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Pastor John: Well, I've asked Pastor Sharon and Pastor Christi to pray for me, where's Kit? Kit, yes, please come. Hallelujah. This is our last Sunday before we ride, hallelujah. So next week we do the ABSA Cape Epic, we've been training a long time. And as always, we value your prayers, we value your support. And all of the things that you, the strength that you have, that you are to us, we are grateful. So, would you pray for us, please?

Pastor Sharon: Let's stretch, let's stretch out our hands as just a point of contact and an act of faith in what we're going to pray. And you're going to agree with everything that I'm going to pray and Pastor Christi's going to pray. And we say, we say today, Elijah legs. We say today, the favour of God be with you every day all the way, hallelujah. In the weather, in the weather, in all of the things that He's busy arranging already for you. Shifting and arranging things for you, the favour of God and Elijah legs and that you will enjoy, we pray Father for the enjoyment, enjoyment Lord. Enjoyment, that they will enjoy, they will enjoy You on the ride and they will enjoy the ride. All the way, every day, in Jesus' name and Your protection, Your protection, Your protection, Your protection Lord. Hallelujah, His extreme, they live in the moment of Your protection, in Jesus' name, that's what we declare today.

Pastor Christi: Amen, amen. Father, in the mighty name of Jesus, Pastor John is vibrating with Your purpose. Now Father, let it be, for Pastor John and Kit, Lord, the new, the maximum, Your strength, Your power, your Might vibrating through every cell and every moment Lord. Bring forth Lord, let this seed be what it must be to You Lord. Hallelujah, Father, let it be, this press, this press of this sent one, where Kit is joining him in this moment, Lord for your purposes, let it bring forth, let it unlock, let it be what it must be, so that Your Kingdom, Your people will vibrate with Your purposes Lord. We thank You for this seed, this press, Lord, like never before and like Pastor Sharon said, Your protection every moment of the way, Lord. We bless Pastor John and Kit in the mighty Name of Jesus with great joy and we all say, Amen. Hallelujah.

Pastor John: Thank you, thank you, Kit, thank you, Hallelujah.

Pastor Sharon: So I'm done praying, I don't have to pray for you?

Pastor John: I'll pray for myself.

Pastor Sharon: You'll pray for yourself, ok.

Pastor John: Thank you. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to Jesus. Before you sit down, you should tell somebody, I'm glad I'm not doing the epic and Pastor John's doing it for me and then you may be seated. Praise the Lord. Yeah, this upcoming week is a wonderful week. We are, I've said to a number of people, you know, if what we haven't trained, it's too late now. What we have trained, thank God that we've been diligent, we've been faithful, we've explored every opportunity, everything that we need to explore to get here, and we are gonna have a wonderful, wonderful time. I'm really looking forward to it, really. Hallelujah.

But we have a big week ahead of us because tomorrow Dennis Peacock arrives roundabout lunch time. And his daughter arrives in the evening. They're coming from different places in the world. And they will be here Tuesday and Wednesday, they'll be here on Monday. But we are going to give them just a little few hours to sleep and we will put them to work. No, we will respect their time and their rest and the things that they need. But we know that God's got a really huge moment for us.

So, please don't forget, this afternoon is message moments. And Tuesday night we are planning to have Prayer Meeting, but I'm anticipating that there will be a different kind of Prayer Meeting. And we will have one of them ministering to us on Tuesday night. So, please come prepared and ready and if you can't, if you are in Jo'burg or Lenasia or somewhere else, Morgenzon, wherever you might be, you know, we will give you permission Tuesday night to look online, but not Wednesday night. You should be here if you can, you should be here. Amen, you'll be blessed, Praise the Lord. Alright.

Are you ready for the Word this morning? Praise Jesus. It's been some time that the Lord has been about His purposes to bring into the earth, knowledge of Him and as much knowledge as He is bringing into the earth, understanding is only available to those who will seek Him and search for Him. Knowledge about God is not something that gets anything done. It's seeking and searching for God that gets it done. There's lots of people that have knowledge, there's lots of people in the world that have information, but understanding Who God is and how God functions is only for those who seek Him and search for Him. God has been about this and I thank God that we have a people here and those that are watching online, these services, we have a people that are seeking Him, we are searching Him, we want Him to show up with all of His presence. Amen. We really desire God in His fullness, don't we? Amen, amen.

Last week or the week before, last week was a little different week on Sunday but, I used the scripture in Isaiah 55 verse 6. **⁶ Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.** Verse 8 says, **⁸ "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord.** **⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts (Isaiah 55:6, 8-9 NKJV).**

So, I read the scripture verse 11, **¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:11 NKJV).** This is talking about seeking Him, searching Him, understanding His thoughts and His ways. So even as He says His thoughts and His ways are very different to ours and His ways and His thoughts are much higher than ours if we seek Him and we search Him we can find it. He's actually telling us you can't find it if you don't seek, you can't know His ways and His thoughts because His thoughts are higher and so you need to seek for it, to search for it for it to get known to you. Amen. It's not to say that you don't, you can't know His ways, it's not to say that you can't find Him or that you can't seek Him, find out what He thinks, it says you've got to search for it, you've got to seek Him out to get it, it's not just going to, everybody knows it. Hallelujah.

