship, our friendship in Christ is all that will get us through. The Bible says that he is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24). And he is a brother born for adversity (Proverbs 17:17). All these things come down to these two fundamental concepts that we build in our lives. In verse two it all comes from making him king in our life. **Making Jesus Christ the ruling monarch of everything in your world!**

When I was writing church history and I got to the beginning of the nation of Israel and how in the 1880's you began to have the recognition of the Jews to go back to the land called the Zionist movement. In Europe up through the 15-18<sup>th</sup> century, Europe was run by monarchies. In WWI all those monarchs were connected. The czar of Russia was a cousin to the guy in Germany. They were all connected though family. Because that is what they did back then. That is how they built their dynasties. They didn't want to go to war with each other so the king of France would have the king of Germany marry his daughter and that would make an alliance. Those dynasties of families went on for centuries. Because of what God wanted to do with the nation of Israel during WWI, that ended the European dynasty. The only one that came out of it was England.

In a worldly sense there are people making an alliance and building dynasties through their families for world dominancy. So, they can control the world. I thought to myself, if God's people, moms, and dads could ever grasp that concept in real life that you have more than just a family you have the beginning of building a dynasty for Christ. Where the European dynasties were built to control the world, we should build our family dynasties to reach the world. An incredible concept!

Everything the world does will be some kind of spiritual picture of what we should be in a spiritual sense that they are doing in a physical sense. Making Jesus Christ king of our life. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 8:4 "*Where the word of a king [is, there is] power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?*" I understand the historical significance of that, and it is quite incredible. God in history. You got to realize that if you grasp the concept that the God of the Bible is the God of history. There are no events in history that step outside of what God's plan is. He tells you that in Daniel 2:21, he sets up kings, he takes down kings. He changes the times to fit his plan. So, it is no accident that God in the development of the Bible connected to the Bible and the history of the Bible, waited for an English king to get on the throne whose name was James. At that point he allowed the King James Bible to come forth knowing the significance of James being on the throne as an English king as opposed to Charles or Mary. He waited until we had an English king named James that was connected to the Bible because James in Hebrew means Jacob. An incredible study of **Christ being the king of our lives, being the ruling monarch who through our relationship will give us the power to do the work that he has called us to do** Just like the power of the word of God.

Remember I asked you a question. With all God has given us and you have to answer this for yourself. I wouldn't even be asking it for anybody. **With all that God has given us, what have we taken ownership of in our Christian lives?** What has God given us that we have taken such ownership of it that we say it is mine? When you make that statement, it shows where your commitment is and that you understand what God has done and has given you and what he wants you to do with it. Like Paul gave him the gospel and Paul said my gospel.

I heard a guy one time get up and give his testimony. He said I'm thankful for my salvation. I thought to myself you hypocrite, it is not your salvation. David said in Psalms 51:12 *Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me [with thy] free spirit.* It is not your salvation it was God's salvation. But you know what? We took ownership of it when God gave it to us. So even though it is God's salvation, it is my salvation. Even though it's God's gospel, Paul said it is my gospel. And even though it may be God's ministry it becomes your ministry because you take ownership of it. We like to take ownership of some things, but not of others. I get that. We will take ownership of salvation, but not ownership of the ministry or the calling God has for us. So, we take a lackadaisical approach, but it never becomes critical in your everyday life that you take ownership of it. Because when you take ownership of it, you love it, protect it, care for it and do with it as much as God would. An example of that would be Paul. **Incredible, Jesus Christ the monarch of our lives.**

## IV Psalms 5:4-6

Today we will look at verses 4-6.

*For thou [art] not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee. 5. The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. 6. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.*

Doctrinally these verses will lead us up to the judgement of God at the second coming of Christ, in particular the Great White Throne judgement. God's judgment against the wicked who have sided with the antichrist against the nation of Israel.

Historically it is God dealing with David's enemies who have come up against him as God's anointed and God protecting him.

