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### Father's Tradition

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Thank you, King Gregg! God bless you guys! Please be seated. Praise God! Good morning, everybody! Praise the Lord! God is good! Today we are in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2. Paul is writing to the church in Thessalonica. Let's read it together and get into the Word.

### 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-17

- 1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,*
- 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*
- 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*
- 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*
- 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?*
- 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.*
- 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.*
- 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*
- 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*
- 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*
- 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*
- 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

*13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

*14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.*

*16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,*

*17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.*

Amen! Well, this is of course the second epistle to the Thessalonica Church which was a gentile church, fast growing and under persecution. In this passage you can see the beginning of the discussion on the End Times; Paul is writing about Christ coming back. Remember, at the time the soteriology or the views of Christ returning was that it was imminent, meaning within a generation. Matthew 16:28 says, *“Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.”* The people of the time saw it as imminent, *“Christ is coming back. He has died, he's resurrected but he's going to come back and we're going to see him during our lifetime.”*

There are different views on the End Times. We have the Catholic view, we have the Eastern Orthodox view and we have many Protestant views, but the older churches like the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church believed that it had already happened. They believed that this passage was talking about Nero, and Titus, as the Caesars at the time were proclaimed to be gods. Titus basically took over the Temple in 70 A.D.; he was able to conquer Jerusalem, bring desolation into the Temple and destroy the Temple itself.

The ancient Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church view all of Revelation actually up to the very end as having already passed. There are denominations of Protestantism called post-millennialism that also believe that the Book of Revelation already came to pass 2,000 years ago after the coming of Christ. So, the modern interpreters or prophetic teachers on the Book of Revelation who are saying for example, *“Christ is coming. The End Times are here and Christ will come in twenty or fifty years or whatever,”* these are different than the ancient views that Revelation has already passed. Isn't that interesting? In the body of Christ, there's a lot of disparity in the understanding of the End Times.

### **“Hold the Traditions”**

*15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.*

Paul's asking them, *“keep the traditions that I've given you,”* either by writing or what else? The spoken word; this is known as the oral traditions. What a lot of Protestant denominations or modern churches forget is that the Church canon, the Bible was not compiled then. We had the

Nicene Creed adopted in the fourth century, we had the Bible really being put together in the sixth and seven centuries.

And we have multiple Bibles: there's the Roman Catholic Bible that includes up to Maccabees 2, we have the Eastern Orthodox or the Greek Orthodox Bible which includes Maccabees 3. It also has the Deuterocanonical books that are mentioned in the New Testament by the way, but most of the Reformers like Calvin and Luther etc., omitted those books, therefore you don't have the Deuterocanon in the King James version. The Bible versions that most of the modern churches are using do not include the Maccabees, the story about the Jewish militia or do not include what is known as the Deuterocanon. So, we see that there are extra canonical books.

But we have to understand that at this time there was no Bible. This is what's so amazing, and people forget that because 2,000 years separate us from that time. There was no Bible at the time that Paul was writing. At the time they didn't even have the Gospels that will be written after Christ's death and decades after Paul.

The point is: the major Reformers believed in *sola scriptura, sola fide* meaning "by Scripture alone, by faith alone." In many modern churches you'll hear, "All I need is Jesus," and, "Give me the Word of God; that's all I need." But the Bible is very clear that TRADITION is very important. There is an apostolic lineage. Christ himself appoints Peter as the beginning point of his church upon which the gates of Hades shall not prevail, "*That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* (Matthew 16:18) A very important aspect in the original church that all the Early Church Fathers talk about, like Origen, Jerome, Justin, Eusebius, Irenaeus, is that they didn't have a canon; they actually did not have a canon at the time.

All of us in the modern Protestant movements or in the modern churches know that the Spirit of God was leading them even though they didn't have a delineated specific canon. And even though they were somewhat variegated between the different groups, the Word of God, the tradition and the Spirit of God still held together the body of Christ as Paul talked about into one unified and universal holy apostolic church or movement.

Also, most of the Early Church Fathers believed that the church itself was the continuation of Israel; we see this in their writings. That's why for example, the sacrifices etc., demanded in the book of Deuteronomy would end at the time of the church. Why? Because Christ Himself is God; He's God in the flesh, the second person of the Trinity who came down, founded His church, and established the Eucharist or the blood and body of Christ. It's very important to understand this whole dimension of the Early Church because it's very different from what we see in the modern church.

The modern church is many times like a big rock concert; there are laser lights. There's not a lot of liturgy or ceremony. But of course, every Protestant will look back to the Early Church; they'll look at Justin Martyr, they'll look at Jerome, they'll look at Origen, they'll look at Basil, they look at Cyril, they look at all those people and say, "*Those people were Christians; they were*

*saved.*" But again remember, many of those writers had no canonical Scripture; they all had different lists. For example, Athanasius had a different list from Jerome or Justin; they had different lists of what should be included in the Bible, and that had to be worked out over centuries. The early communities were not only *sola scriptura*. They didn't have a Scripture; they had pieces of it. They didn't have the actual Scripture.

When they look back at history, even Protestant scholars of both liberal and conservative persuasion who write about this admit that the Early Church Fathers did not have a canon and that actually the *sola scriptura* foundation proves to not be as solid as people think it is. Why? Because for the beginning centuries there was NO solid Scripture, and if you say *sola scriptura*, which Scripture are you talking about? There are three major Bibles, so which Scripture? These are some of the pieces where the pillars of the modern Church start to crumble.

Not to say that God didn't inspire them because we know from the Divine Principle that God used Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation to clean up the corruption that had occurred in the ancient church as it grew over time and particularly as it coagulated with the state; it became completely combined with the Roman imperial power and it became a state religion. So, we know that God formed Protestantism to PROTEST against the corruptions of the church and of course to pave the way for the Returning Christ.

### **The Eucharist**

So, in the Early Church the Canonical Gospels were assembled. In the King James or in any other modern Bible we have the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; these were all tied together because they had something very central to them. There were other extra canonical texts, but what was the reason why the bishoprics, the *episcopos* as it is in Greek, agreed that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John had to be included into the canon? What was it? They were all centered not only on the burial, death and resurrection but they were also centered on what? They were centered on the EUCHARIST; they were all centered on the ritual of drinking the blood and body of Christ.