Now, today is going to be a very significant day because I'm creating a framework. I have been speaking quit a lot about Crossover, Kingdom Economics, Ecclesia Economics and the Lord has been guiding us and directing us and bringing us to a place where I trust today is going to just begin to put all the pieces together very nicely from teachings that we as a ministry we had for many, many years. So are you ready for it?

So when we come to Easter weekend, Easter weekend, we gonna have a lot of time in the Word and we gonna have a lot of time, search and seek what the ways of God are. Why is Easter weekend, please tell me why is Easter weekend an important weekend? Thank you

Pastor Sharon, they are holy-days not holidays. Come on, let's talk about Easter. Easter, Easter is because Jesus died. The Lamb of God was slain on Good Friday and then He was resurrected on Sunday. Right? That's why we have Easter. Easter weekends are not designed so that we can plan a holiday calendar. It's actually designed for us to celebrate. So God is adjusting our attitude. Yes. Okay, so if we are going, we are going to have services on Friday, Friday morning. I'm telling you now that the rest of the people don't know this. I figured this out in the last twenty-four hours, but we're going to have services on Friday, Friday morning. We're going to have services Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon and Monday morning. Hallelujah. So you'll have some time in between to kind of chill out and relax and you know all of that, but you'll also have a lot of time to get some time in the Word. Amen. Thanks for taking note of that, Miranda, so we can send it out to everybody. Hallelujah.

Friday is when Jesus died. What's the big deal about Jesus dying? Well, Jesus had to shed His Blood. Right? He had to shed His Blood, and so I'm going to minister this morning and then Pastor Sharon's got things on her heart that the Lord has given her to share. She has shared them with me already and she's going to have amazing stuff, you're going to find liberty and God is going to teach you stuff in the next two weeks while I'm sweating. She's going to be giving you the Word. Hallelujah.

But when Easter weekend comes and as the Lord leads us to minister, my part will certainly be that I will share on the Blood of Jesus because, I have touched on this a little bit in different meetings, the power of life is in the Blood. Do you have life without blood? Your heart can be in perfect order, all of your organs can be in perfect order, if you don't have blood circulating you don't have life because what's it about the blood? You know we talk about things, people died because they had a heart attack, people died because they had cancer, people died because they had disease or whatever the diseases that they had or they had hypertension, blood pressure, they had different things. All of those things are about what happens in the blood. Right?

Even if we talk about different stuff, it's all about what's happening in the blood. If your heart stops working it's because something happened to your heart and the circulation of the blood in the heart and the blood can't get your, the heart can't get your blood to your body anymore because the life is in the blood and so if you don't have the necessary minerals and vitamins and the elements of life that your organs and your body needs, oxygen and different things, in the blood, then you have a lower standard of life because your blood is compromised. Right? So, when COVID came, COVID attacked people's respiratory organs and so therefore it affected what your blood was carrying to the rest of your body and how efficiently your blood was. Right? It's in the blood.

So, when Jesus said, you and I need to repent, then He was saying, we need to turn away from our thinking, our way of life and turn to Him. He shed His Blood to do that. Just work with me here. So, anybody want to tell me what *pent* means? The word *pent* means *the highest, or above, or the highest point*. So, if you say, "I'm living in the penthouse." Then it means I'm living in the highest house.

So, if God is saying in the Bible that we must repent, that means we must bring our mind to a different previous way of thinking that changes all of our behaviour. So, if you repent, that means we as mankind had an eternal thought process that was compromised because sin entered into Adam's blood. When sin entered into Adam's blood, his mind started to think differently.

So, when Jesus says we must repent, that means we must change our thinking to think back to the way that the first Adam thought before he sinned. Jesus came to give us back the life that Adam gave up. Jesus came to give back the life. Hello. Are you all with me still? I know I

jumped into this quickly. But I've got to do something quickly this morning. Praise the Lord. Okay.

So, now you remember Isaiah 9 verse 6 says. Isaiah 9 verse 6. I'm reading the New King James Version. **⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name, this is the Name of Jesus, will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this (Isaiah 9:6,7 NKJV).**

Hello. Government. Yes. This Government has a Name. This Government has a Name and this Government is called Wonderful. This Government is called Counsellor. This Government is called Mighty. This Government is called Everlasting. This Government is called Peace. And of these things this Government will increase and there will be no end to these things that it's called. He calls this Government the extension of the Kingdom of David. All right.

Romans chapter 14 verse 17, **¹⁷ For the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking**, the Kingdom of God, the Government of God, come on, come on guys, we're going back to Matthew chapter 6, work with me here guys. **¹⁷ The Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17 NKJV).** Matthew 6 verse 33 says, **Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness**, His way of doing things and **all these things will be added unto you (Matthew 6:33 KJV)**. So we know that His Kingdom is not about eating and drinking but righteousness, joy and peace. So if we're seeking righteousness, joy and peace, then all these things are added to us because the Kingdom is not about eating and drinking, it's already added. It's already added. Ahh. Glory to God.

Now, Genesis chapter 1 verse 26, I'm going to read just the first part of the verse, **²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion."** (Genesis 1:26 NKJV) What's He telling man to do? Govern. Okay, so now if He's saying, "Man have dominion." He's saying, "Govern." What's government look like when God's in charge through men? What's government look like? Wonderful. It's full of Counsel, it's full of Might, it's Everlasting, it's full of Peace and it never ends. So when He said to man, "Man have dominion." He never intended it to change. But, God had to have man in His image in order for man to be in His image, man had to have the right to choose whether he wanted that or not. If he didn't have the right to choose whether he wanted that or not, then he wouldn't be like God.

