

# Something Job Didn't Believe

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[0:00] I'm going to have to describe something for you to get a picture of it in your brain but it won't be a problem because it's a picture that you have all seen numerous times, numerous times.

You've been saved any length of time. You've been where somebody was drawing up on a whiteboard or a chalkboard or a screen with a computer and you've seen the, we talked about it last night, we went two million years from that wall to that wall.

Tonight we're only going 7,000 here. But you've seen a timeline. It starts here. It goes here, 7,000 years. And it has a bump that's 4,000.

That's the Old Testament. And then you've got the cross. Then 2,000, that's our time now. And then the thousand year millennium that is still in the future. You've seen that timeline? Okay.

And we obviously know the Bible says a testament is not in force until the death of the testator which means that the New Testament does not begin in Matthew chapter one. It begins in Matthew chapter 27.

[0:56] I am not for sticking the first 27 chapters of Matthew with Malachi. But time-wise, the New Testament begins at the end of the Gospels at the cross.

And so since the cross, we've been in New Testament times and that's what our New Testament is for, right? And isn't this how we look at it? Our time, it's the New Testament and before the cross, they had the Old Testament, right?

Okay. Wrong. I say wrong for this reason. The book of Genesis didn't come into being until about 1500 BC. That is 1500 years before Christ which means out of 4,000 before the cross, 2,500 of those years there was not one, one written word of God.

Other than the Ten Commandments, there was not one written word of God. Now, we are Bible believers. I like Bible believers. I really do. And we are all about the Bible.

Is that not true? When one of us says something, the response is, book, chapter, and verse. Where did you get that from, right? What's the book, chapter, and verse on that?

[2:11] Okay. So if 1500 years they believe something, we can say book, chapter, and verse. 2,500 years. The majority of the 4,000 years. What did they believe?

They didn't have a written book. So what did they believe before Genesis was ever written? And to find that out, you can speculate or philosophize or theorize.

What would really be nice is if like somebody wrote something prior to Genesis so we could see what they believed. That's called prehistory. See, when you say prehistoric, you think of dinosaurs.

Prehistory, prehistoric is just before history. And what did they believe in that 2,500 years? We'd need a book that was written before Genesis and it just so happens we have access to one.

It is called the book of Job. Open your Bibles to the book of Job. chapter 1. And in the book of Job people say, well, why do you think that Job was written before the law?

[3:25] Before, you know, before Genesis? There is no acknowledgement of anything that we know about Genesis in this book. They don't refer to any of the Levitical laws.

They have no idea but this is what's going on. In fact, let me tell you what. I don't know what you have. I use an old Schofield Bible. I ignore most of his notes. But one of the things I like about it is at the top of the page it gives me a time.

A year. And for the book of Job I have got 1520 BC. 1520 years before Christ. Do you know where Moses was in 1520?

In 1520 Moses was 20 years into a 40 year sentence on the backside of the desert. He left. I mean, he killed that Egyptian and he headed for the backside of the desert around 1500 BC.

So in 1520 he's still got 20 years to come out of the desert. So he's not ready to write anything and you've got what's going on in the book of Job here. So if we look at the book of Job and find out what they believed then we can find out what they believed before Genesis was written.

[4:36] Now we're going to look at this book. We've got to read a bit of scripture which it's not really a bad thing for some of you. This is all the Bible you're going to read today anyway. But there's some things in here.

Before I begin, before I begin, let's just pray then we'll preach. Father, Father, God again, like I said last night, I'm so excited to be a piece of dirt and I can address my Creator's Father.

You're so kind. You don't have to be kind. You owe us nothing. God, if you dealt with us after our sin, after just our personalities, we'd be in big trouble.

So I thank you God for what Jesus Christ did. I am so sorry that my sins were blamed on your son and that he got framed and that he took the punishment.

I am not happy but I'm thankful for your grace. Thank you. Thank you for that. Now God, this is Saturday night. I love being in church on Saturday night.

[5:32] God, it's not a regular church night which means every person in this room, there's something they're usually doing on Saturday night at 6.30, 7 o'clock. That means tonight they came here expressly for you.

I hope you're blessed by their attendance. I hope you, God, I hope you will bless them for their attendance. Now God, what they need you to do is get Sam Gipp out of their way and out of your way that you might speak to their hearts. God, give them something.

They came here for two reasons tonight. They want something from your book and they want something from you. And I am the greatest obstacle to them achieving that. So they need you to get Gipp out of the way, God, by your grace and your mercy.

And God, I pray that you will edify your people that then they being edified will live to your glory. In Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen. Now, many times we think of Job as a great man.

He wasn't. Well, I mean, you know, you could have a, you know, I don't know how many billionaires there are. I think in our country, I don't know how many millionaires there are, but 90% of the millionaires in our country are in Congress.

[6:43] So, next week I'm starting my campaign. But, but you would say, all right, you know, like, this guy's a great man and this guy's a great man and that guy's a great man.

And you say, yeah, Job's in there. No, he wasn't. Look what your Bible says about this guy. There was a man, verse one, in the land of Oz, whose name was Job and that man was perfect upright and one that feared God and eschewed evil and there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

His substance also was 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, five, and 500 yoke of oxen, 500 she-asses, and, and, and a very great household so that this man was not a great man.

What's it say? The greatest. If you got all of the great men of Job's time and pulled them together, this guy was greater than all of them.

You know, it's like what they say, Jesus Christ is king. There's a bunch of kings, but what is Jesus Christ? He's the king of kings. Okay. And our Lord is the Lord of lords.

[7:46] This guy was the great man of great men. These great men of his time all looked at Job and said, I'd like to be like that guy right there. This is the greatest man on earth.

This is the, no joke, this is the Elon Musk of his day. I'm serious. I mean, everybody knew Job. Wow, that's the guy right there. So he was the greatest of all the men of the East.

His sons went and feasted in their house every one his day and, and sent and called their three, three sisters to eat and to drink with them. Now, I want to tell you, if you're like most Christians, you, you labor under two kind of silent fears about Job.

and one is you're afraid that you're going to get so spiritual that the devil is going to, to, you know, he's going to ask to do to you what he did to Job.

Yeah, yeah. Don't worry. You're, you're really no threat. Okay. It's not going to happen.

[8:51] And, and so that's, there's two reasons why you don't have to worry about that. That's one of them. The second one is the devil never brought Job up. The devil never mentioned him. Look what it says, verse six.

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan, whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord and said from going to and fro in the earth and from running the Democrat party. Oh, I'm sorry. Sometimes I tend toward a modern translation. From going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it.

Now, let me tell you the second thing that you're, that you're fearful of or you're, you have a misconception of. This is a battle that's going on on our planet between Satan and our God, right? And I don't know why, I don't know why Christians get this vision or picture, but they, we view the, the contention between God and the devil like a great big arm wrestling contest. And you know, like, oh look, something bad happened today.

[9:55] The devil's winning. Oh look, oh look, something good happened today. God is winning. Guys, that is not it. If you understand the book of Job, keep your place here, but you got to go to Job chapter 41.

Look at Job chapter 41. And Job chapter 41 unlocks why Job went through what he went through. It says this, now, now, it's talking about Leviathan.

Leviathan is the devil. And look what it says about our God. Can't thou draw Leviathan with an hook or his tongue with a cord which thou let us down?

Now let me ask you a question. Doesn't that sound like fishing? Here's what God said. He said, can you go fishing for the devil? You know why you don't want to go fishing for the devil? You might catch him. Okay?

Our God, let me tell you about your God. If you're worried like, oh, you know, God's having a real struggle here. Your God whipped the devil. I had this youth department and back in the 70s, late 70s, early 80s, it was hard to find anybody that would admit to being an atheist.

[11:03] But a Satan worshiper just about never. And well, now they're, you know, now they're proud. And so I told my young people, I said, if you, and you can do this, you can do this, do this. If you ever are talking to somebody and they'll, and they never say, like you knock on the door of a Satan worshiper, you knock on their door, they don't even answer the door like a normal person.

They kind of, they kind of a cross between Vincent Price and John Kerry. Yeah. And they'll go, I worship the devil.

And of course, go, oh, say that. And so I said, if you ever, if you're ever a new devil worshiper, say this. Too bad you picked a loser. Now I understand what that's all about.

I'm from Ohio. We have the Browns. Okay. I have heard, I think it's going to happen. Finally, I think they're going to join the Big Ten. I mean, you know, it's like the Big 25 now.

I don't know how many, it's a college, that is a college, Big Ten. There's like 18 teams. That's college, that's college math. But I said, I said, too bad, too bad you picked a loser.