For two thousand years we've heard that, so it doesn't sound so strange, but remember, when Christianity began the critics called it a "cannibalistic cult". I'm not joking; we have historical record of that. The reason is because Jesus said. *"Eat of my flesh and drink of my blood."*

*<sup>53</sup> Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.*

*<sup>54</sup> Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.*

*<sup>56</sup> He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. (John 6: 53-56)*

We're kind of used to that, we know that is in the liturgy. Protestants may never have been through a formal Eucharist so it has a little less value, but anybody from Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox backgrounds, you know how serious this is. This liturgical worship is what the entire church is founded on. It's a very structured type of liturgy and there are readings of

Scripture. But the point is: it's this ceremony where literally as Jesus says, *"You're eating my flesh and drinking my blood."* Which sounds very cannibalistic actually if you just look objectively. In the ancient world it sounded like, *"What is he saying? He's saying they have to eat him?"* They were attacked for that, obviously. But this liturgy is a big deal.

### **Nestorianism**

Many different heresies came up through the Christian tradition. One of them for example was the idea that Jesus is a *diprokopos*. He's the second person of the Trinity but there are two persons. Why did that happen? This was called Nestorianism from Nestorius in the fifth century, and it was fought by different councils and eventually the Council of Ephesus in the 5th Century ruled against it and said this was a heresy. But why did this come about?

Nestorianism was teaching that God had to do some form of penal substitution. In other words, the sinner who comes to Christ comes as a sinner before God. Once a sinner proclaims his faith and maybe at that time goes to the Eucharist, God takes away his unrighteousness and imputes it on Jesus at the cross. The sinner's sin is imputed on Jesus and then Jesus is damned by his Father; he is punished on behalf of the sinner. Do you see this? This may sound very familiar; you probably grew up hearing something like this. In most Protestant Reformed churches this theology is taught. It's the theology of penal substitution; a very common system that is taught in most of the Western world, especially in Protestant churches. But people don't realize that this was actually a reformulation or very similar conclusion to the fifth century when they believed that Jesus actually have to be damned by his Father.

If you believe in the Trinity, there's a problem with that, because if the second person of the Trinity is damned by the first person, then the Trinity itself breaks down. Nestorius got around that by saying, *"No, no! There are two persons in the second person. In Jesus there's a God-man and there's also a Jesus Christ flesh-man. God is condemning the flesh-man Jesus and not the God-man, thus there's no breaking of the Trinity."* This was eventually ruled as heresy by the ancient church in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. Look it up!

Just look at the Council of Ephesus [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council\\_of\\_Ephesus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_of_Ephesus) and also look up Nestorianism or Nestorius <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nestorius> and you will see the origin of the system of penal substitution.

Luther and Calvin and most of the Reformers did not realize they were doing it, but through most of their systems the pastorates started believing in a form of Nestorianism. So, you'll hear it for example in the Apostles Creed [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apostles'\\_Creed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apostles'_Creed) where Jesus descends into hell. The Early Church Fathers, Eusebius, Irenaeus, Jerome, Justin, Origen, all them believed that Christ the second person of the Trinity actually descended into hell to preach the Gospel. All the Early Church Fathers believed that he went to hell to preach the Gospel. However, the Reformers and the modern churches say, *"No, no! He didn't actually go*

*down to hell. This is what God is talking about him being DAMNED! He's being damned, he's being punished, he's being held as the criminal and he burdens our sin and then his righteousness is imputed onto us."* Are you with me folks? Everybody's keeping up here? I know it's a little complicated. The point is: the ancient church had to deal with these issues.

### **Liturgy & Ordered Worship**

We have to understand something very critical about the ancient church: this aspect of liturgy, of ordered worship, of ceremony was the central sacrament connected with the gift of your life to Christ. You would actually have to eat of his flesh and you would have to drink of his blood. I know it sounds kind of scary but anyway that's the traditional view and Christ of course talks about it that way; he gives the actual Eucharist for that purpose. All the Gospels are focused on the Eucharist. There is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, but all those Gospels are also highlighting Christ's teaching about the Eucharist before he dies.

Other Gospels exist at the time of the canonical writers, when they're putting the canon together, but they don't include them. Some of them for example are noetic or Gnostic. Some of them don't see Jesus as a historical person that built an actual *ecclesia* or episcopate. They don't see him as a historical figure that built a church, built an apostolic lineage, built a ceremony, an actual liturgy and built a ritual that pretty much all Christians have to go through; whether it be baptism or eating of the blood and body of Christ.

Now the difference with the Nestorian view of the Eucharist or the eating of the blood and body of Christ is that as there are two persons of Jesus, you're eating of the PERSON of Jesus and not of the God. Of course, there are issues with that, because then they have to also deny the God-man incarnation of Christ, and that Christ is not only man. The God-man aspect is not separable into two distinct persons: one that God condemns and one that God does not touch to preserve the Trinity.

There's much theological depth and this helps us understand True Father's teaching; this helps us understand a lot more why the liturgical tradition is so important. It also helps us understand the Blessing; why the marriage covenant of Blessing and the Holy Wine Ceremony is important because this is also liturgy. This is not just gathering to study; this is liturgy. This is a ceremony consecrated before God and it has that deep meaning that the Early Church was talking about; the deep meaning that the Early Church HELD as critical to their tradition.

As you saw in Thessalonians chapter 2 and verse 15, Paul is instructing them to not only hold fast to the writings but also to the teaching, the spoken word. You also see this in Peter. You also see this throughout the New Testament. Jesus says, "*If ye love me, keep my Commandments.*" (John 14:15) The Commandments and the words of Jesus may not all have been written down. The disciples were with Christ day in and day out, so only fragments of his words were recorded.

## Royal Lineage & Apostolic Lineage

The point is that if God is able to hold together the body of Christ even though there is no canon, then the whole *sola scriptura* concept starts to collapse because there was actually no Scripture. The tradition was very important and that's why LINEAGE and apostolic lineage was very important. We see this continuation through the tribes of Israel; Christ comes from the lineage of David.

Here you see the difference between the Old and New Testament. In the Old Testament you see a biological lineage; the house of the Levites would be the priests etc. That was biological; they were anointed by tribe, and the lineage of the coming Messiah Jesus would be of the House of David. So, you see a very strong emphasis on biological lineage or royal lineage.

In the New Testament we see the failure of the people to unite with Christ. When you look at the Gospels, it is very interesting to notice that Christ only talks about his upcoming crucifixion and death in his third year of ministry. Every reference excluding two, to Christ saying, "*Now I have to go the way of the cross,*" is in his last year of ministry. In his last year of ministry; not in the first, not in the second. It's in the last year of his ministry, when it's becoming obvious that the people WILL not unite with Jesus. The Jewish people are being led away by the Pharisees and the political elite; they're being led away from Christ. And now they're getting to the point where they are saying, "*Condemn him and kill him!*"

Then we see the transference of what used to be a biological royal lineage, to after Christ the substantiation of the historical church - with no canon by the way. Remember it still has no canon it has no established canon. People forget that; it does not have the established canon yet. And at that time Christ is now saying, "*This apostolic tradition and this ceremony of eating my flesh and drinking my blood, this will be what unites us, and this will be what IDENTIFIES you as somebody who is in Christ.*"

Now, you understand why the Blessing is so important? You understand from that perspective, right? You see how important that is. The Blessing and the Holy Wine, the blood and body of Christ. In the Completed Testament period we see the emerging of these two. We see the fulfillment of both the biological lineage, the Kingship of God and of course we see the apostolic tradition continuing through Father's anointed kings.