### A.) God Will Have No Pleasure in Wickedness & No Evil Will Dwell with Him

Verse 4 from a practical standpoint makes a simple statement about God's dealing and character and his nature. This is key. **He is one who will have no pleasure in wickedness and no evil will dwell with him.** It is interesting that in 185AD or someplace around there was a guy named Origen. He was the headmaster of the Alexandria University that did all the corruption on the word of God. Origen himself tore the Bible apart in over 60,000 places. Changing it with his pagan ideas. One of the ideas he had in spite of these verses saying that God is Holy and the devil being un-holy; he taught and believed that someday the devil and God would patch up their differences and be buddies again. Of course, nothing could be farther from the truth.

Verse 4 says “*For thou are not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness, neither shall evil dwell with thee.*” Looking at it inspirationally in the context here. This will be God’s view of any nation that will turn their back on God and the people of God (nation of Israel).

## B.) God Wanted Israel to be a Separate People

God wanted Israel to be a separate people. He set them apart from the rest of the nations in the world. Psalms 135:4 tells us that **he wanted them to be a peculiar people.** “*For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, [and] Israel for his peculiar treasure.*” So, to set them apart he gave them physical blessings that he gave nobody else. He gave them spiritual blessings that he gave nobody else. But it came with a process they had to do. They dressed differently than the rest of the world. They ate differently than all the other nations. They cut their hair differently from all the other nations. They followed a strict absolute law that kept them close to God but away from the other nations. Even today if you went to New York, down in the Jewish section or in Jerusalem in the old section you will see that many of those Jewish men dress the same way with tier hair, with what they eat and the clothes they wear. God saw and understood that he is going to move in a direction with Israel and the devil is going to come in and stop the plan.

You see as a good example of this the time they go down into Egypt. They go down with Joseph and get his dad and Joseph was in charge. But then the Bible says this in Exodus 1:8 “*Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.*” And now the persecution begins and for four hundred plus years they are under the bondage and slavery of Egypt. We look at that from a human standpoint. God sees it from a different standpoint. We look at it as a terrible thing...not saying slavery is not terrible. But we are looking at the poor nation of Israel going through this bondage. **But God used that four hundred thirty years to strengthen them. To make the tough, to give them endurance.** Because they survived it!

In Exodus 12 when they came out and God sends them to the promise land, they get there in a three-week period (the first time). They sent the spies over and they came back and said, I got some good news and some bad news. Okay give us the good news. The good news is that the apples over there look like basketballs, the grapes look like oranges. The watermelons are four feet by six feet. Everything over there is unbelievable. Okay, what is the bad news? The bad news is that the giants are bigger than the watermelons. What the devil had done in over four hundred and thirty years is saturated that place with the sons of Anakims. When they went over there, they saw a land that was filled with giants. Why? Because God’s plan was to move Israel out of Egypt and bring them into the promise land given to Abraham. The devil’s plan was to stock that place with giants for four hundred plus years to keep them out. So, they go back into the wilderness for forty years wandering before they finally go back into the land. I look at that and think, boy isn’t that a great picture of a lot of people when they first get saved. A lot of times when you first get saved you are like Israel who got there quickly, but they saw all the opposition and it scared them. They lost faith and God had to take them another route. That generation died off and a new generation came in.

Many times, when a new person gets saved, the devil will throw up opposition that will scare you from going forward. This is where the principals and the promises come in and a good

healthy church. This is where people helping you and working with you that sees those fears and issues and helps you work through them. And points you to the word of God that will get you through those issues. Now they are back in the wilderness for forty years and all these nations are part of the devil's plan.

We have a word in the Bible that we don't use very much, and the word is abomination. It comes out of these nations that God told them to be separate from. The word abomination is a breakdown of two words abominable nation. Nations against God, his nation, and his people.

