

BROTHER WILKERSON'S MESSAGE

Tonight I want to look at a message that was given recently by brother David Wilkerson. The name of the message was: "*Getting Ready For The End Of All Things*"—and everyone is saying how wonderful it is. Well, I'm going to challenge that view. Now, before I begin, let me say again what I have already said on several occasions in this room. I love brother Wilkerson and I respect him. He *is* a servant of God, and he has been faithful to God *in the place* where he walks. But there are times when he preaches error, and when he preaches error, you can't overlook it just because he's a good brother or a faithful minister. You can't overlook it just because you love and respect him. If you do, you are putting *relationships* before truth. You are loving your neighbor *more* than you love God.

So, do we all understand that you can expose the error of a brother or sister in Christ, or a public minister, *without* labeling them a false teacher or calling them a false prophet? Do we all understand that you can challenge the doctrines or the views of fellow Christians, or of public ministers, without hating them or degrading them or slandering their character?

If we can agree on *this* point, then my first question to those who think David's message was wonderful is this: How many of you realize—or even care—that over half of that message was about a "Latter Rain" that is to soon be poured out, the purpose of which is to encourage believers and "bring in the final harvest" (ie: sweep billions of unbelievers into the kingdom).

Does anybody *really care* that David is still preaching the Great End-Time Revival?

Well, let me tell you something my friends: I care—and *God* cares—and if you love that truth, *you* will care too! I'm quite certain that brother David *thinks* he's giving God's people "hope" and "comfort" by telling them a great out-pouring of the Spirit is coming that will strengthen them and enable them to face the coming days; but the fact is, he is giving them a *false* hope. I have no doubt that his *motives* are as pure as snow. I bear witness that he genuinely loves and has a concern for God's people. It's not his love, or his concern, or his motives I am challenging. It's his doctrine I am challenging.

For those who haven't heard the message, I'll play a few minutes of it, so you will know that I am not misrepresenting what he said or taking it out of its proper context. **Clip.**

The idea that there will be a *second* outpouring of the Holy Spirit like in the book of Acts is a lie—and no amount of believing it or preaching it will make it true. I have spoken on this issue before, but it bears repeating. Whenever anyone talks about the "Latter Rain", they are talking about the Great End Time Revival error because that's the whole reason and purpose for the Latter Rain. This doctrine—as it has been taught by virtually everyone inside and outside of the Religious System—is really just the Great Commission error gone berserk.

What started out soon after the Protestant Reformation as a simple mis-understanding of the Lord's words in Matthew 24—"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matt 24:14)—has mutated into the idea that at some point, God will pour out a supernatural, visible anointing that will bring all nations to salvation; and that lie has spawned abominations like Toronto, Brownsville and Lakeland in our day.

At first, Christian leaders assumed and taught that in the last days, just before Jesus returns, the gospel must be *preached* to all nations. This was the motivation behind the Missions Movement of the 1800's. Nobody at that point assumed the nations would have to *receive* the gospel and be converted before the Lord returns. They just assumed that the gospel had to be preached to all nations before He returns.

However, gradually, the view shifted to where Christian leaders started assuming that the gospel not only had to be preached to all nations before the return of the Lord, but that the gospel had to be *accepted* by all nations before His return. But in order for all nations to *accept* the gospel, something dramatic would have to accompany the preaching of that gospel—and that something is the Latter Rain. Pentecostal ministers started teaching that there will be a second Pentecost like you saw in the book of Acts, which will give the Church spectacular, visible, supernatural power which would *compel* the nations to repent and accept God's salvation. The Latter Rain would enable the Church to finally (*after 2000 years of failure*) complete the Great Commission and gather in the Final Harvest.

The idea that at some point a great revival/harvest will bring all nations to repentance is a direct contradiction of the teaching of the New Testament; and particularly the Lord's teaching on the sheep and the goats (*Matt. 25:31-46*). Speaking of what would happen at His return, Jesus said that before Him: “...*shall be gathered all nations, and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left*” (*vv. 32-33*). Then Jesus said:

*Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand [the goat nations],
Depart from me, ye cursed, **into everlasting fire**, prepared for the devil
and his angels...And **these shall go away into everlasting punishment**: but
the righteous into life eternal.*

Matthew 25:41&46

Clearly there are *goats* at the end of this age, and these goats will never be saved. They will be sent away into everlasting fire. Not only is the idea that the whole world will eventually be converted unscriptural, it's doubly wrong to teach that this will happen at the *end* of this age, for the end of this age is marked by world-wide religious delusion and apostasy.