One of the issues with Protestantism that has become a major problem in its disintegration over time, is that through the last 400 years since the Reformers, the churches have fragmented; they've splintered off into an estimate of about 50,000 different groups of Protestant denominations.

But in Scripture, Paul talks about the body of Christ as being one, as being **holy**, as being **apostolic**; that means they've been anointed by Christ himself as being apostolic and **universal**. *Katholiká* means "universally"; that means it is going to spread over the entire world. It doesn't

mean the Roman Catholic Church because it didn't exist at that time. He's explaining in Greek that it's going to COVER the earth.

That's the difference also when we compare to the Completed Testament Age and True Father's tradition. In the apostolic tradition of True Father, we of course have the Kingship line, we have the apostolic line through Father's Kingship, but we have the flexibility of Protestantism, that is people can have their churches. However, they are united into one by the unity and affirmation of True Father and of course the Three Generation Kingship. They're united by faith, united by apostolic succession working with the Three Generation Kingship in furthering God's Providence on earth, and with the Kingdom Constitution as well which provides liberty and responsibility to all and also raises the citizens to not be slaves of the state.

No, but to be what? The co-heirs with Christ, inheritors, kings and priests of the nation. That's why the Constitution delineated that way and covering the world will provide liberty and will provide responsibility, because liberty can only be preserved by a responsible and disciplined people.

I remember when we were young and especially when it was a ceremony day. Everybody has to wear the robes and everybody got to stay quiet and when you're a little kid, it requires discipline for you to stay quiet. Everything's more sublime, everything's more liturgical, everything's more ceremonial and this is providing structure within the ordered worship of God.

In the modern day we're not used to that because we think that's kind of anathema. But we have to remember that in the entirety of the Christian Church and the Old Testament from Noah etc., God has DEMANDED ordered worship, this very structured ordered way of worship. For example, in the Book of Deuteronomy in the Old Testament period God demanded blood sacrifices, a sin offering of the heifers etc., that the high priest would make in the Tabernacle. It had to be very ordered, very structured in coming to God.

But that is of course not the only thing that God wants. That's one dimension of the ordered disciplining of God's children that God does through His liturgical services, through His liturgy, through understanding the solemnity and the holiness of the God that we serve. Also, the young kids and the young people growing up in that, learning that God is not just your bathroom devotional friend or something like that; friend Jesus, hippie Jesus, this kind of stuff. No, the God we worship is HOLY; He's devastating against His enemies and He's also love. But He's holy, and any sin around Him is scattered to the four corners of the earth and to Hades; He's so powerfully holy.

### **Discipline & Self-Governance**

So, we have the structured worship for example in the holy days. When we're young we just feel they're kind of boring. The holy days are kind of boring, they move very slowly, very

liturgically; everybody's in their robes and it's very structured. And there's Sunday service time when it's more like Bible study, when we are studying the Word of God and reflecting on it; it's a little more casual, not as structured. Even though there's obviously some structure, it's not as structured; it's more like coming together for learning and worship etc.

But that balance of both is very important because for liberty to exist people must also have discipline. Our Founding Fathers always maintained that people must have the moral discipline of self-governance.

**Jefferson** talked about it:

<https://famguardian.org/Subjects/Politics/ThomasJefferson/jeff0600.htm>

**Hamilton** talked about it: <https://www.citizensyllabus.org/federalist/federalist-1>

A people who cannot govern themselves cannot- cannot- keep a republic.

**Benjamin Franklin** is very famous for saying to the old woman who asked him, "*What did you give us, Sir?*" He said, "*A republic if you can keep it.*" If you descend into lack of responsibility and lack of discipline, if you revert to hedonism and pleasure-seeking like the cult of Ishtar etc....

We have a new song about that coming out soon; look for that one. It's a synopsis of Jonathan Cahn's entire book in a small rap song.

But the point is: if a country descends into that type of hedonism, pleasure-seeking, and immorality which BREEDS a lack of discipline, it actually encourages and fosters it and people are just seeking pleasure. Then they are not able to do the hard work of maintaining a structured and fair society where they are interacting with morality, they're abiding by their contracts, keeping their promises etc., and society breaks down. It breaks down from the immorality and the undisciplined nature of the society at large.

That's why always, from the Old Testament period and the Early Church, part of worshipping God has also been structured discipline, structured liturgy, because that has helped us understand the solemnness and the seriousness by which we interact with God who by GRACE has given us eternal life. Amen! And that has helped us understand that He is a holy God, He is a precious God. There's nothing more precious than Him, there's nothing more sacred, there's nothing more holy. He IS the Alpha and the Omega.

### **In the Completed Testament Period**

That's why when you understand the Completed Testament period from this perspective, you can perceive why True Father blessed us with both liturgy and a more dynamic type of Holy Spirit preaching. Father did give the Sunday sermons which were very Holy Spirit filled, many times going on for hours and hours. But also, we had the very structured, disciplined LITURGICAL ceremonies which were important for the developing of other spiritual muscles: the spiritual muscles of reflection, the spiritual muscles of forbearance and of looking into the deeper meaning of the liturgy which is kind of like an art piece. It's like a moving art piece that

God has created for us to reflect on. It's like these moving pieces and we're seeing this art piece that is kind of alive and it's comprised of the people of God.

We have Father's lineage, we have the apostolic succession, we have the unity of the people in oneness and communion with Christ and his lineage and apostolic succession; we have that kind of Kingdom on earth. And of course, that's not held together by coercion or by the state but it's held together by love; it's not held together by the forcefulness of government guns. In the Kingdom of God, as the body of Christ we're held together by the love of the Father, the love of Christ, the love of the Constitution that he has bestowed upon us; we're held together by those things. Even though there may be different denominations we're still held together by that love, and in Christ Church it's held together by his lineage, his Kingship and his apostolic succession.