[12:16] And if they say, what do you mean? Say, now let me ask you this. Didn't our God whip him in Isaiah 14? Didn't he have a rematch in Matthew chapter 4? Today, do you know what I saw yesterday?

Yesterday on the internet, I liked the guy. I saw a picture of George Foreman like this. He just got a booster shot for his COVID vaccine. And I just heard this morning he died.

That is a fact. He got the shot yesterday, he's dead now. But, you remember, and I don't know how many heavyweight champions, you know, like we have a world with like three heavyweight champions of the world.

That's college math, too. And, you know, like this guy's going to challenge the heavyweight champ. So they usually go to the challenger and they say, how do you think this is going to go? And he'll say something like this, I'll go bait him on a three round because that's all the farther the guy can count.

And if you were the challenger and you said, I'm going to knock the champ out in the third round. So they go to the champ, they say, champ, say he's going to knock you out in the third round. How do

you think it's going to go? And he says this, well, you know, I'm going to win.

[13:25] The kid hasn't got a chance. I'm going to win. I'm not boasting. I'm going to win. I'm going to beat him. But I want to give him a fair chance. So what I'm going to do is 40 days before the fight, I'm not going to eat anything.

Because that way when I get in the ring, I'll really be weak. You know, we're so, I have to laugh at Christians. I have some preachers, they fast for 40 days and 40 nights, some friends, and I'm very glad that they fast for 40 days and 40 nights.

Okay? If you would like to fast 40 days and 40 nights, you just go right at it. I had a preacher friend of mine one day called me, very down. He said, pray for me, brother. I said, yeah, what's the matter?

He said, I've got a petition out to God. I need to hear from God. I haven't heard from him. And he said, I just got done fasting for three weeks and he has not answered my prayer.

I haven't heard anything. And I said, thank you for telling me. He said, why? I said, because now if I don't hear from God, I'll know that not eating for three weeks doesn't change a thing.

[14:26] Guys, I may not hear from God, but I'm going to not hear from God with a burger in my hands. Okay? And we say this, wow, you know, if you fasted 40 days and 40 nights, you'd really be spiritual.

You'd really be hungry. Really? I had a preacher friend. And look, these guys have done it continually. The Lord did it once. That was enough for him. I talked to a guy.

He said, I fasted for 40 days. He said, after 30, you don't have the strength to get out of bed. He said, for the last 10 days, your body is digesting itself to stay alive.

Now, do you understand if you went through that at the end of that 10 days, at the end of that total 40, then you had to get in the ring with the greatest power of evil in the universe? That is what your God did.

He fasted for 40 days and 40 nights, stepped into the ring with the devil and knocked him out through the ropes with three punches. It is written, it is written, it is written. That's what your God did. It wasn't any of this, I think I got him, I hope it.

[15:31] Brother, your God could take one hair out of his head and bludgeon the devil to death with it. Now, this is a sidebar, but I just got to tell you how that turned out. I told these kids, you know, tell them they picked, in fact, you know what I tell them?

If you meet a Satan worshiper, say, I worship the God that your God worships. Oh, hold it, did it? When he was tempting the Lord, didn't the Lord say to the devil, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God.

So, I had these two girls and they were like little butterflies. They would, they wouldn't, they wouldn't step on an ant, okay? And, and we had visitation and one night and these girls came in and they were giddy.

They were laughing. They, they were just, just out of character. And I said, what'd you guys do? And they went, we found one. I said, we found what?

A Satan worshiper. I said, what happened? They said, it was just like you said. This house looked like the opening scene of a horror flick where people go in and never come out.

[16:38] And they said, we're scared to death. We go up on the porch, we knock on the door. You know, you know how to knock on a door when you're hoping. And they said, the guy came to the door like you said he would.

And they, they are scared until they see this guy. Now they're terrified. They are absolutely terrified. And he goes, what do you want? And he said, ah, we're from the Mass, the temple, knock on the doors, help you.

And the guy did this. He didn't even say, because listen, a Satan worshiper will never say this. He'll never say, well, you worship God, I worship the devil. They always go, I worship the devil. And they said, that's exactly what he did.

He went, well, I worship the devil. I said, what did you two guys? They said, we smiled. He went, and this little girl, I mean like, probably not a hundred pound soaking wet.

She goes, too bad you picked a loser. What do you mean? Our God whipped your God twice. Tell me if this isn't true. Isn't there one more rematch coming up, guys?

[17:46] The venue is a valley in Megiddo. And if you say you're saved, isn't this what you're doing? Aren't you betting your soul on who wins that? And they gave him the Bible.

They said, by the time it was done, he's going, stay back, stay back. Anyway, so here's the devil that we're afraid of and God says, I go fishing for him.

God is a sport fisherman, but he goes after the devil. Look what it says. Verse 2, you can't put a hook into his nose or bore his jaw through with a thorn. Will he make many supplications unto thee? Will he speak soft words unto thee? Now guys, to understand verse 3, you've got to get into a fight. Please tell me, please tell me guys, you do know nobody fights like they do on TV.

Have you ever watched a Western and they're breaking chairs over each other's heads and bottles over each other's heads. You know, you might have hit you in the head with this bottle. Oh, slate and he. And you take off your head. Oh, wait, no, no, I get to hit you with a chair and they break the chair.

[18:47] Look, I hate to tell you this. You guys are from California. Hollywood's not far. So this may have spilled over into your brain. Nobody gets hit with a pipe a half a dozen times and wins the fight. Oh yeah, I saw, I saw my hero in the movie.

They hit him and hit him, but he came back. Yeah, yeah, in the movie. Listen, I got zero muscle tone and I will fight anybody on the planet if I get to hit him six times with a pipe before we throw a pipe.

You know how a fight starts? You get two guys and they're both telling each other what they're going to do. What do I want to do to you? Oh yeah, what do I want to do to you? And then the fight starts and usually about 30 seconds after it starts, they're on the ground and one guy is strategically located on the bottom hitting the guy on top in the fist with his face and having visions of world peace.

You remember when we were kids and they would say, you hold the guy down, let me up, let me up. Say uncle. Right? Speak soft words unto me. God can put the devil down.

Let me up. Say something nice to me. What? Call me Lord. That's what your God can do. Verse 4, Will he make a covenant with thee?

[20:07] Wilt thou take him for a servant forever? Look, wilt thou play with him as with a bird? Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens? Now, when I pastor and I had a guy in my church, this is probably the statute of limitations is up on this so if you're offended by it, you can't do anything about it.

It makes me feel wonderful. But this guy had a cockatoo. You know, a little white bird? Big white bird. And it was a Baptist bird.

Because whenever they sat down to eat, this thing would start making a racket. And so we were there for dinner and as soon as we sat down to eat, this bird would, you know. So he's in this cage and he's, you know, he's on a wooden dowel and this guy'd walk over and he'd open up the cage door.

So the guys, you know, the bird is over here like, you know, you know, you know, but he can only go so far. Right? Because there's another wall in the cage. And the guy in my church would go like this.

He'd go, shut up, bird. Boink! Right against his head. Now if that bothers you, quit watching television and you will be okay. But it doesn't matter whether it's right or wrong.

[21:13] Could the bird stop him? No. I had somebody say, what if it bit him? It did. This is the funniest thing I ever saw. It's like, could you imagine biting the top of a telephone pole? He bit his finger like that.

Well, what's he going to do? Drag him in the cage? Okay. That's what our God can do with the devil. He says, you know what I can do? Every now and then, I'll just smack the devil upside the head.

Just for fun. You say, why? Because he can. And he should. Amen. So now go back to chapter one and look who brings up the subject of Job.

He answers in verse seven and look at verse eight. And the Lord said unto Satan, hast thou considered my servant Job? Guys, the devil never brought Job up. God did. Now, I can't prove what

I'm about to tell you, but I think this is what happened behind the scenes.

On this particular day, how many times the devil showed up before God? We have no idea. Him and the sons of God. But on this particular day, he said to the angels, you know what I think I'm going to do today? I think I'm going to put a stick in the devil's eye.

[22:29] And the stick was Job. Hast thou considered my servant Job that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God and iskeweth evil.

Now guys, before you read, let me explain this. I think you know, I am a King James Bible believer. I wouldn't change a word of it. I wouldn't move a semicolon. But I would like to re-typeset it.

And if I could re-typeset it, you look at verse eight and look at verse nine. See how close verse nine is to verse eight? No, no, no. I would put about three quarters of, three eighths of an inch of white space between verse eight and verse nine.

And in that space, did you ever hear somebody's fishing and a fish hits it and the reel goes, zzzz.

Now personally, when I fish, I have never heard that sound. But, you know, the guy goes, zzzz, I got one on the line, right?

That little sound should be between verse eight and nine because God uses Job as bait. It's like this, like your buddy, you know, he said, look, I'm taking my favorite spot.