So this is a powerful thing that man must choose, Adam had to choose. Verse 28, **²⁸ Then God blessed them, and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion."** (Genesis 1:28 NKJV) Govern. You are the government. Make sure it's full of Might, it's Wonderful, it's full of Peace, it's never ending, it's great. Because it's Me through you. Is that what He's telling Adam? It's Me through you on the earth. Now Adam, in order for Me to be through you on the earth and for it to look like Me, you must have a choice." So chapter 2 verse 16 says, **¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; of everything, eat everything.** There's everything to eat here. Hello? Eating and drinking is already provided. "Man, your job is not to worry about eating or drinking. It's to govern. Rule. Don't worry about eating or drinking. Rule. Govern."

Why do you and I want to worry so much about eating and drinking? It's because we don't understand what God has given back to us through Jesus. So we think actually the highest

thing that we can have faith for is, "Hey look, God's taken care of my housing and my cars and my drinking and eating. So look how grand my faith is." In the meantime God's standing on the sideline and saying, "You've only reached the very basic entry level kind of walk with Me and relationship with Me. It's just the basics. You've got nothing fancy to talk about yet, because you're not ruling and governing yet." Hey, don't shout me down. You can shout me down. Come on, shout me down. Say, "You're preaching good Pastor John. You're preaching good. You're preaching good."

So He says, ¹⁶ ... **"Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."** (Genesis 2:16-17 NKJV) Why is he going to die? What's going to happen? It means he's going to make a different choice of rulership, governing. If he makes that choice, He's saying, "The Government that You have placed in my hands, I choose to govern differently. I choose to govern the way that I think I should govern. And the way that I think I should govern is, I've got to eat of this tree."

Just please take note God said, "Eat anything you like. It's all provided for you. Just one thing. Don't touch that. Don't eat that. Stay away from that." One thing. Not everything. He said, "You can eat anything and everything. Just not one thing." So what did man do? One thing. You might turn around and say, "But you know, if I was Adam I wouldn't have done that." You were Adam. You were in Adam and you were Adam making that choice. That's why when God had to come and fix it, He had to fix it through one man Who would make the same choice, if you will accept what choice He made. Hallelujah. Glory to God. Glory to God.

What's God send Jesus back to earth to do? I need a relationship with a governing people, not a people waiting to get out of here to go back to Heaven. He didn't put Adam and Eve on the earth so that they could at some point in time go and be with God in Heaven. In fact, He never ever intended them to live a separated life from Him. His whole intention is that He would watch them govern and govern with them eternally with peace, with might, wonderfully, the way He does in Heaven, on earth. Hallelujah.

So, remember what mandate the Lord gave me? Remember it? What's the point of being a Christian? Because, not just so that we can die and go to Heaven, yes that's a good reason to be a Christian, but the reason to be a Christian is so that we can be spiritual. Because only spiritual people can bring Heaven to earth. God never intended for us to have our sole reason for living so we can go to Heaven. God intended for us to have rulership and dominion on the earth.

So I've said this many times before. Many, many, many times, you don't have to be a Christian to be rich. There's many, many rich people on the earth. Tell me what rich people do with their money? They govern, they influence, they exercise the authority of their money. Don't they? Let me say this, do you think governments operate independently of money? So if people have got lots of money, corporations, individuals and they've got money, those people with money are going to influence the way people govern. Because governments need money. Come on.

So where does God get His money? I mean He's the ultimate Governor. So where does God get His money? So where does God get His money? It's a trick question. I know. Where does God get His money? *[Pastor Sharon responds that God doesn't need money.]* Huh? Thank you Pastor Sharon. He doesn't need money. Tell me why God doesn't need money? If there's something that He wants, what does He do? He creates it. He makes it. How does He make it? With words. Do you need money? You need words that are connected to God. And if then God needs money to make your words come to pass, then He'll make money to, He'll get money to you to come and make it come to pass. But what you need is, words. Whose words? How do you have government? Words. Whose words? God's Words. Wow.

So when we are in this place, where we are crossing over, when we are crossing over, we have to understand that when God was operating in the beginning, and He made man, there was no kingdoms. Come on. It was the only authorised place for any beings to exist. His place. Right? When he made earth He said, "I'm gonna take My place and I'm gonna make it this earth Look like My place." He still didn't make a kingdom. He was making a place of dominion. So why is it then later on called kingdoms? Because there was a time when the children of Israel said, "We want kings like all the nations of the earth." Where did those kings come from? They called themselves rulers to govern people and those rulers called themselves kings and kings were established as a divine order of being because you can never challenge a divine order. Come on. And so you found that the kings of the earth always needed the church or the religion or spiritual powerful spiritual people to authorise them to govern. Because they wanted the divine right to rule.

So what does God give you and I to do? Does He not give us the divine right to rule? How do you get to be someone who has a divine right to be ruled? Let's just take the one monarchy that we all know that is the most prominent high profile monarchy on the earth that still functions like a monarchy. We currently have a king in the United Kingdom that is called King Charles. He has a son. He's got two but the one is spare. But the other one is the heir to be. And he's called Prince William. Prince William has the right to run the kingdom because he's born to King Charles. Birthright, bloodline.