Even the teaching that the Latter Rain will bring *many* nations to salvation is against the clear teaching of the Scripture. It's a perversion of the whole concept of what a “harvest” actually is! Jesus told us what the harvest will be like. He said He sowed good seed (*the children of the kingdom*) in the world and His enemy sowed tares (*the children of the wicked one*). When the servants realized what had happened, they wanted to root up the tares. But He said: “*Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn*” (*Matt. 13:30*).

The basic principle is, let *both* the wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest. Apparently the disciples didn't get it, so later they asked the Lord to explain the parable to them. When He does, please notice that He says nothing about the tares becoming wheat just before the harvest. The whole idea of tares becoming wheat, *after* they have become fully matured tares, is a religious fantasy.

*He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; **The field is the world**; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world**; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; **so shall it be in the end of this world**. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall **gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.***

Matthew 13:37-42

There is no question as to the timing of these events. The Lord specifically defined the harvest as the “*the end of the world*” (ie: age). According to Him, what happens at the end of this age? Is there a great revival that suddenly turns the tares into wheat? Is there a second Pentecost which suddenly turns millions of unsaved pagans to Christianity? No! The tares *remain* tares. They are gathered together in bundles and burned. The wheat *remains* wheat. They are gathered into the Lord’s barn.

The harvest is not a harvest of *tares into the kingdom* but a harvest of *tares into the flames*! At no time did Jesus teach there would be an epic harvest of sinners just prior to His return. Such a notion would have been a direct contradiction of His entire teaching on the last days. What’s happening in the time of the harvest has *nothing* to do with revival; it has nothing to do with nations being saved; it has nothing to do with a mythical outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all flesh. Rather, the harvest has to do with *manifesting the truth*. It has to do with making plain who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are. The evil of the tares will come to maturity at that time, and the righteousness of the wheat will also come to maturity. So at the time of the harvest, it will become obvious who is a wheat and who is a tare. At that point, God send the angels to gather out of His kingdom (*which is coming to earth*) all the tares.

Let me give you a little hint about what happens in the final hours of this age. Just as there is a group of people in this earth who are being conformed to the “image” of Jesus Christ, so there is a group of people in this earth who are being conformed to the “image” of the Beast. This goes much deeper than people simply being “sinners”. I’m talking about the unrighteous being *conformed* to the image of a false Christ who claims to be Jesus. I’m talking about wicked people who become very religious; who read their Bible and pray; who go to carnal fleshy churches; and who establish a relationship with a very real spiritual entity who talks to them, who provides for them, and who leads and guides them.

These are the “tares” at the end of this age. Tares are not the drunks in the bar rooms. Tares are not drug addicts in crack houses. Tares are not prostitutes walking the streets. Tares are not blue collar criminals and white collar criminals and lying politicians. Tares are *counterfeit* Christians. Tares are people who have matured spiritually in the *wrong* direction. Tares are people who have been conformed to a *spiritual* image of a counterfeit Christ—and they *cannot* be saved. The reason they cannot be saved is because they will never be able to *tell the difference* between the voice of the false Christ they have been hearing all those years, and the voice of the real Christ. They will never be able to *tell the difference* between the presence of the false Christ they have been following all those years, and the presence of the real Christ. They will never be able to *tell the difference* between the love and peace of the false Christ they have been experiencing all those years, and the love and peace of the real Christ

Not every *unsaved* person is a “tare”. If they are, then everyone except true believers will be destroyed when the Lord returns because Jesus clearly said the tares are gathered together into bundles and *burned*. The tares go into the flames. If everyone but genuine believers are “tares” at the end of this age, then there will be nobody left to go into the next age, except Christians. There will be no “nations” to rule over with a rod of iron during the Millennium.

And here’s a little food for thought. It’s possible that the tares being gathered together in “bundles” could be a reference to counterfeit Christians being gathered together in *apostate congregations* for the time when the Beast burns that entire Harlot system with fire in Revelation 17:16.

Those who say a Latter Rain out-pouring will produce a final End-Time Revival/Harvest of “tares” not only have no New Testament support for this error; they have no idea what’s really happening to people in these days. They may know the Bible, but they do not know what God is doing, or what He is allowing Satan to do. The fact is, just the reverse is taught in passage after passage in the New Testament. We are warned again and again that *the world* will harden it’s heart more than ever in the last days because a God-hating spirit will sweep the planet; and much of *the Church* will go into apostasy.