[23:31] I've been to so many favorite spots, I've made them unfavorite. I've had guys say, I always catch things here and we go and there's nothing. I said, they heard I was coming.

Anyway, but a guy goes like this, look man, they're right over there by the door, watch. Bam, it hits. So he throws Job right in front of the devil verse eight and watch him take the bait.

Verse nine, then Satan answered the Lord and said, doth Job fear God for naught? He's. Hast thou not made a hedge about him, about his house, about all that he hath on every side?

Thou hast blessed the work of his hands and his substance is increased in the land. Look at the challenge, but put forth thine hand now and touch all that he hath and he will curse thee by faith.

This is a whole nother message, but you know what a bunch of you are afraid of?

You're afraid the devil wants you to get on drugs and the devil wants you to commit adultery and the devil wants you to kill somebody. You know that in Galatians chapter, I think it's five verses 19 and 20 and 21, it gives the sins of the flesh.

[24:36] You know what that means? If there's sins of the flesh, the devil could drop dead today and we would still have a problem with those. The devil didn't say, touch what he has and he'll commit adultery.

The devil didn't say, touch what he has and he'll get drunk. He'll quit coming to church. He'll quit, he'll quit worshipping you. All the devil wanted Job to do was say something ugly about this God he claimed to love.

And you know, look, look, I hope you never commit adultery and hope you don't get on drugs and all that stuff, but you may succeed at that and do exactly what the devil wanted you to do every single time because the first time you have a problem in your life, you start shaking your fist at heaven and saying, you say you love me and you do this.

That's what he's looking for. Must have thought, he must have thought Job was a Baptist. Anyway, and the Lord said, verse 12, unto Satan, behold, all that he hath is in thy power only upon him, himself, put not forth thine hand.

So Satan went forth through the presence of the Lord. Now, there is, we started verse 13, there, we are about to read one of the most horrible phrases in scripture.

[25:49] So here's Job. Now, I think I told you the other night, last night, when you read your Bible, get out of your chair. Get out of your chair. Get out of your room.

Get out of your house. Get out of the time in which you live. Enter the scene that you're reading. So here's what I see. That was Job a rich man? Okay. So I see him on his porch.

Glass iced tea in his hand. Kind of just looking over his property. And he sees coming down the lane. That looks like one of my guys.

That looks like one of my servants. Boy, he is sure hoofing it. Wonder what he's got to tell me.

Everything's fine, but he sees this guy coming to the house. See, we don't do that.

I mean, they pull up into your driveway. You don't know they're there until there. But if you could see down the road a half mile, if somebody's coming with bad news, you'd see them coming for a long time, wouldn't you? So look what it says in verse 13.

[26:51] And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house. And there came a messenger unto Job and said, the oxen were plowing and the asses feeding beside them.

And the Sabaeans fell upon them and took them away. Yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword and I only have escaped alone to tell thee. Now this is bad news.

Okay, so, oh, that's catastrophic. No, it's not catastrophic. He still had, this was the, this was the oxen and the asses, but he still got the camels and everything else.

I mean guys, this is kind of like, now I'm not a, I'm not an investor and if you're an investor, you're not gambling, you can invest anything you want, okay? I'm just not good at it. I'm not an investor. But I, I know this, they'll say, don't put all your investments in one thing.

Like have it in technology and have it in farming and have it in like a, an evangelist from Idaho. An evangelist from Idaho, Idaho, if you know one.

[27:59] Anyway, and so this, this, this industry goes down but this one is still okay. And so he's lost his oxen, he's lost his asses, but he's, he's still got some stuff.

And now the horrible phrase. Look at the beginning of the next verse. 16. While he was yet speaking. Can you see it?

Job's sitting on his porch. Everything's fine. This guy's running down the lane. He comes over to us. Yeah, the rest of it, what's going on? And he gives him that news. But while this guy is telling him this bad news, he sees another guy coming down the lane.

Right? This ain't like three weeks later. He's, he's getting bad news. He's, you know, that looks like another one of my guys. Oh, he must be telling me, he must have found out what happened.

He's coming to tell me same thing. 16. While he was yet speaking, there came yet, there came also another and said, the fire of God has fallen from heaven and have burned up the sheep and the shepherds and consumed them and I only escaped alone to tell them.

[29:07] Now, I would say this, when you got that second batch of bad news, you'd want to be sitting down because if you're standing up, you're probably going down. You ever had anybody tell you something and it buckled your knees?

Yeah. My dad, my dad ever only called me one time in my life. It was, it was two years after I got saved.

He called me. My wife got the phone. She said it for you. It's your dad. And I thought, my dad, my dad never called me. And he said, yeah, pop. He said, are you sitting down? I said, no.

He said, sit down. I said, I sat down. And then he told me my brother just been killed in a motorcycle accident. It's a good thing I was sitting down. There's just some things. Take your legs out from you. And he was sitting down. He said, well, that's bad. No, no. Look how the next verse begins. 17.

While he was yet speaking, isn't that how verse 16 begins?

[30:07] I told you, it's one of the most horrible phrases in the Bible because this guy just gave him bad news. Well, this guy's talking to him. He sees the second guy coming. Now the second guy is giving him more bad news. But while he's talking to the second guy, he's gone.

Good night. There is another one. He's coming. What is going to happen here? 17. While he was yet speaking, there came also another and said, the Chaldeans made out three bands and fell upon the camels and have carried them away.

Yea, and slain the servants with the sword, the edge of the sword. And I only escaped alone to tell thee. You know what the Bible says? The Bible says that in the Old Testament, you would, poverty would come on you as one that traveleth.

It's not travailleth, it's traveleth. I know. We travel. Oh, really, that's it. Here's how it was in Bible days. I'm a rich man. I got a bag of gold.

I mean, they didn't carry a credit card, right? The gold was not secured. It was gold. And he's walking down the road, somebody bangs him in the head, he wakes up, and he's a poor man. We

have woke up in one morning, and by the end of the day, been \$7,000 in debt.

[31:16] Because there's something that broke down on an RV or a truck. That's how it happens. Okay? This guy woke up the greatest man, and he is absolutely busted.

Every stock he's got, it's gone. But look how the next verse begins. 18. While he was yet speaking. Can you see it? One guy shows up, gives him bad news. He sees the other guy. The second guy gives him more bad news. There's another guy. The third guy. After the third guy, he's lost everything, has he not?

But while this third guy's talking, there's another guy coming. I got nothing else to lose. While he was yet speaking, there came also another and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house.

And behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness and smote the four corners of the house and it fell upon the young men and they are dead. And I only am escaped alone tell thee. This is a catastrophe.

[32:21] Insight. Guys, how long did it take? Did I not comment between reading? This could have taken place inside of 60 seconds, maybe five minutes, 10 minutes maximum.

One guy's telling. Look. Look at verse 14. Hang on a second. The oxen were plowing and the asses feeding beside them and the Sabaeans fell upon them and took them away.

Yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. That took 10 seconds. If he said those two verses, it takes 10 seconds and I didn't hurry him up and I didn't slow him down.

Then the next guy comes, he probably has got five seconds. This all probably took place inside of 10 minutes. I mean, this is more than more. And that's why the next verse almost makes sense. Look at verse 20. Then Job arose and ran his mantle. Yeah. And shaved his head and fell down upon the ground. All of that makes sense except the last two words of the verse.

[33:29] And worshipped. You see where it says and worshipped? That's where it's supposed to say and cursed God. And worshipped.

And said, naked came out of my mother's womb and naked shall I return thither. The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord just to confirm it. In all this Job sinned not nor charged God foolishly.

Now, here's what you can't see. You ever, you ever watch a football game and your team is down by six points and they're on like the one yard line and there's five seconds left.

And you never, you know, oh yeah, there's five seconds left. Don't worry. Isn't it kind of like this? Okay. Right about verse 18 when Job hears about his children being dead, the devil's been watching this.

He's going, oh man, here it comes. He's going to, oh, watch what Job says about God here in a minute. And it says, Job, yeah, look, man, he's, he's, he's throwing, he's cast his garment off.

[34:38] He's throwing death at his head and worshipped. And you can't see it, but the devil's leaning into it. He goes, oh, oh man, ah, I just got a stick in my eye.

And the stick's name is Job. Guys, Job didn't get what he got for punishment. It wasn't even a test on Job. Job, what God allowed to happen to Job was one of the greatest compliments he's ever paid to a human because he knew Job wouldn't break.

We would. That starts in verse, chapter two. And let me explain something. It's a common thing. Contemporaries say it all the time. God believes in balance.

Have you ever heard that? God believes in balance. We should believe in balance. Do you believe in balance? Because you better have as many men in here as you have women because that's balance.