In Joshua he goes in and destroys the bulk of the nations. Some are left like Jerusalem. Jerusalem in the Bible is the key place for Israel and for the devil that would be the last place to give up. After Joshua is dead and David comes on the scene, the Philistines have Jerusalem (the devil has it). This is where 2 Samuel 5 you find David defeating the Philistines and taking the capital Jerusalem. And it becomes the City of David. Where the ark of the covenant was not in Jerusalem at this time, but now they can bring it in, and Jerusalem becomes the capital of the nation of Israel. From the practical side, this **story of 2 Samuel 5 of David taking the land of the city of Jerusalem is a great study on how to break satanic strongholds in our lives.** There are five or six things that David does that will line up when you or I have some satanic stronghold in our lives. This is the process by which you defeat that stronghold (Philistines) and make Jerusalem the capital of your life, (new Jerusalem is above) and put king Jesus on the throne. It is an incredible study.

David wipes out the last of those nations and then Solomons forty years begin. This is the establishment of the kingdom and the worldwide reign of the nation of Israel that impacted every country on planet earth. You don't hear this in school, you don't hear this in Bible colleges, but it is a true statement. The establishment for forty years of the kingdom of heaven. No evil dwells in the forty-year period.

The infallible cycle of history. We see the demise at the end of Solomon's reign and of Israel. In 606 BC some three hundred years later, they are carried down to Babylon as captives. How did that happen? **How did Israel get from a nation that no evil dwelling with them to now evil overrides them and over runs them?** The answer to that in the Bible starts and ends with Solomon in 1 Kings 11:1-25 where it says Solomon who had it all brought in strange women from all these other nations. These women brought in their gods. Solomon embraced them and let them spread through the nation of Israel and the rest is history.

### C.) Learning the Parallels between Israel & America

Inspirationally for us, learning the lessons from that, verse four is a great verse for America as to what is happening today and what is going to come our way. The coming judgement of God on America. As they say, "you ain't seen nothing yet." I told you before, America like Israel, both founded on the word of God and the parallels between the two...God had a plan for Israel in the Old Testament and God certainly had a plan for America the New Testament. Both Israel and America went through a great time of blessing and prosperity because they held the word of God in the proper place. Then their demise came just like Israel. **America today is totally in decline.** People get re-elected by telling you things will get better, but things are not going to get

better. We are up against one of the greatest observations. Someone said that by looking at the history of nations, no nation who had the word of God and then dumped the word of God has ever survived two hundred years past that point. They are still a nation, but in total apostasy.

#### D.) America in Decline

When you look at America from a historical standpoint, we dumped the word of God officially around the 1880's and for almost one hundred and sixty-eight years, this country has been without a Bible. What you are seeing today is the reality of that truth that has been established through nations down through history. When we had the word of God in this country it put a hedge around us of protection. We had great blessings that we don't understand today. We had the greatest nation on earth with all the freedoms compared to three quarters of the world under communist rule. We never had a dictator or a religious church that persecuted us for what we believed. America was set aside by God to be the greatest nation to carry the word of God like Israel, to the world.

In 1941 the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. The Japanese were out for world domination. I know they aligned with Germany, but I promise you if things would have gone differently and we had been defeated, those two nations would have run the world. It would have only been a matter of time before those two nations would have been at each other's throat. But by the grace of God and the blessings of God, we defeated both Germany and Japan. But Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, was a day when the Japanese in a sneak attack, tried to destroy the pacific fleet. They did a great job and set us back quite a bit, but they didn't get the carriers and they made some mistakes. Needless to say, we were hurting, and it was bad. Everybody thought they were going to come back and invade the west coast of the United States. Everybody was in a panic.