In fact, Jesus said last days will be so bad: “...*except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened (Matt. 24:21-22)*. Far from experiencing a great revival and accepting Christianity—which would stabilize them—the nations will continue down their present path of self-annihilation. They will be on the verge of destroying both themselves and the entire planet just before Jesus returns. Jesus also said Christians would be “afflicted” and “hated” of all nations and that the nations would “kill” us (*Matt. 24:7-9*). If the Christians were leading the nations into a great revival just prior to the Lord’s return, then those nations wouldn’t be seeking to kill us, now would they?

In another place He warned it would get so bad, we would have to “endure” or we would not be saved: “*And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved (Matt. 10:22)*. If the Christians were leading a great revival, there wouldn’t be very much to “endure” now would there? We would be basking in the glory, and the nations that would be receiving salvation and healing at our hands would be treating us like kings, not trying to kill us!

In another place Jesus asked His disciples a this sobering question: “...*when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth (Luke 18:8)*”? Imagine the kind of response He would get from today’s Christians if He were to ask that question. They would look at Him in shock and say: “Lord, why would you ask such a strange question? Of course you will find faith on the earth! In fact, you will find more faith on the earth than ever before! Did you forget about the great end time revival? Don’t you remember saying the gospel will be preached in ‘all the world’ for a witness unto all nations? Don’t you remember that your servant Joel said God would pour His Spirit out upon ‘all flesh’ in the last days”?

In Matthew chapter 24, Jesus warned us *three* times that many would be deceived in the last days. He said: “...*many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many (vrs 5)*; and “...*many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many (vrs 11)*; and “*For there shall arise false Christ’s, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect (vrs 24)*”.

How many times does the Lord have to say the word MANY before we believe He means “many”? How many times does He have to say many will be deceived—not many will be saved—before we believe Him? People act like Jesus said: “*And in the last days many preachers will lead many nations to salvation*”. But that’s not what He said. He said just the opposite! Hello? Is anybody listening? One of the most telling things the Lord spoke about with regards to the last days was His reference to Noah.

And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:26-27

Now think carefully. What happened in the days of Noah? Well, Noah prophesied; he had a prophetic message; he had a testimony. He warned the nations of the coming judgment for 120 years before it actually happened. He was a witness to and against that generation, but *none* repented. Nobody paid any attention to the warnings Noah gave them. In fact, they ignored or mocked him. Life continued on for them as usual—eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage (*and probably being very religious too*) until the day the flood started.

The Lord compares *that* generation (*what they did*) to the generation that will be alive when He returns, which is our generation. Just as Noah’s generation rejected and ignored the witness God had provided for them, so *our* generation will reject and ignore the last witness of this age—and this is exactly what John saw in Revelation chapter eleven, when describing the ministry of the Two Witnesses.

As a matter of fact, try finding an end time revival anywhere in the book of Revelation. That book is one long series of visions depicting a last days hatred for God—not a last days revival—which will sweep across the world. John saw a time when the whole world would be following and worshipping Satan, the Beast (Antichrist), and the False Prophet.

Some revivalists try to turn the ministry of the Two Witnesses in chapter eleven into some kind of end time revival, but this is crazy. First of all, the Scripture says these people “prophesy” for 3½ years. It says nothing about them “preaching” anything—let alone preaching the gospel. Moreover, the ministry of the Two Witnesses is clearly a ministry of *judgment*, not a ministry of evangelism. They are not reconciling people to God; they are calling plagues down upon the rebellious nations of the earth.

In his vision of the ministry of the Two Witnesses, John was not seeing a “revival” but one final testimony which God does intend to give the nations. However, not only do the nations *reject* that testimony (*as in the days of Noah*), they rejoice when the Beast slays those witnesses.

John watched as the bodies of these people laid in the street. He says that for three days: “*...the people and kindreds and tongues and nations...shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves*” (Rev. 11:8-10). Leaving a person's body to rot in public is the ultimate demonstration of contempt for that person. Not only will the nations reject God’s last witness of this age; not only will they rejoice over the death of those witnesses and let their bodies rot in public as a sign of utter contempt; John said they will make merry

and send gifts to one another. In other words, the nations will be so relieved that God's final witness has been silenced and they are now free to live the way they want to live without any interference from God or His people, they will throw a giant party!