That's why the church exists; not so that the church itself may be worshiped. No! But it's the place of gathering and not only of liturgical discipline, but also of study and learning. And then TRAINING together, EMPOWERING one another, so that as kings and priests, queens and evangelists on the family level we may be APPLYING this critical training into our daily life. Amen! Providing our children and the next generation with an experience of a microcosmic kingdom which is not ruled by tyranny or by the iron fist, even though God rules with the Rod of Iron and His people rule with the Rod of Iron as we read in Revelation 2: 26-27

*"<sup>26</sup> And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations –  
<sup>27</sup> He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels"*

That is highlighted and juxtaposed along with God in Psalm 2, Christ's lineage in Revelation 19 or even in Revelation 12 where it says that HE will rule the nations with the Rod of Iron. But Revelation 2 says *"<sup>26</sup> And he who overcomes ...<sup>27</sup> He shall rule them with a rod of iron."* So, it's also the people that have the Rod of Iron.

### **To Fill up the Immaterial Emptiness**

But that is not a rule of tyranny, folks; that is anathema to God. God is not the tyrant that Luciferians make Him out to be. Luciferians, in their interpretation of Genesis and Scripture say, *"God the Father is the big bad father tyrant. Lucifer is the rebellious freedom seeker and he's the one that's going to give you freedom and let you do what you want."* No, no! The road to hell is paved with good intentions. He is the one that's purposely trying to separate the children from obeying the Father who knows them, created them and wants them to inherit the Kingdom of God on earth.

But that comes with big responsibility; with big authority comes also responsibility. Amen! So, God is training Adam and Eve. He's not going to give that Kingdom over if these kids are hedonists; they're not going to be able to hold together anything. He's going to give it over once they have passed the test, that is to say they show that they love God more than the wiles and

the luring and the temptations that Satan gives. Any of those temptations are not on par; they're not equal to, they're not adequate, compared to the relationship with their father, Father God. Amen!

By seeking pleasure which hedonism usually is, seeking pleasure through material things and/or tangible experience whether it be sex or doing hedonistic things like drugs etc., the hedonist is pursuing these material things in order to try to satisfy the IMMATERIAL emptiness that they have inside. But that immaterial emptiness can only obviously be filled by the immaterial God who is the Creator of all material and beyond that, which means He's immaterial. He transcends all of material and time and space, and that's why He's spaceless, He's timeless, He's immaterial, He's beyond, He's greater than, He transcends all of that. So, anything that the devil can give us materially is nothing in comparison to the relationship we can have with God the Creator, because that is transcendental. Not like transcendental meditation like those yogis do, where you worship yourself. No! But with our Creator.

It's a relationship that goes beyond time and space and we get to commune with the greatest Creator, the Creator of the architecture and the mathematics of the beautiful universe, the symmetry and geometry that we find in nature, all that stuff; a Creator with such a beautiful mind. But also, a Creator whose heart, whose center is love.

That's why Christ calls us not just to conquer and subdue, but Christ calls us to do what? *"Love God and love our neighbor,"* to pray for those who persecute you, *"pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you (Matthew 5:44)* because it takes a BIG heart to pray for people who are actively trying to persecute you. But we're called to do that; even though we're not perfect we're called to do that. God is stretching us and also helping us grow even though we are warriors and even though we are people who are able to defend life or preparing in that way.

### **ThePreppersBunkerOutdoors**

By the way shout out to Jacob from *ThePreppersBunkerOutdoors!*

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB3d-Co8F9\\_pKIuIHSGzuLA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB3d-Co8F9_pKIuIHSGzuLA)

Folks, if you don't know Jacob from *ThePreppersBunkerOutdoors*, he's a pretty big YouTuber, combat vet, nice gentleman in his 30s I believe, out there in Kentucky. He'll be coming to church next week. He's *ThePreppersBunkerOutdoors*; check him out, and he runs

*Exodus Knife & Tool* at <https://www.exodusknifeandtool.com>; and

*Beachin tactical slings* at <https://www.beachintactical.com/> a very nice sling. I told him, *"Hey, brother, bring some of those slings down; bring some stuff."* He'll come down and we'll have some training with him after service. He said he wants to stay for a couple days; he wants to train with the young people, do some wrestling and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. He said he never tried training that before. We'll have a good time with him; he's coming on Sunday. So, shout out to Jacob, and of course if you're in town come on by and say hi to Jacob.

## Resist the Devil

But the point is: this aspect of both liturgical worship and ordered service which creates spiritual discipline is also very important in our spiritual life and obviously with spiritual warfare. *<sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.* (Ephesians 6:12)

It's important in our SPIRITUAL battle against Satan and the demonic hordes; it's important in the battle against the demonic forces but also, if evil ever reared its ugly head God's people have to be able to do what? *"Love God and love their neighbor,"* defend that which is precious and that is life. That's the ultimate form of actually showing your empathetic love towards another person. As the Gospel of John says, *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."* (John 15:13) The person who stands to put himself in harm's way, in danger- our combat vets do that, our cops do that, citizens who are armed do that etc.- makes that commitment that life is important.

We start at a PHILOSOPHICAL principle that life is important. Can we all agree on that? Not really! Some crazy Lefties can't even agree with you that life is valuable because they're adamant on killing babies; it's a terrible, terrible cult of trying to destroy the innocence, the most innocent people in the civilization. If you can do that, you can do anything; you've now passed the moral threshold and you can do anything for power. In the end socialism, communism, political Satanism as Father called it, is about the pursuit of power, not love; it is the pursuit of power.

That's why our Founding Fathers always warned us against the centralization of power. That was a godly inspiration; God gave them that inspiration because of their reliance on the Word, the reliance on Scripture. Now this applies over all Bibles, whether you're Jewish, Roman Catholic, Orthodox or whether you're Protestant. It applies to all Bibles. Life is precious and it is given by God. Life is precious and God the Creator is the One who gives life and thus life has to be preserved; we have to try our utmost to preserve life. That's one of the main reasons why for example we have to stand up against unrighteousness. The Bible also calls us to stand up against unrighteousness and to face the devil, and resist him, *"Resist the devil, and he shall flee from you."* (James 4:7)

Many of us have been at those rallies where young brainwashed kids are holding up signs, *"Kill the babies, kill the babies!"* Many times, they're spitting on us or they're saying, *"I love killing babies";* they're demonically possessed. People will say that, *"I love killing babies and Satan ..."* They'll do this kind of stuff in front of those places. You're just holding a sign that says, *"Rethink what you're about to do."* We have posters that show, *"No! This is life. This was you. You were this size when you were three-weeks or eight-weeks old etc."*

## On Natural Rights

But once we lose God and this life is all we have and pleasure is all we have, life becomes so meaningless, becomes so vapid and empty. There's only so much pleasure you can have until your body gets addicted to that. Drugs are the same thing; your body gets addicted to that and then it requires a LARGER dosage; eventually it's not only addicted to dopamine but also to adrenaline. This is a FALSE empty and vapid way to fulfill our existence.