Admiral Yamamoto was the mastermind behind the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was not fully persuaded to do it, but he said if we do it, they had to make a complete and absolute destruction of everything in Pearl Harbor. Which didn't happen. They got cold feet after the first two waves went in and they should have followed up with a third and a fourth. They are all just sitting there drinking sake and having a good time in the war room there. Admiral Yamamoto was just sitting there very quietly. Everybody was thinking they did a great thing, yet Yamamoto knows they failed in their mission. He made one of the greatest statements about America on that day. Somebody asked him what his thoughts were, and he addressed the whole staff in that war room. He said, "*I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and filled him with a great resolve.*" No truer words were spoken. We may have been slow getting into it, but once this country got rolling nothing could stop us. It wasn't because of our military might, it was because the hand of God was still on this country. We may have won WWI and WWII, but we had a tie in Korea. War is technically still going on in Korea. Vietnam, we lost terribly. Today the war in the middle east, plus the war on terrorism, there is no way America will win that war. Do you know why? **You can look at history, see God's hand and realize that the judgment of God is going to fall on America because America did the same thing that Israel did. God will not have pleasure with wickedness.**

All the greatness of America is gone today. Where Israel in the Old Testament was to be separated from the nations and God would work through bringing the nations to them. In Christianity in America, we were to be separated not from the nations, but separated unto the gospel (Romans 1) and take the word of God to the nations.

At the end of WWII, General Douglas MacArthur became the chief re-builder of Japan. He had incredible power. He kept the Russians out and re-built Japan to the democracy it needed to be. Harry Truman was president back then and he asked General MacArthur what do you need? Do you know what he said? Send me ten thousand missionaries. He was an unsaved man. We never sent him ten thousand missionaries but what we did send him was Benny Goodman, baseball, hotdogs. We exported all the things that this country had, but never gave him the missionaries that they needed. Because we are starting to see by then the decline of America. And God said okay boys that is it! The next war will be a tie, Korea, Vietnam would be a total loss and then you are going to get into a war you cannot win. **Because this isn't a war against another nation, but a war against another religion.**

I remember when George W. Bush was president, he made a statement about the war in the middle east. He likened us fighting them as a crusade and he set the whole world on fire with that statement. Because the crusades were a religious war. **The only thing that would win this war is the word of God that this country dumped.**

## V. Romans 1 – God’s Commentary on the Gentiles (You & Me)

I don't know if you have ever read Romans Chapter One. We are Gentiles, by the way. There are only two people groups, Jews and Gentiles. If you ever want to see ourselves as Gentiles in the mirror, and find exactly in this text where we are at today? **Romans 1 is God’s commentary on you and me as Gentiles.**

Romans 1:21 *Because that, when they knew God (Gentiles), they glorified [him] not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23. And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

So Gentiles, they take the *glory of the uncorruptible God* and make an image like a corruptible man. There is your Santa Clause. Birds, there is your turkey at Thanksgiving and four-footed beasts. There is your bunny rabbit at Easter. “*and creeping things*” there is your Halloween. This is what Gentiles do. This is a commentary that will tell you exactly where we are at and why we are here.

24. *Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*

25. *Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*



26. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: (There is your Lesbianism)

27. And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. (There is homosexuality)

28. And even as they did not like to retain God in [their] knowledge, (boy isn't that true. Kick him out of school, and out of government).

When congress meets to open their new session, they have somebody pray, but that person is not allowed to use the name Jesus Christ. Why? Cause they don't like to retain God in their knowledge.

29. God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 30. Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 31. Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

32. Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

33. Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. (There it is, America right there! Put that on your T-shirt)

Just look at what it says. Away from God into all of the filth of this world. And today this is the fallacy of all this. This is what people don't get. When you look at Psalms and the verse today, **God will not dwell in the presence of wickedness.** Man doesn't get it. It is man's attempt to try and get back to a time in our nation that once was. And they will fall flat on their face. Everybody sees America in decline. They may not want to admit it. The politicians are not going to admit it, especially when they are in power. They are going to tell you everything is great. Nobody in this world believes that we are a world class nation anymore. **Our allies don't trust us, and our enemies don't fear us.** It's a big game that people get sucked into when they don't have the truth of the word of God. Everybody sees it, but nobody understands it.

## VI. The Downfall of America

Two things I want you to do this week.

1.) In 1951 Billy Graham preached a message in Madison Square Garden on the downfall of America. He laid out what was wrong with America, where America was heading.