And you better have as many homosexuals as you have normal people because that's balance. I can prove from this book God does not believe in balance. Have you ever gone to a program at a high school or something like that and they got, you know, the gymnasium and they got a stage at the end and the curtains come together?

[35:50] You seen that? And the curtains come together, dead center, and they come down and you ever see where like down at the, maybe the last

little bit the curtains just separate a little bit where you can see a little bit of light under the curtain.

When God had them build the temple from that wall to that wall is ten panels. So it was five panels here and five panels here to dead center. But behind that curtain was the Holy of Holies and no man could look in that Holy of Holies.

It would defile the Holy of Holies. It would kill the man. And God knew that if he put those curtains dead center, balanced, down at the bottom. They just might be like that. Read your Bible.

You know what it says? He said, I want you to bring five panels from this side and six from this side. so that it overlapped one.

If you saw those curtains, it would be out of balance. You would say, well, it's off centered. But that way nobody could see behind the Holy of Holies. God, remember this statement.

[36:49] In the name of holiness, God will forego balance. But this day he believed in balance. Because look what it says in chapter two, verse one. Again, there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord with a black eye.

And you know what God said? Hey guys, he's got a black eye. That's not balanced. We need to balance him out.

There's only one way to do it. I'm going to put a stick in his other eye today. Verse two, and the Lord said to Satan, from whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord and said, from going to and fro in the earth, from walking up and down in it.

And the Lord said to Satan, hast thou considered my servant Job that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man when it feareth God and is skew with evil? Wait a second. Do you know what I just read?

Did I not, did you just read chapter two, verse three? Because that's word for word chapter one, verse eight. That's the same bait. Now, if the devil is smart, when he heard those words, don't you think like his right eye should have started throbbing?

[38:03] Don't think he should have said, whoa, deja vu. Last time I heard something like that, I got it in the eye. It's like this. Let's say you're a fish and you're out there swimming and they're always hungry and you see a really good worm, which I think a worm is the fish's equivalent of pizza.

And so you go, man, look at that worm. That looks good. And you, snap that baby up and no sooner do you bite this worm than all of a sudden you feel a horrible piercing in the side of your mouth. You are going through the water faster than you ever swam.

Next thing you know, you are flying through the air. Somebody takes you out there, rips this thing out of your mouth and throws you back all inside of 20 seconds. And the next day, you see a worm. Now, I don't think a fish's brain is very big. But if you saw that worm the next day, don't you think you go, I don't know about this.

The devil didn't have that much sense because the Lord sweetens the bait. And still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movest me against him to destroy him without cause.

[39:08] Now again, verse 3 and 4, they got to be separated by a little space because watch him take the bait in verse 4. And Satan answered the Lord and said, Skin for skin.

Does that not sound childish? Skin for skin. He took the bait again. Skin for skin, you only man hath what he give for his life, but put forth thine hand now and touch his bone and his flesh.

And he will curse thee to thy face. Did you notice, guys, he's not trying to get him to commit adultery? He's not trying to get him to kill anybody? He's not trying to get him on drugs, get drunk? He just wants him to say something ugly about this God he claims to love and to represent.

And the Lord said to Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand but saved his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord and smoked Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

He took him in potsherd to scrape himself with all and he sat down among the ashes.

Now guys, I think everybody should be required to have one boil. Really? If you have not had a boil, you have really missed something in your life. Nothing good.

[40:17] It's kind of like having Joe Biden with you at all times. Okay? I had a boil on the side of my leg when I was nine years old. I can still remember how bad it hurt.

I can't imagine having them all up and down my legs and up my body, on my arms, top of my head, bottom of my feet.

There's no way you could lay. You know why he's laying on ashes? It's the closest thing he had to a feather mattress. And he is laying. Now I'm going to tell you something guys. I got a feeling if God were to put a stick in the devil's eye, the devil would win it if it was me right there because I think if I had boils from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet, I'd say something about this God I tell you that I love.

I'd say something I shouldn't say. Look what Job did. And by the way, look at verse nine. Then said his wife to him, Doth thou still retain thine integrity, curse God and die. I'm going to say something on behalf of this lady.

I hear preachers all the time, they quote that verse and they go, She's an ungodly lady. Okay, let's take a survey here. Didn't she lose everything she had? Didn't she lose her ten kids?

[41:30] Hey mom, weren't you a little closer to your children coming into this earth than your husband was? I mean, she was there. Don't we say the man is the head of the home?

Who's her head? Job. He's got bullets on the top of his head, the bottom of his feet and according to Job chapter 17 verse one, he thinks he's going to die. He said, the graves are ready for me. You think maybe she's having a bad day too? Give this woman a break. Her husband took care of it. Verse 10.

But he said to her, thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God and shall we not receive evil? Let me tell you what happened. I had a preacher friend and his wife was having some health problems on what it was.

You know how you get something and you think you can go to the doctor and they're going to give you a pill. And the doc said, you've got cancer and it's not good and you probably won't be here a year from now.

[42:31] They had a 18-year-old boy, a 16-year-old girl. One month later, the 18-year-old boy was having some health problems. Went to the doctor. The doctor said, you've got cancer and you're going to be dead in a year.

One month earlier, she found out she's going to die and one month later, they found out he was going to die. And the woman, the preacher's wife said, what's God going to do? Kill us all. No, wait a minute.

That's not a good thing. You think she's having a bad day, do you? Her husband took care of it and by the way, they both, neither one of them died. God was good to them.

But look how he finishes that verse. In all this did not Job sin with his lips. And you can't see it, but he was leaning into it again and ah, oh man, oh, both eyes, I can't believe this.

I don't know if you ever thought about it. Job chapter 2, verse 10, the trials of Job are over. The challenges are done. Two challenges. Touch what he's got, he'll curse you, he didn't.

[43:35] Touch his bone and his flesh, he'll curse you, he didn't. And it's over. The devil does not make another appearance. He might be talked about. He doesn't make another appearance. In fact, guys, now I know what you're thinking. Well, wait a minute.

If the trials are over in chapter 2, how come we have 40 more verses, chapters? Chapters. The book of Job would have two chapters, if not for his three friends, Larry, Curly, and Moe.

And I hate to say this, guys, because you're all afraid. When you fear the book of Job, you're afraid you're going to be Job. I think we all make an appearance of the book of Job, usually as one of the three friends.

Because when someone has sinned the unpardonable sin, which means to disagree with you, and then they have a flat tire or a little car wreck, you go, oh, that's so bad, but you know they did disagree with me.

We're the friends. Okay? Now, I had to give you that to give you the layout. I want to make one other explanatory statement, and then we'll get on with this message.

[44:40] I haven't started yet. So you're going to, I'm sorry, you're missing America Got Talent whether you like it or not. There are some people, you probably know some, who have quite a bit of Bible doctrine right, but not all of it.

Some of them, they believe salvation by grace, but then they think they can do something and lose it, or they think you have speaking tongues. You understand? Guys, that's not the enemy. Okay? That's not your enemy.

And if you got one of those guys at work, let him alone, because the lost world sees you and him as the same. But, in other words, there can, all right, there are guys that don't believe the King James Bible, correct?

And believe in creation. One of the greatest guys for creation is Ken Ham. He didn't believe the King James Bible saved his life. So, he's wrong here, but there's other, he believes in salvation by grace.

I don't think, he believes probably through security. So, I'm saying is, wrong here, but got a bunch of stuff right. Because these three guys, they're wrong about what they thought about Job, but that doesn't make them wrong doctrinally.

[45:49] Because their testimony for what these people believed before, before Genesis was written, it's as important as Job's. So, here's what I want you to do. I want you to look at Job chapter 4.

Job chapter 4, and the guy talking here is the first friend, Eliaphaz. Eliaphaz is the Hebrew word for Larry.

Look what it says in verse 17. Shall mortal man be more just than God? Now, see, you don't think there's anything outstanding about that verse. That, that portion of that verse does not get your attention at all because, because you believe it, right?

You know what you're missing? Paganism is polytheistic. Paganism has gods by the dozens. They got the rain god and the snow god and the river god and the volcano god and every kind of god there is.

The Roman Empire, they had something like 300 gods. Hinduism has 300 million. Weren't you glad you're not a Hindu? And they said, give a dollar for each god.

[47:03] All them gods have a tip jar. Please, please. But, heathenism is polytheistic. These guys were monotheistic. They believed there's one god.

That in itself is epic. So, here they are, obviously in heathen times, but they believed there was one god. But look at the second half of the verse.

Shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his maker? Now, I am relatively confident that you all believe you have a maker.