That's why even Friedrich Nietzsche who was an atheist, said,  
*"When one gives up the Christian faith, one pulls the right to Christian morality out from under one's feet ... By breaking one main concept out of it, the faith in God, one breaks the whole. It stands or falls with faith in God."*

By getting rid of the foundations of God and killing God, Western civilization will basically implode; genocide is in our future. Because if you take God out of the equation you take away the preciousness of life, you take away the meaning of life; you take away the purpose in life and we're just meaningless amoebas that have evolved through billions of years to becoming advanced primates. Well, there's no meaning in that. In the animal kingdom, they rape and kill each other all the time; there's nothing "wrong" with that. But as human beings we know, we have an inner voice, we have an inner conscience. The Bible says, *"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them."* (Hebrews 10:16)

We know, we have an inner conscience that tells us, "NO! Forcefully murdering somebody, that's bad!" We know, "Forcefully raping somebody, that's bad!" We know we have an inner morality that is just as tangible as our five senses. We have this inner calling, these inner Scriptures written on our heart. We know that's wrong; we know that it's dangerous. We know that if a civilization is ERADICATING their youth that's a bad thing for that civilization. We know that if a civilization is POISONING their youth and the youth are becoming addicted and they're becoming entranced and they're becoming intoxicated, inebriated, they can't be productive and they can't find purpose, that civilization is in SERIOUS trouble, SERIOUS trouble. Amen! Which is of course what we see now in the Western world.

As we stray from God, we stray from the PURPOSE of life, the meaning of life, the value of life, the ideals of honor and justice that are embedded within the values of life, that is, to be able to preserve your life and also for other people to be able to preserve their life as a natural right.

All these values that our American system of jurisprudence is built on stem from natural law, and natural law stems from what? The Creator and His nature! And His creation has value because the Creator is infinite in His knowledge, in His wisdom, in His love, and WE get to relate with Him; that's why we are held at a different standard. We are the apex of His creation. He did not stop the entire creative process for all the animals. He didn't say that the fish were made in His image; He didn't say that the birds of the air were made in His image.

But he stopped. He stopped and said, “*This man and woman, shall be made in my image.*” That is a very important philosophical and theological starting point for a civilization. Does a civilization believe that people are inherently valuable? Or are they animals? Usually what socialism, communism produces is an atheistic nightmare. North Korea, China etc., all those systems are purposely trying to tear down tradition, marriage, family, religion in general, and of course Christianity specifically.

Jesus said, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*” (John 14:6) Amidst all the religions you may see similar ethos and ethics but it is really the Christian worldview that is the foundation for what we see in the modern world as natural rights; it's the foundation. What we see in our Constitution, protecting preserving the rights of liberty, self-defense, speech, all these things come from natural rights.

### **Natural Rights in Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam**

I told you I studied Buddhism a long time. I was on my way to become a Buddhist monk in my teens and twenties when I was searching. But the point is: Buddhism and Hinduism do not have that.

**Hinduism** creates a caste system. Their metaphysical cosmology creates a caste system. It creates the system of a most esteemed class of Brahmins, a warrior class of Kshatriyas, a third merchant class of Vaishyas, a fourth class of Shudras, those who do manual labor. The Untouchables are so low, they are not even in the system. It literally creates a caste system; that's where we get the word *caste* from.

**Buddhism** does not create the ideals of natural law because they don't believe in a Creator. They don't believe in a Creator from whom you would get these rights.

Obviously, **Islam** does not create freedom either, because Islam has its own system of jurisprudence built into its system through Muhammad and the Hadith, which produces what? A form of totalitarianism. It's not freedom; it is really a subjugation of women as well. You are allowed four wives but UNLIMITED divorces. I remember when I was at Harvard, at the Divinity School doing my work on comparative religion, a colleague was writing a paper on the brothels towards Mecca. People don't know that in the Western world. On the Hajj they're going for a pilgrimage which is supposed to be holy, wearing the right robes but there are brothels; they're called temporary marriage places or homes. So, there is a temporary marriage with a *muta* wife, and after the deed is done there's divorce; it's “legal” in the system.

### **One Husband, One Wife**

People don't understand that. That does not produce the Judeo-Christian civilization which has the emphasis on preserving what Jesus talked about: “*Have ye not read, that he which made them at*

*the beginning made them male and female.” (Matthew 19:4) Jesus himself goes back to Genesis: 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Genesis 1:27) For what? 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24)*

That's the ideal. I didn't hear about Adam, Eve, Jill, Jane and Betty. No! It's Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve! That's in the Jewish Bible. Jesus said very clearly that it's the ideal. The Old Testament prophets may have had multiple wives, but obviously it was not God's ideal when Solomon or David had multiple wives. Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines; that's a big headache, that's a giant headache! Can you imagine dealing with 700 wives? Lord, have mercy! Oh Lord! That'll cut your life down easy by a couple of decades.

One wife is the key, and succeeding in the marriage is the key; that's what God wants to see. He doesn't want to see 700; he wants to see one-man one-woman in beautiful loving romantic, beautiful life together, productive and giving God glory. That's the way God intended. That takes work, that takes work, that takes work.

The Bible in Ephesians chapter 5 commands the man to love his wife unconditionally, to raise her in patience as Christ loved the church, to be forbearing, to train her, raise her in the faith, etc. But also, the wife should do what? Unconditionally respect her husband, practice the virtue of respect.

It's interesting because God knows what a man needs and what a woman needs. As men we need to feel respected. If we feel respected in the home and we have a strong romantic intimate life with our wife, it's the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God. That's really very simple, a man does not need so much. We can live under a tarp; it's not a big deal, if we have respect and we have a beautiful romantic, intimate absolute-sex in marriage - Father talked about that. Intimate life with our spouse but also, we have respect.

At the same way for the wife what is necessary is that she feels loved; that's what romance is all about. That's what our spousal date training and taking our wife out and investing in the covenant of marriage at least once a week, like a Sabbath, taking her out and investing in that relationship is so critical because we are investing in that key relationship. Amen!

But of course, we're not worshiping that relationship, we're not worshiping one another; we're giving glory to God who has brought the covenant together, that through His grace has made the two into one flesh. And it is productive, meaning that it's creative; it generates life, it generates children. Not so just we have them and then we're done with it. No! So, they're also RAISED up in the WAYS of the LORD. Amen!