2.) In 1965 Paul Harvey's radio broadcast "If I Were the Devil". The greatest thing you will ever hear, by a man with insight over seventy years ago, by a believer. He saw where America was going. Not through the prism of politics but through the word of God.

I believe it was **Sinclare Lewis** (1885-1951) won the Nobel Prize in literature. He was a great intellect that said when apostacy finally comes to America it will be wrapped in the American flag and carrying a cross. **And here we are today, trying to make America great again.**

**Wrapped in a flag, carrying a cross, but no Bible.** Knowing that we have lost our greatness, but never understanding what made it great in the first place or even a clue on how to get it back. And not understanding that the key is found in verse 4. God has no pleasure in wickedness and shall not dwell with evil. America (Romans 1) lost all that she had because she decided NOT to dwell with God and now, she dwells with wickedness. **You can't get away from the Bible!**

And now like Israel we are a country without God with churches without a Bible. Pastors have left the Bible out of the pulpit and now they get involved in all the politics of our country. Foolishly thinking we can actually make America great again by an election. Getting the right guy in the white house.

**Jerry Falwell**, which I have a lot of respect for, however I did not know him personally. I met him on several occasions and got to spend some time with him. He is out of Lynchburg, Virginia. He wrote a book called "Capturing a Town for Christ". It was written to pastors showing them how he built a great church in Lynchburg. He was a good preacher but what happened is he got involved in politics. He quit preaching the Bible and formed what was known as the Moral Majority. He got connected with all the charismatics and all the guys from the 700 Club. He began to think that you could change this country and bring it back by changing the political atmosphere. He knew better than that but sometimes you lose sight of it when you get overwhelmed with things that you shouldn't be messing with.

So, pastors and evangelists today that once were good evangelists, have also turned to preaching on the political state of America. Where they used to scare people about dying and going to hell and going to the judgment seat of Christ, that doesn't work anymore, because nobody cares. So now they preach toward the fears of what is going to happen to this country if you don't get the Republicans in office or whoever in office.

The greatness of America of yester year was not built on the stock market staying up. It wasn't built on the economy, or education or the Democrats or the Republicans, or on our prosperity. It wasn't built on our good lifestyle or our strong military. Those things were the blessing of God. But we look at that as what made America great, so we went through the political system bringing all those things back. You pay more money now than you've ever paid in your life. Everything is more complicated now; nothing is simple anymore and they think by changing the scenery in Washington that they can fix that. But nothing could be farther from the truth because those things were the blessing of God because this country still had a reverence for the word of God That is gone now.

The greatness of America was based like Israel on the word of God and was a nation in both cases that had the confidence in God to follow it. Today what is wrong with America and Israel is they left the word of God, dumping God, Romans 1 and Psalms 5:4 where "*Thou are not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness neither shall evil dwell with thee.*" Learning the lessons of history is the key to learning the lessons of the future of any nation.

## VII. The Foolish Shall Not Stand Before God at the Judgment

Psalms 5:5 *The foolish shall not stand in thy sight thou hatest all the workers of iniquity.*

We know who the “foolish” are for they are defined for us in the book of Proverbs. The book of Proverbs is about two men, a wise man, and a foolish man. The wise man will be defined by nine characteristics, and I gave them to you. A fool will also be defined by eight characteristics, and I gave those to you also. A fool in verse 5 will be those eight things in Proverbs:

- Proverbs 1:7            He despises wisdom.
- Proverbs 14:9        He mocks sin.
- Proverbs 20:3        He meddles in other people’s business.
- Proverbs 10:18       He slanders.
- Proverbs 26:11       As a dog returning to his vomit, he returneth to his sin.
- Proverbs 17:24       His eyes are never satisfied and goes to the ends of the earth.
- Proverbs 17:10       He resists punishment for correction.
- Proverbs 28:26       He trusts in his own heart.

Verse 5 is a reference to people who are fools, and the Bible says they are not going to be able to stand before God at the judgment. That will be the great white throne. In life the fool has said in his heart that there is no God Psalms 14:1. Revelation 20:11 tells us that in that day he is face to face with him.