Correct? And if I say, why do you believe you have a maker? Aren't you going to give me book chapter and verse? You're probably going to go to Genesis. They didn't have Genesis. They didn't have anything.

How did they get that? How did they get that man had a maker? And I don't even mean just a maker, but look, it's not just one guy.

[48:05] Look at, look at Job chapter 20. Job chapter 20. And this is Zophar.

And Zophar is the Hebrew word for curly. And look what he says in verse 4. Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon the earth?

Let me ask you a question. Do you guys believe that man has a maker and that man was placed on the earth? Yeah. I mean, this is no revelation to you. The revelation is, how did they get it?

Because you got it from the book of Genesis. And they didn't have, the book of Genesis is at least 20 years away. How did they get this? It goes farther than that.

Look at chapter 33. Job chapter 33. Now, you know when we think of the book of Job, we think of four people.

[49:09] We had maybe his wife a little bit, but she's really got a bit part. But you got Job and his four friends. And these are the big guys, right? But there's actually five. And the fifth guy doesn't say much until about Job chapter 32.

His name is Elihu. And he's listening. He's listening to Job. He's listening to his three buddies. And he's watching, because he's a young guy, and these guys are elder, probably maybe three or four hundred years old. And then he finally gets tired of it.

He thought, he knew these three guys are wrong. He thought Job would have something, and Job is just as screwed up as the rest of them. And so in chapter 32, he starts talking. And look what he says in chapter 33.

In chapter 33, he says this in verse 6. Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead. I also am formed out of the clay.

Okay. Okay. Is it news to anybody here that man was made out of clay? No. What happens when you die?

[50:14] Look at Job chapter 34. Verse 15. All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

So before they ever had anything written, they'd be there's one God. He made man. He placed him on the earth.

He made him out of clay. And then when man dies, he turns back to dust. Is there anything? Would you let these guys in your church? Even his friends got that doctrine right. How'd they ever get that? That's not all. Take a look at chapter 22. There's a second thing that they believed. Job chapter 22. Look at verse 15.

Has thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden, which were cut down, or which were cut down out of time, whose foundations was overflown with a flood.

[51:18] Okay. I'll bet you guys never knew that there was a worldwide flood, did you? You all, you all believed that before I ever walked through the door. And you're going to go to Genesis to prove it.

Where'd they go to prove it? I was doing it again. I was doing it again over here, coming over here in the plane. I fly across the country countless times. And I am not a hydrologist.

But all you got to do is fly over the west, and you can see that many of those mountainsides were carved by water. I mean, you can see where the water poured off. And you ever see water just come down and erode?

You see, many of the ridges were made by water. You know, I think, I think probably what happened at the flood, everything was underwater, and like the bottom dropped out, like the Marianas Trench.

And suddenly, water just went, and all of a sudden, the water level went down fast. I think I do again. I flew through Salt Lake City, coming here, and I think I fly through Salt Lake City.

[52:22] That's a big hub for Delta. But if you're ever flying to Salt Lake City, look at the mountains. It's in a, it's a valley. And if you look, now you won't, you know, there's not a thing that says 500 feet, 1,000 feet, 1,500 feet.

I'd seen it, but I didn't know where it was. And I read it one time in a book. And they call it the bathtub ring, 1,500 feet from the desert floor. And 1,500 feet from the desert floor, the entire mountain range has like a bathtub ring, bathtub ring, a high water mark.

And they say it was all underwater. The Great Salt Lake was much deeper. You say, well, what happened? Well, kind of like a flood. Have you ever seen when a flood tore a bunch of trees down and stuff and it all got jammed up in a bridge and the water dammed up behind it?

Have you ever heard anybody say this? The Grand Canyon was formed over millions of years. Really? Then how come we've heard the river that deep? Haven't they all been there the same amount of time?

How come all the other rivers aren't there? Why do we, it ought to be the Grand Canyons. I mean, we should have bridges everywhere, guys. Why there? Because that's downstream from the Great Salt Lake and whatever was damming that water and let go, I will guarantee you the Grand Canyon was formed inside about seven days.

[53:46] I have a picture, it's a classic picture. It was a little, a little, a little, what do you call it, a little canyon about 20 feet and water would come through and flood.

So they built a 15 foot high concrete wall to stop the water and one night, in one night, the water hit that and it held, it held many times.

It didn't, it didn't knock it down but the water seeped under it and then more water and more water. I've got a picture, it is still there, 60 feet above the canyon floor overnight.

The Grand Canyon was formed, that water went through there. You know, when we first went on the road, there used to be two kinds of park rangers. There was an old guy, maybe 50 some, 60 some years old, a little bit of gray hair here, looked like a state trooper.

He was there to make sure the bears didn't eat you and you didn't eat the bears. And then there was the granolas, you know, matted hair, pimply face and they worship the pine cones and the trees and the bears and now the old guys are all gone and everybody in that world hates God.

[55:04] And I'm standing, I can't even remember what National Park it was but I got to ask this girl a question and this guy in front of me, he says something about how are these, there was some intricate patterns.

How were these formed? She said, by water. I went, oh you mean like a flood? She went, not that. Not what? Well, isn't it funny how she knew what I was talking about?

Do you guys remember it's probably been about now eight or nine years ago? In two days time there were three major earthquakes. There was an earthquake in Chile, there was an earthquake in Haiti and there was an earthquake in Japan, three of them in two days.

And I'm watching this woman do the weather and she's telling about these earthquakes and then she goes like this, they're not related. I thought, same earth? I mean, I can understand how you could have a rainstorm on one side of the globe and another on the other side that weren't related but three quakes on the same earth?

But they know what this book says. But your Bible says these guys believed in a flood. But how in the world did they get that? They believed in a flood.

[56:14] But you believe in a flood. But I know why you believe in a flood. Do you understand what these guys, you and these guys said, we believe there's a worldwide flood. And you'd say, book, chapter, verse. They go, what? That's not what they believe.

Take a look at Job chapter 8. Job chapter 8. And for some of the brethren, this is a contentious point. But that's because most of them would rather practice their golf swing than read their Bible. And look what he says in verse 8. This is Bildad. You know whose name that is. For require, I pray, thee of the former age. Former age?

They believed in a former age? Do you guys believe? I do. Do you believe something went on between Genesis 1, 1, 1, 2? I do. Now, let me help you here because you may say I believe in the gap theory.

Don't ever say I believe in the gap theory. You probably don't know what the gap theory is. I used to say I believe in the gap theory. I don't anymore because I don't believe in the gap theory. Because by definition, the gap theory, it was conjured up by a bunch of modernists who wanted to say I believe the Bible but they actually believed in evolution.

[57:32] So they said between Genesis 1, 1 and 1, 2 was a gap. A little gap of 4.2 billion years. That's what they believed.

So between Genesis 1, 1 and 1, 2 all of evolution took place. That's what the gap theory is. You don't believe that, do you? No. But I say it this way. It's kind of long because I can't get a cool name for it.

I believe something went on between Genesis 1, 1, 1, 2. I think the devil probably had it. All the stuff. In fact, keep your place here but look at Jeremiah chapter 4.

Let me ask you a question. Have you ever had anybody take a verse and they're trying to prove something and they take two verses and try to prove it and the two verses aren't connected? And don't we think that's dishonest?

Well, what about if you had two verses that were almost inseparable by wording and tried to say they weren't connected? All right.

[58:33] I said go to Jeremiah. Yeah, go to Jeremiah. Keep your place in Job but get Genesis 1, 1. Genesis 1, 1.

Look what it says in verse 1. In the beginning God created heaven and the earth and the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

We've heard that description many, many times, correct? Now go to Jeremiah chapter 4. Look at verse 23.

I beheld the earth and lo, it was without form and void and the heavens and they had no light like darkness upon the face of the earth. Guys, how would you dare try to pretend that is not connected?

That is the only two times in the Bible that phraseology appears and you're going to tell me they're not related? I had somebody say that's not related. How can you not make it related? In fact, look what it says.

[59:47] I beheld the earth and lo, it was without form and void and the heavens and they had no light. I beheld the mountains and lo, they trembled and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld and lo, there was no man and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

I've heard and lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord and by his fierce anger. I think something went on between Genesis 1, 1 and 1, 2.

I think that's what it is. If you do a rudimentary study, you know what you're going to find out? There are, there are ruins of cities that nobody can explain. There are ruins under the ice in Antarctica. They have got, they have got skeletons that are like 8 and 10, 12 feet tall. So, something went on. In the Caribbean, about a few miles out from the Florida coast, 70 feet under the water is a wall. I don't mean a wall like this. I mean a wall formed, etched stones and it goes for a mile. Gun barrel straight. Now, somebody held their breath a long time or that wasn't underwater at one time but it wasn't built in modern time.