So you can only have rulership right because of blood. How do we get the blood of rulership In us? Jesus. So He had to have His Body shed blood. So all of the universe could see the Blood and could recognise that the Blood is paying the price of penalty for those who choose Adam's way rather than what Jesus is doing. So most of what's happening in the church today Is people are still choosing to live like Adam rather than Jesus. "I choose to govern a different way than God." In fact you know who are the biggest, who are the biggest problems as far as this is concerned? It's the Christians, because the other people in the world, they just want to dominate. They want to govern, they want to dominate, don't they.

How do they want to dominate? Power and money. So they got no problem with domination, they got no problem with governance. "We want to do it this way, we'll do it this way." Right? The Christians on the other hand, they say, "We want to be saved, we want to be Christian, we want to have, we receive the pass that Jesus paid, we want to be a Christian but we want to rule like Adam." The minute you say you want to rule like Adam, "I want to choose my way of ruling, I want to choose my way of governing." You are now confused. Why are you confused? Because you've eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the more you eat of that tree, you're not eating from the Tree of Life, so even though the Tree of Life is in you, you're eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God is wanting to say, "Eat of the Tree of Life, Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, so eat of the Tree of Life." Every day, words, every day.

Didn't Jesus speak to the devil when the devil came to tempt Him? Didn't Jesus speak to the devil, when he came and he said, "Turn the bread into stone, you're hungry. Turn it." You know what he was asking Him to do? "Use Your power of government, use Your power of rulership, and use the words that create. I know You've got the power Jesus, I know You've got the authority, I know You've got the dominion, I know You've got the rulership. I need to control that otherwise that's going to end up controlling me. So now while you're in a human state hungry, I'm going to do my best to control Your future. So turn the stones into bread, Jesus." He says, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." You know what He is saying, "The Kingdom is not about eating and drinking, but about righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Ghost. And I'm not here to serve your kingdom, I'm here to establish a whole new Kingdom." Glory to Jesus.

So watch this out now. You know, I'm putting a good case together for you so that if you have an argument with my case, go study the Bible, don't go and listen to what other people say. Go study the Bible. And if I'm saying anything that's not in the Bible then don't listen to me, listen to the Bible. *Komaan julle, ek check julle uit.* So, Genesis 3 verse 17, ¹⁷ **Then to Adam, this is God speaking to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, that wife, yes that wife and all the women said, "I'm not that wife." Because you got Jesus in you to be a different wife.**

¹⁷ **"Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground ... Remember, anti-blessed. Cursed. Whereas before everything was provided for you, now there's some things that are withheld from you because there's an anti-blessing factor at work here. "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil. So you can have blessing but you're going to have to work for it. It's not saying that you can't have anything provided for you but the provision is going to come through a different way now. Hello? "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.**

You're going to eat of the, the field is still going to give you provision but you're going to sweat for it. ¹⁹ **In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, In other words you're going to live off the ground until you die and your body goes back to the ground. For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."** (Genesis 3:17-19 NKJV)

So, you're all with me so far? Praise the Lord. Are you getting something out of this today? Hang tight with me, it's getting better. Genesis chapter 4 verse 1, ¹ **Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD."** ² **Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.** ³ **And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.** ⁴ **Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,** ⁵ **but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell** (Genesis 4:1-5 NKJV).

Now before I go any further, I want to just make a comment here. When God came into the garden and He called Adam and Eve by name and He couldn't find them. How many of you know that God wasn't looking for them because He couldn't find them? They were hiding themselves because they were now ashamed and they saw something about each other that they didn't see before. They saw nakedness. So instead of being clothed by glory they had to be clothed by or they chose to clothe themselves with leaves. Hold on a minute. They now have to provide clothing? What was the trigger for the clothing? What was the trigger for the clothing? You ate the wrong food. Eating and clothing. You ate the wrong food, now you have to provide clothing. But you don't know what clothing looks like. So how do they provide clothing for themselves? All they know is I didn't know that my body looks like this. Why not? Why did they not know their body looked like the way it looked? Because they had the glory of God, they couldn't see past each other's glory. They lived in glory. They lived in dominion with each other in God.

Now they're separated from God they see something they never saw before. And when they saw it, they saw it was so much lower than the glory, that they were ashamed at the choice that they had made. It's not that they were ashamed at each other's bodies, because their bodies were made in perfection. And they never saw what, they never knew what the body was for. So why is God coming walking in the garden in the cool of the evening to come and have a conversation with them? Because He realises, God has to know this that they need

new directions and new orders because they've made the wrong choice.

So, this is part of the orders He's given them. Before He gives them orders He says, "You've got the wrong clothes. I've got to make you clothes." Go read it for yourself. He gives them skins of animals. Why does He say, clothing of leaves is not enough? Because if He's going to have a relationship with them the life is in the blood and they have made a choice that is going intentionally damage their blood forever. Now He's got to cover their choice with Blood.