**You have two choices in life, only two, when it comes to God.**

- 1.) You either face him now face to face as his friend,
- 2.) Or then face to face as his enemy in judgment.

The second part of verse five. *Thou hatest all the workers of iniquity.* In this verse we see the complete apostasy of Christianity, worldwide religion and people’s idea of God in general. The question is, **how could a God of love ever hate anybody?** You hear it constantly. God is love! I see it everywhere, on billboards, t-shirts, Bible covers. In ninety-eight percent of the services in churches today, the theme will be God is love. This phrase is what the gay movement uses, (Romans 1) to justify the fact that it is okay to be gay and you can still be a Christian, be a pastor, be this or that. We are the people in the world today that are the remnant against what you’re up against. The question today is, how can a loving God hate anybody?

## VIII. Two Words Christianity & the World wants to Get Rid of:

### Hate & Hell

I’ve watched this thing for fifty years and **I’ve watched Christianity and the world try to get rid of two words.** If they could succeed in getting rid of these two words, they got an open field running to make the touchdown. You know what the first word is? **The first word is “hate”.** You know what the second word is? **The second word is “hell”.** You mention hell in a sermon or talk about somebody going to hell, burning in hell and now you’re trying to scare them.

On TV if you watch the FOX channel, it's the stupid commercial that starts out by saying "when you die do you know heaven or not? They just can't say the word "hell". When is the last time you heard a good solid fiery message on burning in hell? I told you before Billy Graham in the 1950's was tearing it up, but by the time he got to the 1990's and the neo-evangelicals got a hold of him, he didn't even believe there was a hell. (or questions it). He too comes to the place after preaching all those years that he doesn't understand how a loving God could send anybody to hell. He thinks the Muslims are going to heaven. He said Pope John was the greatest Christian of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Are you kidding me!

**It is the same way with the word hate.** It says in verse 5 God hates all the workers of iniquity. If you study this out and get some commentaries on Psalms, every commentator on this passage will do one of two things. He'll either change it and make it say God hates the deeds of the workers of iniquity or they will just skip the whole verse and then they don't have to do anything with it. So, we have here today in Laodicea, no Bible, but we hear it all the time, God hates the sin, but loves the sinner. Now I am a history guy, I got it written down here, just a minute. Do you know who said that? What great Christian said that? **Gandhi said that! Gandhi, the great Hindu pagan told the world that God hates the sin, but he loves the sinner.**

**That is not in the Bible!! No preacher worth his salt down through history that preached the word of God would ever make that statement.** But we use it today from Gandhi!

He died around 1948. It's been about seventy-five years now that he has been able to rethink his position. Today the two words that has to go in Christianity will be two key words of the Bible. The word hell and that God hates the workers of iniquity.

## IX. Why is Hell So Important? Why Would God need a Hell?

Let's learn some Bible today and get some doctrine down. Man said how could a loving God ever send a man to hell. You see that is the world's perspective. You know what my perspective is? How can a loving God want to take anyone of us to heaven? That is the thing that bothers me, praise the Lord.

Let's talk about hell first. **Why is hell in the Bible so important? Why would God even need a hell?** When man was created, he was created with an eternal soul. Adam and Eve had God's likeness. They had God's image and were perfect in that sense. In Genesis 3 it all changed. Adam lost the image of Christ and now his soul is in sin. The fallen image of Adam is passed onto everyone of us (Romans 5:12) that now our souls are tainted with our sins stuck to our flesh. When a man gets saved his soul is removed from his flesh (Colossians 2:11). He is redeemed now and sealed with the holy Spirit of God and now we know he's saved through the blood of Christ on the cross. Now when you die, your soul goes to be with the Lord for all eternity.