They will be celebrating the fact that they have finally gotten rid of that nasty God who judges people and condemns people to eternal damnation. They will be celebrating the fact that they have finally gotten rid of that horrible God who killed women and children, and even innocent little babies in the Old Testament. They will be celebrating the fact that they have finally gotten rid of that disgusting God who had people slay millions and millions of innocent animals to atone for sin. And they will be celebrating the fact that they have finally gotten rid of the God who has been *tormenting them* with all the plagues and destruction they have been experiencing over the last few years.

Far from experiencing a revival and embracing Christianity on a massive scale at the end of this age, most of this world will be overtaken by a *fanatical* hatred of the true God and His people, the likes of which we have never seen. This is the spirit that will possess *most* of world at that time—and anyone who thinks these people are going to repent and be harvested into the kingdom are terribly deceived.

You are all familiar with the other places in the New Testament which speak of how bad it will get in the last days. There will be a great falling away (*II. Thess. 2:3*); people will be departing from the faith (*I. Tim. 4:1*); people who claim to be Christians will be acting just like the unsaved (*II. Tim. 3:2-5*); they will no longer endure sound doctrine (*II. Tim. 4:3-4*); the spirit of Satan will sit in the “Temple” (ie: God’s people) (*II. Thess. 2:4*) ; etc., etc.

My friends, you can search through the New Testament till you die and you won’t find a single verse that states (*or even implies*) there will be a world-wide revival just before the Lord returns. The only thing the New Testament says about the last days is that it will be a time of monumental upheaval, tribulation, destruction, deception and apostasy. From Matthew to Revelation, every verse of Scripture which deals with the last days paints the same gloomy picture. From a certain point in man’s history onward, the whole situation goes south with a vengeance. There are no U-Turns or Stop Signs. It just keeps getting worse and worse, at an accelerated speed, until the entire population of the planet is on the verge of self destruction and Jesus must return to put a stop to it.

Since there is no support for a great end-time out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, or some massive revival in the New Testament, people are forced to find it in the Old Testament. The Old Testament contains much wisdom and knowledge. It’s filled with prophetic wisdom and types and shadows which are extremely profitable. But any truth gleaned from the Old Testament must be *confirmed* by the New Testament or it’s a deception—and the Great revival doctrine *cannot* be confirmed by the New Testament. The main passage that is used to support the idea of an End Time Revival is the prophesy of Joel, where he says:

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire,

and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Joel 2:28-31

On the day of Pentecost, the apostle Peter quoted this prophesy in reference to what was happening that day. He said: "*This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel*" (Acts 2:16). He then proceeds to quote Joel's prophesy.

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 2:17-21

So on the Day of Pentecost—when the disciples had been filled with the Holy Spirit, and the result was that they preached the word with boldness and spoke in other languages—Peter stood before a multitude of Jews and said: "*This is that*". This is the fulfillment of: "...*it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh*". This is the fulfillment of: "...*your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams*". This is the fulfillment of: "...*and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy*".

Could Peter have said it any clearer? Yet for over a hundred years, Pentecostal leaders have said this is *not* that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. They have said that because Peter *also* quoted the part of Joel's prophesy which predicted wonders in heaven and signs in the earth—which did not come to pass at Pentecost—we should not take his "this is that" statement at face value. They explain that what Peter really meant was: "'this is *only a foretaste* of that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; you'll have to wait for another 1900 years to get the rest of it". The implication of what they are saying never seems to dawn on these leaders. If that is what Peter really meant, then his "this is that" statement was clearly a mistake. Peter obviously mis-communicated a very important message to the people that day, didn't he? If we can't trust what Peter said *there*, how can we trust what he says anywhere else? How do we know he didn't mess up other messages the Lord gave to him?

So because the *last part* of the passage from Joel did not come to pass on the day of Pentecost, Pentecostal religious leaders have been saying for the last 100 years that the *first part* didn't really come to pass either. For centuries they have been teaching the people that Peter just made a mistake. The actual fulfillment of the *entire* passage will come to pass at the same time, just before the return of the Lord. I'm not going to go through all this again, but the fact is, Joel's prophesy *spans* the entire Church age because it contains a *prophetic gap*. A prophetic gap is when one portion of a prophesy comes to pass at one point

in time, and the rest of it comes to pass at a later time. That's what happened on the Day of Pentecost. The first part of Joel's prediction about the Spirit being poured out came to pass. That part of the prophesy *was fulfilled* and it's not going to be fulfilled again. Those who are waiting for it to be fulfilled again are walking in a religious fantasy

The rest that prophesy, which refers to the signs of Lord's appearing in the heavens, which pertain to the Day of the Lord at the end of this age. The first part of Joel's prophesy tells how God will pour His Spirit upon all flesh at the *beginning* of the Church age, while the second part of that prophesy warns that at the *end* of this age, God will judge and punish those who have rejected the Spirit that *was* poured out.