### **On Training for Parenting**

It doesn't mean we are perfect or anything, but that we are conscious and we are studying and practicing and training, and learning about proper parenting as the marriage becomes

productive and we have children; learning to be a parent like God who is what? Just. One of God's characteristics in love is His justice; He pursues justice and stands up against evil. That is why it's very important for us as fathers and mothers in the home to practice justice.

Everybody who's a CCW (*Carrying a Concealed Weapon*) carrier or is in firearms knows that there are appropriate levels of force. You cannot use excessive force when somebody is yelling at you or verbally harassing you or something like that; you can't just pull out your gun and shoot him. You can't do that; that's EXCESSIVE force. If somebody insults you, you say, "*Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me.*" You remember, we used to have that? Now we say something that triggers somebody and they're like, "*Whaaaaah!*"; they want to die, they want to collapse. No, no! We have to use appropriate levels of force.

That's why as fathers it's very important to be what? DISCIPLINED! True Father always taught, "*Before you conquer the universe you must conquer your mind and body.*" We have to have self-discipline. The Founding Fathers called it self-governance; we must have self-discipline and self-governance. That means we must be able to harness and control our emotions. So that when the house gets crazy- sometimes young kids do crazy stuff -we are not acting emotionally in a crazy way, and we're not REACTING to a situation, but we are ADJUDICATING the situation as a mature judge would do. We're helping create peace, adjudicating the situation; not terrorizing the kids to make them obey because that always works against us.

The Bible warns us about discipline, "*Do not provoke your children to anger against the Lord.*" So, we do not use EXCESSIVE force. It may work when they're young and when you guys were young you probably got whooped with the switches. We got hit with the switches too; it's very common in Asia, your parents will tear you up. That may work in the early years before ten years old or so; when they're very young that may work.

It is important to have kids learn consequence obviously, but there are different ways to do that. For example, when we were raising our children, we didn't have to whoop them with the switch; we just gave them different consequences like push-ups, squats, wall-sits, runs around the circle, etc. So, they had different consequences. When they got into their teens, they trained with Daddy; they learned Jiu-Jitsu and they learned MMA and stuff like that. I trained them directly so they could feel Daddy's skill and technique; they could feel Daddy's kind of dominating them but in a way that helped them grow, and become better martial artists. It's not to dominate them by force. No! It's to allow them to also understand this landscape and develop the skills to be able to become a good defender.

Of course, it's always a growing process, learning process and we've got to keep learning all the time because it's such an exciting world. A wonderful thing about training is that it's open-ended; you never arrive. That's what they say about Jiu-Jitsu. You get your black belt but it's just the beginning; it's not the end of it.

When I was a white belt in Jiu Jitsu, the black belt was coveted. It's the hardest black belt to get

in any martial art. It takes over 10 to 15 years. It takes so long and you get beat up the WHOLE way. Every day you get brutalized and dominated and whooped up and down the mats, and then you get a black belt. I remember when I received the black belt Master JoJo told me, *“That's just the beginning; you're now a white belt again.”* I said, *“Thanks a lot!”*

The beautiful thing about discipline or training is that it's open-ended; kind of like faith. See, faith is also open-ended in the fact that we never arrive there; it's always an ongoing beautiful unfolding of a relationship. That's the beauty of faith, that's the beauty of relationships; it is this constant unfolding of a masterpiece that is developing, that is growing.

That's why we encourage our young kings and queens to see their covenant of marriage critically. Don't compare yourself to yesterday because we may have ups and downs during the week. But compare yourself to last year; every year you get better, every year your beautiful covenant of marriage gets stronger, the family kingdom becomes more beautiful. It manifests Christ's love in that small family kingdom. Not just in a flaky way; not just lovey-dovey all the time. No!

God tells us to avoid evil; He warns us. Why? Because He loves us. Love is not just telling good things to people, that's actually hateful of people, because many times if one is just doing that, they can become pompous and they can become addicted to what? Malevolence and evil. So young kids have to know that; parents have to guide them into the ways of God, learning to DISCERN between good and evil, the right way and the wrong way. And those manifestations in our family kingdom have direct impact into our children's future faith life, into their future marriage. When you raise your children, you are raising your grandchildren, through the very habits and practices and training and the one-on-one days that we do with our kids, investing in each of those relationships, each one of those fruit trees.

Each one is a different tree so you have to water each tree in a unique way. Many times, we may think they're all olive trees. No! One is an olive tree, one is a pomegranate tree, one is a persimmon tree. You see what I'm saying? They're different trees so they require different nutrition, different type of caring. It's not all the same tree in a garden.

With our children too, we're investing in a personal one-on-one time relationship. Why? Because we know that Satan tries to take our children's one-on-one time away from us by keeping us at work or just focused on our careers and not focusing on these critical relationships which continue the Kingdom culture throughout time.

### **The Brainwashing of the Youth**

As a country what happened to Christianity and the erosion of our faith in God? What happened? The Rockefellers got all the women to leave motherhood and do what? Enter the workforce. Motherhood being the critical aspect that holds together the next generation of society; at least one parent in the home. God has given us different roles and when the children

lose the interaction with the mother in their formative years and then with the father in their teen years, what happens? To fill that void the children will rely on outside forces; many times, that could be government schooling etc.

Socialists and communists know this very well, folks; that's why they target the educational system and they promote parents' double working, "*Don't be at home; WE will take care of your kids.*" They will not instill godly values, the fear of the Lord, or a love for that relationship into them. No! They will give them separate ideologies.

They will brainwash them into the school of evolution where they become cultural agnostics. As young people now they don't believe God exists, because they're learning about evolution. They're learning that they're monkeys and that there was no creative guiding force through creation; it was just all gradual and random. They studied that school of thought which then from their teens allows them to be beasts, act with immorality and sexually just pursue hedonism and pleasure. At that age young people want to do that anyway, so it gives them the ideological excuse to do so and go against all the real sociological data which show that even if you have one partner outside of marriage before marriage -one - your retention rate will drop by fifty percent. That's how devastating it is.

### **Christian Tradition about Marriage**

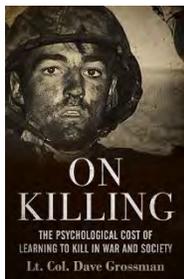
So, the Christian tradition of not fornicating before marriage, keeping yourself pure and your spouse being your first and last, that's the ideal. Everybody, say "*first and last!*" (*First and last*) Amen! Praise the Lord! We may fall short here or there but we have to be AIMING for the ideal; we have to be at least aiming for that, and especially in our teens where hormones are raging, we have to be trying to conform ourselves. But it requires discipline. An undisciplined person is going to struggle greatly with that; it requires discipline to keep yourself pure.