So, He's got to take the blood of animals and he's got to clothe their poor choice of a lifestyle that is way lower than the life that God gave them. He's got to remind them all the days of their life that they exist because something else has shed blood for them. So that's why in our modern day world, we don't pay a price of killing an animal for leather, anymore. We have artificial clothing that we are clothed with. And because we have artificial clothing we don't really understand the price of sin. And so much of what we have in our lives today is so easily accessible, because all the time since Adam man has been trying to undo the price of sin. So even today man doesn't want to pay the consequence of sin. He just wants to sin without consequence because that's the way he wants to govern.

You want to know why there's a big, big push on the earth for countries to have constitutions of the people. That in the constitution gives everybody the right to sin how they want to sin, you have any kind of sexual relationship, any kind of marriage and any kind of abortion. Because they want the culture to be okay with choices, without consequences of sin. If we put it in the constitution now you're not going to die for it, you're not going to be hung for it, because we the government say, "It's okay to make those choices." God says, "I need a government in the earth that will be My Government. It will look like Me, it will be Everlasting, it will be full of Peace, it will be Mighty, it will be full of Counsel and it will never end, it will be Mighty."

So He sends Jesus to be the first One. If you're the first one then that means there's got to be more than just one. Otherwise it's the only one, not the first one. If you read everything in the New Testament He became the Firstborn. Right? So if He was the first one then we are all the second one. What's He re-establishing? Government. So what's the Church of the Lord Jesus supposed to do on the earth? That's why it's called Ecclesia. That's why it's not called congregations of people, that's for sheep. We are governors, we are His sheep but He's given us permission to govern. The problem with the church is that they just want to be sheep, they don't want to govern anymore. "We're okay, we're okay to go to church on Sunday, have a nice message, praise God a little bit, confess our sin a little bit. Make me feel better, make me feel good, you know I'm okay, I worship God, I feel good I'm inspired now, I can do another week." Come on. "I can do another week because I've done a good Sunday with God. But I want to govern the rest of my week the way I want to govern. Then when I come to the end of the week I realise I've made some mistakes, I've done some things that I wish I didn't do and I'd like to have them over again, I must go back to church on Sunday so I can feel good again. And I'm going to live my whole life trying to feel good from Sunday to Sunday to Sunday to Sunday..." Eventually, people get just, "What is the point, I don't want to feel guilty anymore, I don't want to feel like I've got to go to church so I can feel good. I'm just going to quit going to church and govern the way I want to govern." So they sear their conscience. The Bible says that's what happens is people sear their conscience so that they can live their life and govern their life the way they want to live, and love, and govern their life. Because that's their choice.

Meantime God's saying, "I want a people." That's not a religion because most people want religion because that's what church is to them, it's religion. "I don't want a people of religion, I want a people of relationship." Because when you have a relationship you can govern because now you understand Him, you hear Him, you follow Him. He's the Mighty One in you, He's the Counselor in you for you. Everlasting, Prince of Peace, you don't have to be

anxious about everything, He says, "Relationship, says you're covered. Like I covered Adam and Eve, I've got you covered, eating, drinking, wearing." Wow, you're all quiet on me today, hey? Wow, praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

So now go back to Cain and Abel. ⁶ **So the Lord said to Cain, why are you angry? Why has your countenance fallen? Verse 7. ⁷ If you do well, if you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door and its desire is for you. But you should rule over it (Genesis 4:6-7 NKJV).** You should rule over your desire and your choices. Cain, if you don't rule it, it's going to rule you, Cain. So, what happened? What is the thing? Why did Jesus come and why did God the Father come and talk to Cain like this? Because Cain went to something that was cursed. He produced something that was the work of his hands. Come on. Ground doesn't have blood in it. So even though you are sweating and you're pouring out your life, there's no blood in ground, there's no blood in fruit, there's no blood in veggies. So, when Cain came to God to give him a sacrifice He was saying to God, "I'm bringing a sacrifice on my terms of the things that I want to give You and it's on my terms based on my sweat, based on what I think is the right offering to give You." Abel says, "I have no rights to the relationship with You unless blood is shed. I'm going to go and take a lamb that's got blood and I'm going to sacrifice to You, blood because my life is in the blood. I have to give you a blood sacrifice so that in blood I can have a relationship with You."

Cain said, "I'm not going to be bloody." God says, "That whole concept of you can't be bloody is going to be the thing that is crouching at your door and it's going to rule you because you think you can govern without blood." So, when God says, "Your sacrifice and your offerings is unacceptable to Me, it's because there was no blood in it." It was all on his terms. I sweat, I plow, I plant, I water and the ground gives it to me, but there's no blood there. So, I mean, tell me where Cain's faith was. Where was Cain's faith? It was in himself. It was in himself to work the thing that God gave them back to do but it was cursed.

Okay, Hebrews chapter 11 verse 4, ⁴ **Prompted**, this is the Amplified Bible, ⁴ **[Prompted, actuated] by faith Abel brought God a better and more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, Tell me again, why was it better and more acceptable? Because it had blood, because of which it was testified of him that he was righteous.** How do we get made righteous? By the Blood of Jesus. Can you work for the Blood? He just had to give His Blood willingly so that you could trust in the Blood. So, when He shed His Blood and you say, "I receive the Blood, I receive the price, I have Jesus in my heart, I live for Jesus." He makes you righteous. You can't work for it. You just have to receive it. **Because of which it was testified of him that he was righteous [that he was upright and in right standing with God], and God bore witness by accepting and acknowledging his gifts. And though he died, yet [through the incident] he is still speaking (Hebrews 11:4 AMPC).**

Did you get all that? Through which incident? Cain killed Abel. Why did Cain kill Abel? Because Abel's sacrifice was accepted and his wasn't. So, he got angry with somebody who had a right standing with God and he wasn't. So, he took out his anger against somebody that had right-standing with God. And he said, "I don't like the way that God is respecting you and not respecting me. So, I'm going to just kill you."