[61:04] So, I think something went on and you know the story is probably Satan was running the show. He rebelled. Now, I don't know if you've ever asked this question but you should have. How much time? How long?

See, here's, let me explain where you live and if you can get this picture, you'll understand why God doesn't tell you a lot about the past and why God doesn't tell you a lot about the future.

You know, you're in mountains but you need to go to West Virginia and Kentucky. I have preached in Kentucky and they have a hollow.

They call it a hollow but it's a hollow. I'm driving down a road in a hollow and if I want to see the sky, I can't see it to the left or the right.

It's all green. I can look up through the windshield. I mean, I mean, I want to go someplace that's two miles away and it's 20 miles to get there because I got to go five miles up the hollow and five miles down the other one.

[62:01] That is where we live. Everything you see is what you find in the Bible but you know what I can see if I look at that ridgeline? I can see the top of a tree sticking up on the other side of the hill.

I can't see everything that's on the other side but I can see trees and on this side I can see just the top of a house and a little bit of smoke coming out of a chimney. You know what God does?

We live here and we always wonder what's the other side of the mountains. That's none of your business. Quit worrying about that side. Quit worrying. Don't worry. God gave us, we get a glimpse of what went on and we get a glimpse of what's going to go on and some people spend all their time trying to decipher everything from the top of a tree and a chimney.

Guys, you'll go off the road. Pay attention to where you're at. Now, here's what I think and you don't have to agree with me. Just don't come and tell me because I don't care.

Okay? I'm not mad at you. I just don't care. How many years do we, how many, how many years do we have? Not 70. I'm talking about our time.

[63:12] Isn't it 7,000? Okay. Why not? Why not 7,000? Oh, it couldn't be 7,000. Why can't it be? How can you be so sure what it's not when you don't have any scripture on anything?

Now, so why do I say that? Well, we got 7,000. The Bible says he is the same what? Today, yesterday, and forever. So, if God gave us 7,000, maybe he gave them 7,000.

I'm going to tell you this. You can call me a heretic. I don't believe the world is 6,000 years old. I believe it is 13,000 years old. I think between Genesis 1, 1, 1, 2, there were 7,000 years.

I think we've had 6,000 since Genesis 1, 2. Now, I will inform you of this. I'm not a, I'm not a fan of carbon dating, but you know what you'll find?

They will carbon date things to 10,000, 13,000, even 14. I know it's not that sacred, but I'll give them 1,000 years, okay? I mean, with them, it's like this thing walked the earth and then it's give or take a million years.

[64:16] But, but they get to about 13,000 years and then they make 150 million year jump. I heard them, I heard them talking about some, some kind of a dinosaur and there's these two evolutionists and they're on this panel.

And this guy goes, yes, 450 million years ago when this thing walked the earth, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. And the other guy says, I agree with him, 600 million years ago when this thing walked the earth. I said, whoa, these guys aren't agreeing and they're, they're off by 150 million years. Correct? So, how long? They, do you know what, do you know what the megalodon is?

Megalodon was a, I mean a really big shark. When it opened its mouth it was 11 feet. I think it's in Latin, Hilarus Clintonius.

And they got the jawbone of one. They got the jawbone. And I'm watching a special on the megalodon. And it's all evolution. You understand? They know, God ain't, God ain't anywhere in this.

[65:27] They don't want God in there. And this guy says, we did a carbon, radiocarbon dating of the jawbone. And he, what he said next, he never broke stride.

He never even stopped for emphasis. He said, we radiocarbon dated it to 11,000 years, but we know it lived 150 million years ago. Well, that one was a little retarded.

I mean, there's a lot. Look, look, if somebody owed you 150 million years, would you accept \$11,000? I mean, if they owed you 150 million dollars, would you accept 11,000? I would. And they will date things back to about 10,000, 15,000, or 12,000 years.

And then after that, it's a big jump. So I think they had 7,000 years. You say, what do you think they did? It's on the side of the hill, pal. I'm not spending all my time looking at the side of the hill.

I'm not looking at the side of the hill over there. I can see a little more of that over there. but there was something, well, they believed there was a former age. You believed there was a former age.

[66:33] Look what else they believed. I've just got 25, 27, 27, 27, 28, 28. Somebody order breakfast.

Let me see if you believe this. Look at Job chapter 11. Let's see if you'd let Job join your church or you'd join his. Job chapter 11. Look what it says in verse 8.

It is as high as heaven. What can thou do deeper than hell? What can thou know? They believe in heaven. They believe in hell. Well, isn't that a revolution?

There's not one person here that when I read that verse, you went, you mean there's a heaven and a hell? You believe that before you ever walked through this door. And even if you didn't have the book of Job, look at it, you got enough scripture to believe it.

They didn't have any. But they believed in heaven and they believed in hell. Now, not every time the word pit appears in the Bible is in a reference to hell.

[67:33] But there are times. Numbers chapter 16, Corridate and Byron, the first business meeting. Bible says the earth opened up and they went down live into the pit.

Look at Job chapter 33. Job chapter 33. And look at verse 24.

Then is he gracious unto him and said, deliver him from going down to the pit. They believed in hell. Did you ever meet somebody who said they don't believe in hell? Like when they say they don't believe in hell, do you think the temperature goes down?

The fire goes from raging to down. Oh, somebody doesn't believe in us. It's still there. Look at verse 28. He would deliver his soul from going down into the pit.

But there's something very unique about both of those verses. Go back up to 24. Then he is gracious unto him and said, deliver him from going down to the pit. I have found a ransom.

[68:42] Have you heard anybody preach about a ransom? Have we found a ransom? Isn't that funny? They knew you needed a ransom. Look at verse 28. He will deliver his soul from going into the pit and his life shall

see the light.

You know, the world does not understand salvation. If somebody came here tonight or tomorrow night, somebody comes here tomorrow night and gets saved. And Monday goes back to work and he goes to his best friend.

He goes, you're going to believe this. I went to church last night. I got saved. It's great. I'm going to heaven now. Walks away. Another guy would come over and say, what did he say? He said he got religion. That old bill saw the light.

When I got saved, man, some of my bar friends called me up and said, hey, I heard you saw the light. And when I heard that term, I saw the light. He saw the light. You know what comes to my mind? Acts 9.

Apostle Paul, he saw that light, did he not? It blinded him and he got saved. But there it is in Job. His life shall see the light. That is an amazing appearance of that phrase.

[69:49] So they believed in hell. Let's see if you believe this. Go to Job 16. And I hate to say this. I hate to say it. I'm not making a charge. But this church has changed this doctrine.

I'll show you why. In chapter 16, look at verse 19. Also now behold, my witness is in heaven and my record is on high.

Do you people believe that everything you ever did is recorded? Yeah. Now here's where you change your doctrine. We used to think that heaven was filled with like 16 millimeter films of our lives.

And when we get up there, the Lord's going to put it in the projector and there's the time you stole something from the sandbox or whatever. And then they came up with VCRs and you guys changed your doctrine.

And so instead of believing in real to real audio tapes and 60 millimeter films, you started believing in VCRs and cassettes. And then they came up with DVDs and CDs.

[70:53] And you guys changed your doctrine again. You thought there's a great big library up in heaven full of DVDs of your life. Now even, isn't it amazing that, did you understand in your life you watch DVDs come and go?

And now you don't even believe in those. Now you changed your doctrine again but you finally got it right. Now you believe it's in the cloud. But you all believe that your record is in heaven.

Look at chapter 19 verse 29. Be afraid of the sword for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword that ye may know there is a judgment.

There's not a person here that doesn't believe in a judgment. Now we're not going to stand at the white throne judgment, that's the lost world, but we're going to stand in front of the Lord and answer according to things done in the flesh. But we all believe there's a judgment, we all believe that the greatest testimony against us will be the record of our life.

Isn't that true? They believe in the judgment. That's amazing. What else do they believe? Look at chapter 19 and look at verse 25.

[72:01] For I know that my redeemer liveth. Wait a minute. Is there anybody in this room who's got a redeemer? Now guys, I define things differently.

I think that, you know, like I think justification and redemption and salvation, you got it all when you got saved. But I think they're three different things. Salvation is you're not going to hell.

You know I think redemption is. Now this is my illustration. You don't have to buy it. You don't have to agree. But did you ever buy a can of coke? Okay, so you buy a can of coke and then if you're a good American, you throw it alongside the road.

Because it does two things. It makes an environmentalist upset and it helps a homeless guy stay alive. So you are just keeping everything functioning. But the reason you throw the can away, whatever you do, you throw the can away.

Why? Because you didn't buy a coke can, you bought a can of coke and when the coke is gone, the can is waste. But, some guy comes along and finds your coke can alongside the road.