When I was a teenager, God used martial arts training; I got fanatic about Bruce Lee and Jeet Kune Do and Jiu-Jitsu – fanatic- and that literally kept me away from drugs, alcohol, parties and stuff like that. Everybody was just saying, "*Oh yeah, Hyung, he's a Shaolin monk. Just let him be; he's just doing his thing.*" They didn't bother me because I was so fanatic. God kind of gave me that because once I started to go to martial arts training it protected and preserved my ability to be more disciplined. I was a skateboarder before. From skateboarding to martial art craziness, my grades went from Ds and Fs to Bs just because I became physically more disciplined. I got beat up a lot by the big boys at the dojo because we were not doing anything like Taekwondo. Earlier I was doing Taekwondo but that's not real stuff; I wanted the real stuff. UFC's Royce Gracie was choking everybody out; I wanted to learn that kind of stuff. That's why we were boxing, doing Thai boxing, Kali and Escrima, wrestling and Jiu-Jitsu; we were getting hit, punched in the jaw, coming back with black eyes.

All my energy was kept focused on that and then of course it was easier for me to explain to young people, “No, no, in our church we do not fornicate before marriage; we have a critical sense of responsibility for that.” Are you condemned forever and you go to hell? No, there's always repentance but in the ideal we want to stay away from that because we know it's not the best; it disappoints God. There are also sociological studies which I just shared about, like your marriage retention rate; it hurts our future relationship in our covenant of marriage.

It's so critically important that when we're manifesting the kingdom in our life, we are combining this aspect of what God does; even from early years having this balance of free-flowing relationship like spending time with your daddy and that kind of stuff, but also keeping discipline. Through liturgical discipline we start learning discipline for the first time in a liturgical sense, and that's why God has always included it in the church tradition; always, always, liturgical discipline has been there. Your training in discipline starts manifesting itself when you pursue other disciplines, and challenge things that are a little more dangerous, and require real responsibility. There are studies done on that.

### On Combat & Killing



Lieutenant Colonel Grossman, a Green Beret, was with us at the Rod of Iron Freedom Festival. He's probably going to come back in spring and maybe do a class here for the folks in Tennessee. Great guy, and he recommended his books:

[\*On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society\*](#)

[\*On Combat: The Psychology and Physiology of Deadly Conflict in War and in Peace\*](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vP-NnmYE8c> (Dave Grossman discusses Combat and Killing)



There are different books but, in these studies, they looked at all the mass shooters that have targeted and terrorized gun-free zones. Everybody knows that 98.4 % target gun-free zones. Why? Because the people can't fight back, so they target these areas. And interestingly, what did they find about the shooters?

\*\*\*None of the shooters ever played a hard **Varsity Sport** because that requires discipline; it requires great discipline and you have to compete against other people. You've got to outperform people and you've got to be quite disciplined.

\*\*\*And guess what? None of the mass shooters were involved in the discipline of **martial arts** study, for example as a kid. One of them trained for just a couple of months but then he felt, “*This is too much for me,*” and stopped. But none was involved in structured martial arts training, which of course everybody knows is really great for discipline, especially when you're a young

person. It's a great way to channel your competitive energy, not to use it in frivolous places but to channel it towards developing skills and competency and in defending yourself and others.

\*\*\*So, they never were in Varsity Sports and never were involved in martial-arts training, and none of them were involved in **hunting**. That is a shooting sport where it requires tremendous discipline. You have to know what is behind your intended target. You can't just shoot at stuff. If a deer passed by and there's a house behind it, you cannot shoot, or if there's some guy in yellow behind it, you can't take a shot. There are TREMENDOUS consequences with anything related to the shooting sports. So, none of the mass shooters were ever involved in any shooting sport, including hunting. Isn't that interesting?

If you're acting dangerously your daddy will whack you on the head or you'll get that firearm physically stripped from you; you will physically get it taken away. All those kids had none of that very important masculine training that teaches you responsibility like martial arts training or shooting training. None of this masculine tradition; they didn't learn any of that!

But they were all addicted to video games; they were all playing video games and media violence. Nowadays the video games have become more and more bloody and this is inoculating young people against blood and gore. With those mass shooters that started shooting schools up, they discovered that most of them had an intended target. This is what Grossman was saying; they had an intended target. Maybe it was a girlfriend or a teacher or whatever the case might be; there was somebody they wanted to revenge on. But as they killed that person they just CONTINUED ON! They just kept going!

Why? Because they had preconditioned themselves; they had already done all that programming through video games. The more people you kill, the higher your score. So, they had passed the moral threshold of, *"I'm going to kill that guy; basically, I'm going to do a revenge attack on him"*; they passed that moral threshold and once they passed it, they wanted to accumulate a big score. Isn't that crazy? You see why these studies are very important? This showed the psychopathy of what happened to these people; they were addicted to media violence.

Did you know that the Army - and probably the Marines too - used Duck Hunt when it originally came out. Remember Duck Hunt on Nintendo? You would shoot the ducks that were coming. The Army modified that to have Isis, Al-Qaeda, the Taliban or Osama Bin Laden running around and you'd shoot them; they borrowed that from Nintendo. So, the Army has used video games to inoculate their people.

They compared the firing rate from World War II and the Vietnam War. In World War II when a soldier had to fire upon an enemy, they only managed 15 % of the time; they couldn't pull the trigger, they had a hard time shooting their enemy. In Vietnam the same U.S forces could now succeed in attacking the enemy 95% of the time. How did that shift happen? You went from 15% that could pull the trigger and fight the enemy to 95%. How did that happen?

Well, there was a big change in the training. For example, they changed the square targets to human size targets. As they changed to the human size targets, they were inoculated; they had mentally prepared to fight another person that was going to try to kill them. So, they were able to perform at a much higher level. That's why in the firearms range a lot of the trainers will have the people train with life-size targets; sometimes even with pictures that look like real people, like hostages or whatever. That's to help them being inoculated against those things.

He goes on to explain the psychological/spiritual consequences of having to use lethal force, and people encountering PTSD or survivor guilt. Survivor guilt is very common in combat vet world. They've done studies on people who were involved in the lethal shooting and they found that people's first emotion was relief *"Oh my gosh! I didn't die! Oh my gosh! I'm still alive! Thank God it wasn't ME!"* And then all of a sudden that starts triggering survivor guilt, *"What do you mean it wasn't you? Your buddy died; your brother died. How dare you say that? How evil of you to say that you're happy you survived, but all your friends died."* Then this massive survival guilt!