Isn't that the story of the church? Isn't that the story of all religions? Let's go back. ⁶ **So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. Some translation says, "At the door of your heart." And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."** ⁸ **Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood**

cries out to Me from the ground. ¹¹ So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth." (Genesis 4:6-12 NKJV)

Come on now. Most of the church is in a condition of being a vagabond and drifting and running around the earth without any direction or any purpose. Why? Because they keep killing their brother. How do they kill their brothers? "I don't like what he says, I don't like what that pastor says, I don't like what that church is saying. I don't like this, I don't like that. In fact, I'm going to do this and I'm going to do that." So, they keep killing their brother with words. They keep saying, "I want to have my own life on earth the way I want to have it. I want to govern the way I want to govern." So what happens? You'll find that most Christians in most churches everywhere, they're just running around without purpose. They run from Sunday to Sunday, from Sunday to Sunday, from homecell maybe to homecell. They run sometimes from, "Okay I'll give tithe for a while. I'll give tithe until circumstances get difficult." And then they can't tithe anymore because they got too short on money, so they stop tithing and then their money gets shorter and shorter and shorter. And so now, "But I tithed and it didn't work and so because I tithed and it didn't work, then why must I do it with God anymore?" Vagabonds. Running around the earth because there's no strength in your behaviour. Come on.

So I just want to remind you, John chapter 1 verse 29. This is John the baptist speaking ²⁹The next day John, the baptist, saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" (John 1:29-30 NKJV). I remind you that Jesus was born six months after John was born. So when John said, "Who was before me." He said, "Behold the Lamb of God that was born before me. I exist because He existed and He's the One that's been sent with pure blood to become the Lamb blood sacrifice." Verse 35, ³⁵ Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶ And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God (John 1:35 NKJV)!" So we know what the Lamb means; blood's got to be shed. One Peter chapter 1 verse 18, ¹⁸Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold.

Come on, we're talking about Kingdom Economics and Ecclesia Economics here. We can't worry about what we're going to eat, what we're going to drink, what we're going to wear, these things are already provided. We have to rule. We have to govern. One Peter 1 verse 18, ¹⁸ Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers. Our tradition of our fathers says, "You can redeem yourself by your work. You can have everything you want in your life by your work." Tradition of our fathers. God says, "You cannot redeem yourselves by your work. You are redeemed with incorruptible things. ¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. ²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you (1 Peter 1:18-20 NKJV).

So we are born again not from our work, corruptible, we are born again from an incorruptible power of the Blood. The life is in the Blood. Jesus had to give His lifeblood, the pure sinless lifeblood and when He shed His pure sinless lifeblood it covered everything that you would ever have to wear and everything you ever have to eat or drink. Which is why Jesus is speaking in the Matthew 6, not an apostle, not a disciple, but Jesus. He said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." Seek His rulership, seek His dominion mandate and His way, His righteousness, His way of doing things. His rulership, His mandate and His way of doing things and all these things will be added to you.

If you read the whole rest of the scripture it says all of the Gentiles, they seek and they chase after remember I've read that to you before; they chase after what you're going to eat, what you're going to drink, where you're going to live, all that kind of stuff. And He says, "Why do you want to do like the Gentiles do when the Father knows even the birds of the air. Even your hair on your head." He knows everything, everything, everything. Why do you want to worry about that stuff? Rule man. You're supposed to rule, you're supposed to govern, you're supposed to have a much higher calling than just what you're going to eat or what you're going to drink.

Same chapter, verse 23 of Peter, 1 Peter chapter 1 verse 23, ²³ **Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the Word of God which lives and abides forever.** We are born again through the Blood by the Word ²³... **which lives and abides forever** ²⁴ **because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away (1 Peter 1:23-24 NKJV).** Come on Church, if this scripture is Truth and this is the Bible and it's truth then all of the glory of your wealth and your power is going to die. It has no value because if you're doing it because you did it, then you've got no right to the glory of it. But if that's all the glory you want, take it all because that's as long as it's going to last while you're on the earth. Some people take a calculated decision. Christians in particular take a calculated decision, "I'm going to make as much money as I can and I'm going to live in the glory of my own governorship while I'm on the earth because I want to." Not realizing actually that they are giving up eternal governorship because they're governing with corruptible things, not incorruptible things. You get something out of this today? Hey? Hey? Praise the Lord. This is Kingdom Economics and Ecclesia Economics.

Well, you're going to say to me, "Well Pastor John, how does the Church come into this?" I'm glad you asked. I'll tell you on Easter weekend. I'm not here the next two Sundays, when I come back I'll teach you about how the Church functions under the Blood. How it governs, how all the questions you have get answered when you're in the Church because you can't be in the Church if you're not yet in the Kingdom. So first you've got to be in the Kingdom, then you can rule in the Church. Hallelujah. So, are you still ready for this for five more minutes? I'm going to be away for a couple of weeks so I need to just get this out quick. Okay? Ready, five more minutes? Ten more minutes? An hour? Listen, while I'm going I might as well keep going here.