[73:03] And he says, I make biplanes out of these. You ever see those biplanes? Or yard things the guys make out of cans, other kind of cans. So, here's what it is.

Once you got out of it what you wanted, the coke, you saw the can is waste and you threw it away. And somebody else said, I see a value. And they redeemed it. Boy, you know when the devil's done with you, you know what he does?

Pitches you on the side of the road. And Lord Jesus Christ comes along and says, I think I can do something with this.

Buddy, he picked up a drunk in 1970. And that guy's been gone for 54 years. he picked up something that everybody knew was a total waste and redeemed him.

And it says, I got a redeemer. But see, how did they get that? I don't think he was reading Romans. I know he wasn't even reading Genesis.

[74:12] What else did he believe? Look at that verse. Guys, that is one of our doctrines.

Is Jesus Christ on this earth right now? No. He's seated at the right hand of the Father. Is he going to stand on this earth one day? In the latter days? Yeah, that's one of the verses you use to prove that. But how did they know they had a redeemer and how did they know he's going to stand at the latter days?

Now, I kind of misled you. Because I told you at the beginning of this message we were going to talk about what they believed before Genesis. This actually isn't about what they believed before Genesis.

See, preach that should be talking about for three days. Anyway, no, you know what this message is about? It's about all the things they believed and in spite of all the things they believed, the one thing they could not believe.

Now, we're going to rehearse what they believed. They believed there was one God. They believed in creation. They believed in a flood. They believed in a former age. They believed in heaven. They believed in hell.

[75:20] They believed everything is recorded in heaven. There's an ultimate judgment. They believed they need a redeemer. And their redeemer would stand at the last day. Oh, look at verse 26. They believe this. See if you believe this.

And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. Anybody believe that? In fact, that's one of the verses you believe.

But they couldn't use it. So look at all the things they believed. But look at the one thing. I mean, this is pretty broad. But look at the one thing Job and none of his friends could conceive of.

They could not conceive with all this stuff that there was only one God made out of clay and put man on the earth and we turn back into dust and you can go to heaven or hell and if you turn to dust you're going to stand on this earth in front of your God.

I mean, all this stuff they believed, look what they couldn't believe. Look at verse 23. Look how it begins. Oh, you ever start a prayer like that?

[76:19] But you start a prayer though, you're having a bad day. Oh, God. Oh, my Lord. You ever start a prayer though? So, that my words were written, oh, that they were printed in a book.

You know what he couldn't believe? He couldn't believe God could have a book. He said, I wish my words were written. They were. They didn't believe it.

Look at chapter 31. And look how the verse starts the very same way. Chapter 31. And look at verse 35. Oh, that one would hear me, behold my desires, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book.

You know what they couldn't believe? All the stuff they could believe with nothing. But they couldn't believe that God could have a book. And all of you think you got it on your lap.

Well, I guess we're one up on Job. Isn't that it? Yeah. My wife's father was a farmer, dairy farmer.

[77:35] And when there's nobody to take over the farm, that gets to be too much for you. And so when he got out of farming, he became a caretaker for a graveyard. And it was, you don't have one, but we've all seen it.

You ever see a window with four panes of glass? Okay. That's about what this graveyard was like. It was like this, and the back quarter was the original graveyard.

So it had the oldest graves, and then they eventually filled it in because people are dying to get in there. And back in that quarter, that first quarter, they had graves from the Civil War. You can tell a grave from the Civil War without reading it. You can tell it from 50 feet off. You know why? Because, no, it's not a gravestone.

We don't have gravestones. We have headstones. A gravestone lays on a grave. A headstone stands at the head. And when we have a headstone made, it's made out of granite or marble.

[78:37] You know what they used in the 1860s for a headstone? White limestone. And if you can say stone and soft in the same sentence, it's white limestone. It's soft stone.

It was easy. And those guys in those days, they didn't say, this is Joe Smith and this is when he's born and this is when he died. Man, they would have scripture. They would have, in fact, they would do it in italic so the words didn't even belong there.

And I would go back there because I'd like to look at those graves. Not morbid, but they would have some kind of testimony sometimes. But here was the problem. They've been standing up there for 150 years and the wind with sand in it had hit it like sand blaster.

And the rain coming down would wear at it. And you can get the name and you can get the date they were born and died and you can see the other stuff but you can't read it.

It's a roadie. That's a white limestone song. 1992 I was in Scotland and now you guys don't have it but the old time churches, the old clapboard churches right next to the church.

[79:44] You know what they had? They had the church graveyard. Well, that's how they did in castles. They had the castle and the people lived in the castle. They were buried right next to the castle. And so I'm in this graveyard right next to a castle in 1992 in Scotland.

They don't have head stones. They have gravestones. A gravestone like two feet wide, six feet long. I mean this guy better live a long time because we got to talk about him.

You know what they used? I'm standing by a grave from 1100 AD. That is just about 500 years or 400 years before Columbus discovered America.

right? You know what they used for gravestones in Scotland in 1100 AD? White limestone. Now guys, if it's standing up and the water hits it at a glance and the wind hits it, what do you think it's like when the water is beating down on it?

And it's 400 years old, 500 years old. And I'm telling you the truth. I read every word. I'm talking two feet wide, six feet long, I can read the entire thing as easily as I can read this book.

[81:02] You know why? Because in Scotland in 1100 AD, they believe the Bible. Look at chapter 19, Job chapter 19.

Go back to verse 23. Oh, that my words were now written old, that they were printed in a book, that they were graven with an iron pen and lead. in the rock forever.

You know what they did in Scotland in 1100 AD? That guy would etch all of those, every word. I mean, guys, do you understand? There's no erasers here. And then when he got done, they would take molten lead, and every letter is beveled, and they would fill each individual letter.

over the years, lead, that's dark gray, turns black like ink. And because it's white limestone, and it's indeed being eroded, it's always bright white.

I'm telling you, the stone was white, the lead was black, and I got down and looked at it because I knew it had to erode. The lead was a quarter inch higher than the stone.

[82:11] That's how much had eroded. But I could still read it because they did it the way the Bible said. Job couldn't believe in the book. I'll tell you this, my wife had a grandfather.

She had two, but her mom's dad, we called him grandpa, her mom's dad was an old Methodist, got saved in an old Methodist camp meeting, not at the altar, but at the mourner's bench.

And by the time Kathy and I got together, the time we started dating, grandpa was getting dementia. I mean, had he lived any longer, he could have ended up easily president of the United States.

But every time I'd see grandpa, it would be his first time for me. I mean, I'd see him four or five, like the fifth time I saw him, it was his first time because he'd forget every time.

And did you ever check anybody out, like somebody says, oh, you're a Christian? I'm a Christian too. I believe you got a perfect book.

[83:18] You know what I'm saying? Grandpa, every time we met, he's checking me out. And I remember we're at the farm and it was like, this was like a Norman Rockwell picture.

We're standing by the fence, looking out over the pasture on a beautiful blue sky day, just talking about the Lord. And I am telling you, some of the greatest fellowship I've ever had. And about halfway through this conversation, he just stops, he looks over and he goes, brother, you talk like a Christian.

I said, oh yeah, grandpa. Yeah. Job couldn't believe this book. Couldn't believe God had one. So, how about you do this?

I think you ought to try this. I think you really ought to try this. I think you ought to go to a park sometime, sit on a bench and read your Bible. No, no, not off your phone. Not off your tablet. God inspired a book, not an app. You say, why can't I read it off my tablet? Okay, there's two guys sitting over in the park, they're both reading off a tablet, one of them is reading the Bible, which one?

[84:25] But if you see a guy like this, see, I think that has a quelling effect. Monday morning, I'll be sitting on that plane after I board, and I will do like I always do, I'm reading, I'm reading my Bible, and boy, you ought to see the people go out.

And every now and then, sometimes even a flight attendant will go, that's the book. And I go, yeah, you believe King James? Anyway, so you're sitting here, and this guy sits next to you, his name's Job, and he's going to check you out.

Sure is a beautiful day, don't you think? Yeah, yeah, sure is Job, yeah. You know, I don't think we just happen by accident, I think we have a maker.

We sure do, Job. You believe that? Oh, absolutely, made out of clay. You believe we're made out of clay? Yeah, yeah, and, you know, dust we come, dust we go back to. What? Well, you know, I mean, I think that when you die, there's only two places you're going.

There ain't no purgatory. You go to heaven, or you go to hell. You better believe it, Job, heaven or hell. You believe that? I sure do. You know, I believe this whole place covered with water one time.

[85:47] Yeah, absolutely, bud. And everything he's checking you out, you are passing. And he says, where'd you get this from? And you say, it's easy, Job.