They found that if the troops were told in advance about the psychological and spiritual reality that if you have to defend life and you have to step up; even though nobody wants to be there but if you have to do it to save innocent people, then you have to know in advance that these are some of the things you may feel. At first you may feel, *"Whoa! Thank God I'm alive! Woo! I'm alive!"*

They also showed that after a lethal encounter the men would become more sexually desirous because instinctually, they'd feel like they won in a conquest. They almost died so their genetic seed has almost died, so they want to quickly repopulate with the genetic seed. He was giving this lecture to a whole bunch of guys from some department and all the wives were there. He said, *"Yes, we will see that after a lethal shooting people will actually become desirous of sexual activity."* The wives started laughing and the husbands looked up, *"See, I'm not crazy, I'm not crazy."* Isn't that interesting? You would never expect that but that's the reality of what happens biologically, instinctually. You just conquered, you almost DIED, and it's like, *"Oh my gosh! I was on the precipice of death and now my seed may stop."* You know your genetics will stop, so that animal part of us knows it's a reality. Isn't that interesting? They have actually done these studies.

But actually, they found that when people are inoculated before having some deadly encounter, they're able to digest the whole experience a lot better; they can understand, *"Oh, what I'm feeling is not weird, it's not strange; actually, most people feel this."* It helps them through that process of healing. In the book he's showing these kinds of spiritual elements in that type of reality as people who are serious about protecting life and in a civilization that's serious about valuing life. That's a civilization that will preserve natural rights; that's a civilization that will preserve the Bill of Rights, people's rights.

## **The MAGA 20**

I don't know if you heard folks, but thank God for the MAGA 20. They got McCarthy but actually they got a lot of good concessions; they got great checks and balances that can bring back godly aspects to our Congress. They're going to get single-member-vacate rule which means that any member of the House can single-handedly start a vote to fire the speaker; this is pretty awesome. It was invented by Thomas Jefferson and sustained for 200 years. Nancy Pelosi is the one who got rid of that. Gee whiz! I wonder why! I wonder why she got rid of that, with all those huge Ukrainian deals - billions- that she's made with her husband's inside trading. Anyway, Pelosi and the Communist Party of America, the DNC had done that. Now there is some movement to stop that kind of thing and bring accountability.

Also, they're implementing a 72-hour rule. You know how the omnibus bill is poured in and you have to sign it the same night. They bring it in around 10 at night and you have to sign it by 11 and it's 4,000 pages. How can you read that? Now, there's a promise for a 72-hour rule; you have to give Congress three days to actually read a bill. That's common sense! They can't cheat and stuff in all these things. So, they got some really good concessions.

Thank God for the MAGA 20, Lauren Boebert, Matt Gaetz, and those guys. We don't worship Trump; MAGA is a movement of people who just want America great again. It doesn't say "*Make Trump Great Again.*" None of us like the NFT trading cards where he is Superman. We're not worshipping Trump.

We want America to come back to its godly Judeo-Christian roots and protect "*life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*" This is a very important critical aspect of our history, our tradition and our inheritance. So, these MAGA 20 are doing something very positive, macrocosmically for the country, protecting it.

## **God as the Center**

But why would this happen? See, this would happen in a culture which first of all believes in a Creator and that these rights are endowed not by government, but they're inalienably endowed by a Creator. The Creator is the final check and balance upon a government which always seeks to build more power for itself. In history socialism and communism have always been the manifestation of that; totalitarianism is just another form of it. Always, always, always! But God is the check and balance on government. That's why on our U.S dollars it does not say, "*In Gov we trust,*"; it says, "*In God We Trust.*" [Laughter]

God is supposed to be the center of our entire realm of existence, of our Constitution, of the Declaration of Independence; all that comes from our relationship with the Creator and the inalienable natural rights that come from Him. The preservation of life, the preservation of our natural law and the rights of man, these only can come from our Creator. They cannot come from a state or a group of people; no, they only come from the Creator because when they come

from the Creator, they're untouchable. You know how powerful that is? It's so important that God's own nature allows for the greatest check and balance against tyranny, and that of course PROVES that His nature is not tyranny. Amen! It proves that His nature is not tyranny. His very existence prevents it. It's a check and balance AGAINST tyranny, which proves that His nature is NOT tyranny, because if it were, then His very presence would be tyranny.

So, we give praise to God, we give glory to God, and also, we want to manifest it in our family life. God bless you young kings and queens, beautiful priests and evangelists activating that in your family and also in your marriage. And of course, giving glory to God, praying for one another, praying for the patriots in America, praying for all denominations who acknowledge God to come together and work together, to stand up for America and our critical Judeo-Christian heritage. That's the only place from which we can continue to preserve and protect human rights worldwide. Because once the belief in God disappears and all we have is communism, it's pure totalitarianism all over the world with China as the head, folks.

That is something that cannot happen and shall not happen because God is at our side and we are standing with Him in this epic and heroic contest of liberty, setting the brush fires within the hearts and minds of men in this very, very important epoch and time in history.

So, we bless you. We thank you for all the things that you're doing. Keep praying and keep activated. We always better ourselves for the glory of God and for our families and spouse etc., and of course in the end we want to give all the glory to God!

Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Thank You Lord! Please join me in prayer

### **Pastor Sean's Prayer**



We thank You, God, for this beautiful day. We thank You for all the things that You are doing, and how You are moving so incredibly through this time in history. We are in such an epic time, a time of great confusion but also a time of growing clarity, a time when people are now able to discern between good and evil.

The sides are becoming more and more clear, God, and really in the end we're realizing that it's between You and Satan. We can either choose the future with Satan and tyranny or the future with You, with freedom but responsibility. We are so grateful that You are the God of liberty and freedom, but also the God that gives us responsibility; that calls us to love You and our neighbor and to actualize and manifest Your nature on the earth.

Dear God, we are so blessed to know Your Word, to know Your people and to be in a relationship with You, because in the end that relationship is the key. It's the key to bringing this country back to our critical moral values, our critical sense of discipline and to our own honor and our own loyalty to You as the Creator; to the Constitution as the written

manifestation of the fundamental belief system that we hold, that all these rights come from the Creator. They come from You because You're a God of love. We are so grateful and we are so honored to be able to be with You.

We want to praise You, we want to lift You up, we want to bless You this day and be with all the patriots black, white, red and Asians from all around the world who are standing on the side of liberty and responsibility. Let them take their countries back and let us bring order back to this world through knowing You and relating with You once again.

We thank You. We give You praise, glory and honor with all the kingship lines that are gathered here together with Your Three Generation Kingship. We pray in Your precious name. Amen! Amen! Aju!

All right, folks! Let's all rise and give God the praise! Praise the Lord Almighty!