Malachi chapter 3 verse 3, ³ **He, God, will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness (Malachi 3:3 NKJV).** Come on. We are a nation of kings and priests. So if He's going to refine us in our priesthood, He's going to refine us in our righteousness.

So, have you felt in the last couple of months that the fire's been burning? Hot, like triple on the hot stones. Like hot, "Don't touch my money, don't touch my holidays because my holidays are holy to me, I don't care that they're holy to God." Huh? "Pastor John, you're a bit radical." The fire's been burning hot. Yes? Come on. In our church, I mean I'm not talking for the whole, in our church. I wonder if it's because He, God, is sitting as a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the priests, ³ ... **And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness (Malachi 3:3 NKJV).** Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His [Congregation answers; righteousness]. And then all these [Congregation answers; things]. What's God doing when He's purging and purging and purifying us? He's saying get the righteousness things so I can get the things to you because you can't get the things until you're righteous, until you've got a Kingdom mindset in righteousness. When you get that, the things will come. I've got to purify your thinking because your thinking is you can govern by yourself. You can govern the way you want to, you're going to do that you're always going to be hungry and thirsty and you're always going

to be looking for clothes and houses and things, and that's going to be your whole focus of your whole life." And what's the point of living like that? Chase more wealth for what? More houses? More clothes? More cars? For what? "So that my future can be secure." More than this? More than God? Oh sorry, your money's got greater value, it's more powerful than God. I get it, it's in the bank, God's not. You can write a cheque but you can't ask God. Oh you've got a credit card that's got money in it, so you can't ask God because you've got money. Money, obviously money's got to be the thing. It's the thing, right? Money's got to be your thing. If money's your thing, then God's not your thing. Because I can, if I'm in a situation I can fall back on my money, my thing. Because I governed it, I can still govern it. So, because I'm in government of my thing, it's my thing to govern. Go for it.

God is saying, "I'm wanting to purify your thinking about this. Because if you still want to govern your thing the way you think you should govern things you're never going to let Me govern you. And if you never let Me govern you, you are always going to be confused about who your identity is found in." Because if your identity is in the government of yourself then you can never find your identity in God. Then you're going to be a vagabond walking around the earth with nothing, nowhere, no one. You're just going to think like everybody else, what's the point of living? Thank you, Mari, I'm preaching good. I'm not just preaching good, I'm preaching very good Hallelujah.

So, I'm finishing up here. Malachi chapter 3 verse 7. You know when a pastor says he's finishing up, he's got at least three times he can say that. Otherwise, he's not a professional pastor. You understand that, hey? Malachi chapter 3 verse 7, **7 Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,** Says the LORD of hosts. **"But you said, 'In what way shall we return to You God?'"** **8 "Will a man rob God? Now you would think maybe God's going to talk to them about your life choices, about your motives of your heart, about your meditation and your thinking. But God goes straight from your forefathers. You've gone away from me. What you've gone away from?"** **8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings."** **9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.** **10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,"** Says the LORD of hosts, **"If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it."** **11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,"** Says the LORD of hosts; **12 "And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land,"** Says the LORD of hosts (Malachi 3:7-12 NKJV).

You will be delightful? What is the land supposed to yield to you that don't care? All the abundance you need. Because Jesus said in Matthew 6, "Don't care about what you're going to eat, about what you're going to drink, about what you're going to wear." What's the land going to give up to you? All the things you don't care about. "Oh, but I care very much about my money." That's the problem. Hello.

Okay, I have to just say this before I quit. **8 ... 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes in tithes and offerings.** Most of the church today has a problem with tithes. I know not you people. Most of the church even has a problem with tithes. So, they govern themselves because they choose to ... They say, "The church has got no power, the church has got no answers. The church is just a place you go ... It's just a place you go to feel good and to do your ... so the church has got nothing - got nothing." And they would probably be right. Most of the church has got nothing. Because most of the church won't preach what I'm preaching. Because most pastors that will preach what I'm preaching will be persecuted for this truth. And why will they be persecuted for this truth? Because this truth is a direct threat to the

devil. While the whole church is without power, meaningless, got no real stuff going on it's got weak and people in the church are weak and they don't look any different to the people in the world, the devil doesn't worry about the church like that. He's worried about this message that's being preached and you. Because you have now the truth in you and you say, "Hey I don't want to live as a vagabond I want to live with governing. I want to govern the way God wants me to govern. I want to have dominion, I want to walk with power and authority I want... the stuff that I'm so careful about I don't want to care about it I want God just to keep giving it to me so that I can get on with rulership." Hallelujah. Come on church, hey? Tithes and offerings.

I don't want to... I don't have time today but I think Pastor Sharon will get there. Deuteronomy chapter 12 verse 5 ⁵ **"But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go. ⁶ There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks (Deuteronomy 12:5-6 NKJV).**

If I had chance today I would talk to you about all those offerings and how what they mean and how you give them. Maybe Pastor Sharon will preach on this, if you feel the Lord leads you, go for it Sharon otherwise I'll do it when I come back. Anyway, the Holy Spirit leads you. Hallelujah.