An unsaved man's soul is stuck to his flesh. His flesh is sinful; therefore, his soul is sinful. If he does not get the spiritual circumcision that cuts it away from his flesh (Colossians 2:11) and then mates it up with the holy Spirit of God where it is sealed and now saved, his soul will remain connected to his flesh and in sin. That is why the Bible says in Ezekiel 18:20, the soul that sinneth it shall die. When he dies what does God do with his eternal soul? In the Bible you

purge sinful things by fire. The Old Testament sacrifices that were sin offerings were connected with fire and we know from Psalms 5:1-3 today that no sin can dwell with God in his presence. The foolish, the unsaved can't stand in his presence and in verse 6 God shall destroy them. So, **fire is how God will purge our sin through Christ.** When he was on the cross from the sixth to the ninth hour, he says everything a unsaved man says in hell. I thirst, my God, my God why hast thou forsaken me. And from the sixth to the ninth hour... I don't understand how it happened, but I thank God for it. **The devil literally brought hell to him on the cross and that is where he suffered for you and for me.** And for every man, woman and child on planet earth in the history of the world. He suffered in those three hours what we would suffer in eternity. You see this in Job 30:27 where it talks about his bowels being boiled, (Job 30:30) his bones being burned black with heat.

#### A.) A Sinful Eternal Soul Requires an Eternal Purging from an Eternal Fire

In the case of an unsaved person, what can God do? When he starts his plan, he can't have 100 million souls with sin roaming through the universe. So, they become their own eternal sacrifice with fire. They go to hell now (fire) and later in the lake of fire Isaiah 66, Revelation 20 and there the fire will burn them for eternity because their eternal soul, their sinful soul can never be purged. It can never be consumed; it can never end or go away. It can't stand in God's presence, so he puts it in eternal lake of fire, and it burns and purges without ever being purged or consumed forever. That is how God contains sin in eternity. This is the doctrine of eternal damnation. Again damnation "damn-nation", the nations. You see, you either take his eternal salvation through his burning on the cross and taking your place in hell now or you will become your own eternal sacrifice. Your soul is eternal so it will have to burn for eternity in a place where it will never come out and contaminate it again. The only way he can do that is through an eternal fire. **An eternal soul requires an eternal purging from an eternal fire.** Revelation 14:11 says, "*and the smoke of their torment ascended up forever and ever.*" That is why God has to have a hell and that is why people need to be told. It isn't heaven or not!

#### B.) God's Love Defined - His Wrath Poured out on His Son on the Cross

**Now the other word. God is love.** Let me define God's love for you. **God's love for you and for me is his wrath poured out on his son on the cross because he loved you and me.** God hating unsaved people, workers of iniquity. Romans 9:13 says Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. Before salvation we were God's enemy. We are not all the children of God, you got to get that straight. Before salvation we were God's enemy. The great chapter on salvation is Romans 5. It tells us that before salvation we were his enemy, but the blood of Christ reconciled us to God. Praise the Lord! Romans 8:7 tells us that the carnal mind, unsaved mind is enmity against God. Notice the word enmity, it is the word connected to enemy. James 4:4 says *whosoever therefore will be a friend of this world is the enemy of God.*

#### C.) God Hates with a Perfect Hatred

In Proverbs 6:16 you will find six things that God hates. These will be the six characteristics of an unsaved man and they are also the six characteristics of the devil. John 8:44 says you are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father you're going to do.

These six things the Lord hates and notice these are six characteristics of people based on the doctrinal teaching of Galatians 5:9 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. You see that these are unsaved people.

In Psalms 139:22 our key to it all. He says *“I hate them with a perfect hatred I count them mine enemies.”* Notice now he connects the two words for you, enemies and hatred. But he hates them with a perfect hatred. Notice now he connects the two words for you, enemies and hatred. But he hates them with a perfect hatred. What does that mean? It means that **God has no personal feelings in his hatred.** It’s hard for us to understand a perfect hatred because we hate with an impure motive. We hate because of jealousy, or we hate because of greed, we hate because of anger. We hate because we have been hurt. We hate because you know we want to retaliate. We hate because of bitterness, because of envy. Those are all things that are the motive behind our hating.