I read God's book. God don't have a book. He sure does. He don't have a book. How would you like to be the first person to lay that in the hands of Job?

And you say, yeah, Job, I got it right here. And you put that in his hands. these are God's words? Every one of them, Job. There's even a book named after you in there. You believe this book? I believe every word, Job.

You must love this book. I love that book, Job. You must read this book every day. I love that book. How much of it did you read today?

[86:56] I had to get to work this morning. I'm pretty busy. Guys, how would you explain to Job that God actually did have the thing he couldn't believe in, a book, and that every word in it came from God, and you never read every word?

I mean, think about this. I have a test. I call it the dirt ball test. And the dirt ball test is this. I get a lot of people come to me and they give me their excuse for not reading the Bible.

And I know why they're doing it. They would never foist this lame, sorry, limperous excuse on why they don't read the Bible on God because they don't see through them. So they try it on the dirt ball. And my dirt ball test is this.

If a dirt ball can see through it, you ain't got much hope in front of God. I was talking to a guy one time. His name was Mike. Mike was a King James Bible believer.

I mean every word just like you. Mike had a unique belief. He believed everywhere in this book came from the word was God's King James Bible and he did not think you had to read it.

[88:01] Now guys that's like believing in steak and not eating it. And I believe in steak but the fun don't start till we kill the cow and upset a Hindu somewhere.

But anyway I said we don't kill a cow because it might be my grandmother! I said Mike you believe every word in this book came from God?

He said I said Mike have you read every word in this book? He said no. Now think about what I'm about to say. I said Mike do you understand based on your second answer you are not qualified to give the first one?

How dare anyone in here I don't care you big! King James Bible believer how dare you say every word in this book came from God if you haven't read every word you are saying amen to something you don't even know what it says and I said Mike based on your second answer you're not qualified to give my first one and then I told him this I said Mike did you know that right in the middle of this book it says Mike is I preach you know one of things don't get this idea in your head we're the last one all the churches have compromised on the book we're the last King James Bible even guys when we were doing this country in a four year loop two year loops every week was a King James Bible even church when I go to Korea!

what I don't understand see we think being a King James Bible believer is the pinnacle nope being a King James Bible reader what good does it do you if you believe in steak and never eat you'll starve to death and what good does it do to believe every word in this book came from God and you're not reading it see you got churches you can show them!

[90:25] the holy book is not perfect right that is why I don't read the book of Mormon that is why I don't read the Koran I really I rank them both up there with the hobbit well really it's a little supernatural gobbledygook!

I wouldn't quote the book of Mormon and I wouldn't quote the I wouldn't doubt if you read the! of! you might every single word in it came from God right let me get you get this straight down I know what you think and I'm not trying to make you wrong but you're wrong you guys think there's a King James Bible issue don't you there is not a King James Bible issue there is a perfect Bible issue see you get guys and they'll say I believe the Bible is perfect without a mixture of air I told you they get down there they can't find it we say it's absolutely perfect and we point at this one the reason I say it's a perfect Bible issue is because if all of us King James guys today said you know what the King James Bible does have mistakes in it wouldn't the anti King James guys say yes they finally got some sense right and then we finish it with this yep King James Bible got mistakes it's not perfect word of God the

English standard version is the absolute perfect word of God everybody that's anti King James today would be anti English standard tomorrow they don't want a perfect Bible on this earth and you believe you got it and you don't read it and I don't think you're going to get past what are you going to do when you stand in front of the author I mean guys none of us know what the Lord is going to say to us as judgment you think he might say hey if you ever done this you ever send somebody a letter or a text and you weren't sure they got it an email and you text did you get my last email right you think you might say hey I sent you a book did you read it did you see all the books I had about your book did you see all the CDs and all the DVD can I help you can I help you don't buy my books don't buy a book on that table don't read a book about a book you're not reading what are we doing I read 20 books about the Bible you never read the book you're reading about I tell you this I try to let you go I really am trying to get done if you're a reader how many of you are readers how many of you like to read let me see your hands okay you who don't like to read have you seen our coloring books we try to have something for everybody but you people that read tell me if this isn't true when you read a book you don't read one thing you read two you read the! book and you read the author sometimes you'll learn something from the author about what he's writing about and sometimes you'll learn something about the author I read a book sometimes I go that's the author right there you listen very carefully what I'm about to say because it's a great truth if you don't read the Bible all you will ever know about God is what somebody else tells you and you know it's going to end if it makes him glad it makes God glad it makes him mad makes God mad makes him sad makes God sad you know what I do sometimes when I read this book I get so blessed I'll just stop and I'll look toward heaven and I'll say this this is some book but sometimes I don't say that sometimes I stop and I look toward heaven and I go you are some God because the first time I was reading the book and the second time I was reading the author and if you guys read this book you'd find out there's some things about

[94:47] God you don't completely appreciate but he's still right so guys you got a King James Bible I'm really happy for you I really am I get I go all around the world I have people come up and go I'll tell you what I see in my brain okay they come up to me and go I'll be the King James Bible I'm the King James Bible I don't know if they still got it you remember that comic strip Garfield the cat you remember Odie the dog that's what I see they come up to me I don't think you can't do it well good for you do you read it I mean you know I told you yesterday you can't add to God you think this you ever heard this God said it I believe it that settles it are you kidding me God said it that settles it you believe in it doesn't make it true there's people believe the look a Mormon that don't make it true he doesn't need you to believe it you need it I talked to a man we did

I did a week long television program some years ago it was live and the host was a NIV guy now by the end of the week he got him! King James Bible it's another story and I got that done but you know what he said he said I read my NIV once a year now I don't think that's a lot but you know he said you know what upsets me about King James Bible guys they say they got the perfect word of God and I ask them if they ever read it and they say no here's a guy he eight guys I had a lady call me one time and she said this she said I believe the King James Bible is the word of God I said I she said by the third time

I realized this doesn't have any more life in it than a newspaper there was absolutely that's her testimony she was a NIV she said there was nothing no life in it and she said I opened up a King James Bible and the Holy Spirit poor witness I knew I had the word of God you know what I tell! get rid of I read but what are you going to do if somebody that you mock because they had the wrong translation and they didn't believe the King James Bible what are you going to do that they read their faulty translation cover to cover and you never read the perfect word of God and how are you going to get past Job all that stuff you believed but he couldn't believe he could have a perfect you carry one with any place you go I'd like you to stand with your heads bowed your heads bowed and your eyes closed some of you you're in one of several conditions you believe the King James Bible is the word of God and you never read it cover to cover or you believe it's the word of God and you have read it cover to cover last time you read it was like 2009 you believe the King James Bible but you are not presently reading it on a daily basis to get through it I think you owe God an apology I think you ought to say God you went to all the trouble to give me this book and I'm not even reading it you understand I don't care what you paid for your Bible I can't have paid 150 200 dollars for your Bible you paid nothing some of the men that penned these words died horrible deaths and then he took this book when it was complete and he put it on a little boat and sailed it across time to us on the blood of the martyrs of his church your God paid!

[99:23] and don't we say this don't we say this about the cross when somebody does not get saved they make what Jesus Christ did vain well if God put one word in the Bible he did not expect you to read he put it there in vain but when you don't read it you make it all vain before we leave here maybe you need to tell God I believe your book I'm sorry I've never read it one time I never finished it or I did finish it but then when I got done I thought I'll never do that again if you're not reading this book every single day you owe this God an apology because he really really paid a price and then you know what you did what he did for you people he has given this church that I know of three pastors he gave you Dan Gilbert Dave Gilbert and Toby Walski and under all three of those guys nobody heard there's a mistake in this book this church is not to my knowledge

I don't know what happened before Gilbert Dave's dad I don't know who that pastor was but starting with Dan Gilbert nobody came into this church you don't! come into this church and your pastor gets up now and says now that word doesn't belong there and this is a better translation you have never had your faith destroyed from the pulpit of this church through three generations of pastors how are you going to explain to God that you didn't see it important enough to read it father I'm not against these people God I want to be their friend I don't want!

them to have to stand in front of you and answer for not reading the book that they made such a fuss about believing they think they're better than somebody with a bad translation well they know more they're smarter they're right but if they're not reading it it's not doing a bit of good what I pray tonight God is that somebody in this room will simply say before they leave here tonight I am sorry Lord I'm sorry for all the trouble you went to give me a perfect book and then you were so kind to put me in a church that is always believed is perfect and I'm still not reading it I'm sorry I hope you get some apologies tonight and it is my prayer God that every one of these people none none exempted every one of these people will read their Bible until the day they die or until you come back and get us in Jesus Christ's name we pray with your heads bowed and your eyes closed the piano plays if you need to come and talk to the Lord that's the part of service you do it in Lord I am sorry for not reading your book