So, I've had some questions of my own that I've pursued the Lord with and I'm going to just remind you of something that I said long ago. Many of you won't even remember that I said this. But many years ago I said this. So, when it comes to tithes and offerings the Blood of Jesus paid the price for all sickness, all disease, all sin. But when it comes to money, the Blood of Jesus didn't pay for the money. Remember? Some of you long enough that I said that? And then I went to the Lord and said but that's not possible. When the Blood of Jesus which is pure Blood was shed It paid the price for everything. So, I said at that time I said it has to be that the Blood of Jesus paid the price for everything and then I said this; so it's not now just up to God to rebuke and to release, it's up to us to take authority. I was just missing one little bit of the puzzle and now God has revealed it to me. And that one piece of the puzzle is, I don't even have to exercise the authority of rebuking or releasing because whatever is already rebuked in Heaven is rebuked on earth, whatever is released and loosed in Heaven is already loosed on earth. What did the Blood of Jesus pay for? We don't have to care about what we're going to eat or what we're going to drink, we just have to walk in the authority of what's already been released.

I thank You, Lord, that I don't even have to call my needs met, I thank You that they are met because I understand government and my government is in my words and it's on the basis of the power of the Blood of Jesus and now because I stand righteous before You because of the Blood of Jesus, I thank You that You meet all my needs according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus and I don't even have to work for it, I've just got to thank You for it.

So when I come back you'll ask me, "But why do I have to work? Because the Bible says if you don't work you don't eat." Good question, I'll tell you when I come back. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Because we'll get into energy and time and things like that and how you define work and then we'll see where God leads us with this whole conversation. Because we're supposed to govern. We're supposed to rule. Hallelujah. What do you say, guys? What do you say this morning? What do you say? What do you say? Come on. I mean this is great stuff. If we just keep having church the way we always had church we're going to just die thinking this is all that church was. I don't want to die thinking this is all that church was.

I want to be, one day when this body decides it doesn't ... my spirit man decides it doesn't need this body anymore because it's going to be with Jesus because it needs to go be with

... that's how the apostle Paul saw it, that's the way I see it; for me to live is Christ, to die is gain. So when Christ has had enough of me and the earth, and the earth and me, and I've got to be with Him, then this body just goes down and I go and be with Him. When that happens I want to walk into that place of the throne room of God and say, "Did You check my ruling? Did You check my governing? Because as it is in Heaven, so I've been doing on the earth." And He looks at me and He says, "John, well done man. Good and faithful servant. You're one of those guys, I went away for a time and I delegated authority to you and while I was away you were working as a faithful steward to govern."

Go read the talents, before I come back in a couple of weeks and teach you on it. Kingdom Economics, Ecclesia Economics, God's economic plan for our future. It's all because of the blood. It's all because of the power of the Word of God. Hallelujah. Glory to Jesus. Glory to Jesus. Come on. We are a powerful people. We are not some people just sitting around twiddling our thumbs, waiting for the next possible deal that our works have tried to do or whether the medical profession is finding the next thing whether we can get healed or not. Our healing is in the Blood. The Blood has taken care of all of our impurities in our life, all sickness and disease is in the blood and the perfect, pure blood of Jesus was shed so that it can take away all impurities in your blood, my blood. Hallelujah. Glory to Jesus. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Come on, stand to your feet, people.

I know you're enjoying church so much this morning, you don't even want to go home. [*Grobbies: Exactly*] Huh? Thank you, Grobs. I mean, you're so full of it you can go home. They must stay because I can see they haven't got it yet. [*Congregation laughs*] You're so full of it, hey? You know, if you're so full of it and you like it, then you can go because I can see you've got it. They've got to stay because look at their attitude, it's like; "Eh, we want to go home and eat." They're worried about what they're going to eat and what they're going to drink and what they're going to wear. By twelve o'clock it's already going to hit them. [*Pastor John laughs*] Hallelujah. Let me tell you, when I'm riding the ABSA Cape Epic, it's all about what I eat and what I drink, what I eat and what I drink and what am I going to wear and what am I going to eat and what am I going to drink and what I'm going to eat and what I'm going to drink. For eight days it's all about what you eat and what you drink and how much you're going to eat and how much you're going to drink. And what am I going to ride but, hey, you know what, God provided it all for me. He did. He did. So, what can I say? I'm walking in His governance. Not mine. Praise Jesus. Praise Jesus. Praise Jesus.

Put your hand on your heart like this and say; Lord, I ask You to make this revelation real to me. Let Your Holy Spirit work on my heart. Make it real to me, make it truth to me. In Jesus' name, amen. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Glory to God.

I pray for you that over the next while that you are blessed going out and you're blessed coming in. I mean, that has a whole new meaning, now. Government of blessing going out, government of blessing coming in. Blessed. I pray that the peace of God rests upon you. No weapon formed against you will prosper. You'll go out of your house and come back and God's anointing and blessing will be with you wherever you go, whatever you do. And you all say, amen. And may the peace of God, the Eternal One, the Mighty One, the government of His Everlasting government, may it rule in your heart and rule in your mind forever, from this day onwards. And you say you receive it in Jesus' name by saying it; amen.

Hey, thank you. I love you all. And I'll see you. You'll see me before I see you. They'll be sending pictures of me before I see you again. Amen. Thank you for praying for us and everybody, love you, see you soon, bye.