#### D.) When Dealing with People Hate is not in Your Vocabulary

God’s hate is without any ulterior motive involved. Simply he is a God of righteousness. He is a holy God and Psalms tells us that he will not dwell in the presence of wickedness. He hates that on a pure basis. Truth is truth and he hates based on his holiness. When you get into the ministry you need to deal with people without any ulterior motive in dealing with them. **Hate should not be in your vocabulary.** You can hate things that are against God, like the new translations, higher education. But when it comes to people you and I will never have the ability to hate them with a perfect hatred. When dealing with people it is not based on something they did to you. You can’t let that taint your ability to be able to help them. If God dealt with us that way, not a one of us in this room would have gotten saved. He didn’t let those things affect him. We can’t let it affect us, but we do. But we shouldn’t. He hates with a perfect hatred based on his perfect holiness and that is where it ends. So that brings up the question. How in the world does an unsaved person ever get saved? Here is how you look at this. Going back to the Bible. This is way beyond Bible 101. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 1:3 that God put all things in Christ. And for God to love an unsaved man or woman (John 3:16) look at 2 Timothy 1:9-10, here is the answer.

*He says Who hath saved us, and called [us] with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, 10. But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:*

The only way he can do that and save an unsaved person and love an unsaved person (in spite of him hating that unsaved person), is to look at that person through Christ’s death on the cross and see him through the blood of Christ sacrifice. The only way he can do it! He looks at an unsaved man and he hates the man but for Jesus’ sake and the death on the cross he puts that aside and he looks through the sacrifice of Christ dying on the cross for all men. And that’s the only way you can get in. He looks through Christ’s death.

Now you see an example of this the same way in the Old Testament. I know the Old Testament is completely different but in the Old Testament he didn’t see them through Christ, but he saw

them through the sacrifice that they made to him. Because those sacrifices were purged with fire, and it says in Genesis 8:20-21

*20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart [is] evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.*

**You know what appeased God? That burning flesh he smelled it and it was a reminder of what Christ was going to do on the cross when the devil brought the fire to him.** Every Old Testament sacrifice God hated men. But he could love them through the sacrifice they brought. Because that sacrifice was in his nostrils of what Christ was going to do on the cross someday. It's an incredible thing!

A man will either accept and believe in his son, or he rejects and stays as a worker of iniquity and God hates him outside of Christ. It brings a whole new level and a sense of awe when you reject Christ. This was all part of God's plan. It was the only way he could redeem us because he won't let sin come into his presence. God said I will send my son and let him die on that cross and pay the price for each one of them. (Because God is not willing that any should perish.) Then when I come down to deal with any unsaved man or woman who is my enemy, who I hate, who I cannot dwell in their presence with them, I will look at them through my son's death on the cross. I will see my son covered by the blood and if they accept me through that, then I will have fellowship with them. After I circumcise spiritually what is sinful and seal it (Colossians 2:11). Can you imagine getting to the great white throne judgment and then understanding all that God did and then how you flippantly said no thank you. Incredible!

## X. The End of the World Without God.

Verse 6. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: (lying) the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man. This verse clearly lays out the end of the world today without God. You've seen today from these verses in Psalms and completely how God views every nation. America falls right into that.

## XI. Summary

Now you can better see and understand everything that America is going through has been clearly laid out for you. You get Paul Harvey's, "If I was the Devil" and we're seeing it unfold worldwide before our very eyes today. In this passage you learn not only fundamentally what is wrong in America. But no matter who gets in office, **America is never going to be great again.**

**What needs to happen is a reality check that God's people.** Realize that the great days are gone, why they are gone. Then **we have to redouble our efforts in the time we have left to do everything that God called us to do.**

**It's time! It's time to take ownership of some things.** It is time for us to look at the things that God gives us and say that's mine I will take care of it. Just like he was here because I am taking ownership of it. **He went back to heaven; he left me here for one reason, that is to take ownership of everything he left for me to do!**