Another part of that prophesy talks about God sending the "former" and the "latter" rain in the first month. Since people like brother Wilkerson *assume* the Latter Rain will come at the *end* of this age, they also assume it will be a double portion anointing because it will be *both* the former rain of Pentecost (*like in the book of Acts*), and also the latter rain of the end times.

But the reference to the "first month" in that prophesy is a reference to the *beginning* of the Church age. The Early Church did receive *both* the former and the latter rain. They did receive a *double* portion. Why do you think it walked in such power and glory? The saints received a double portion of rain in the first spiritual month of the Church age. That this is the case is revealed by the kinds of miracles they performed. Jesus told the disciples they would do "greater works" than Him (*Jn. 14:12*)—and they did! You all need to read the book of Acts again—carefully and slowly—and take notice of the kinds of miracles that were done at the hands of the apostles.

The very shadow of Peter healed the diseased (*Acts 15:15*). Also, diseases were cured, and demons cast out just by applying handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched the body of Paul, to the bodies of those who were sick (*Acts 19:12*). By the word of Peter, Ananias and Sapphira were struck dead (*Acts 5:5;9;10*). Paul called down blindness on Elymas the sorcerer (*Acts 13:11*). Phillip was translated in the spirit from Samaria to Azotus (*Acts 6:40*). The greater works Jesus was talking about was not only greater miracles, but also, a greater number of converts. Jesus only preached in Judea, and in the language of that country. The apostles preached throughout the then known world, and by supernatural power, in all the languages of all countries to which they were sent!

One of the reasons I get so frustrated with people who propagate this lie is because, not only are they causing God's people to put their hopes in something that will never happen, they are also blinding His people to the truth of what *has* happened, and what God *has* done for us in this whole area. You see, there *is* a "latter" rain taught in the Scripture; and it *does* have to do with the harvest of the last days. However, it has nothing to do with the Pentecostal version, which is a *counterfeit*.

The topology for a harvest rain *is* Scriptural, but it must be kept in the farmer/vineyard setting. God isn't waiting for a harvest of *sinners*. He is waiting for a harvest of fruit—the fruits of righteousness (*II. Cor. 9:10; Phil. 1:11*)—which are supposed to come from we who are His vineyard. God's primary interest lies not in evangelizing the whole world but in bringing a people forth in the full image of His Son (*Rom. 8:29*). Actually the Lord *has been* pouring out the "later rain" for years, but most people are missing it. Fundamentalists (*and Pentecostals who agree with them*) are missing it because they reject the whole Latter Rain idea and are therefore not looking for it.

Pentecostals and Charismatics who accept the Latter Rain idea have been missing it because they are looking for the *wrong* thing. They are looking for a Hollywood-style ministry—healing the sick, emptying out all the hospitals, raising the dead, etc. They are looking for a *visibly* united Church that will finally succeed in evangelizing the whole world and establish the Kingdom of God on this planet before Jesus returns. They are expecting the Church to become the head and not the tail. They are looking for a *visible anointing* that will result in the complete transformation of societies and nations.

This is all nonsense and deception. In order to understand the true harvest rain, you have to understand the planting and harvest seasons of natural Israel. The “former” rain comes at the beginning of the growing season to soften the earth for planting. The “harvest” rain comes a few months *before* the final harvest and gives the crops a good soaking, after which the weather becomes *extremely* dry and hot. It’s that blazing heat that brings the last stages of maturity to the crops. If there is no rain just before this very hot period starts, the crops will not mature, they will die.

So it is concerning the times in which we live. There is a true harvest rain that has been, and still is, being poured out upon God’s people and it has nothing to do with an *external* anointing; it has nothing to do with *external*, supernatural power; it has nothing to do with great signs and wonders. That rain is something INTERNAL. The rain is present truth and *the ability to receive* present truth. It’s a fuller understanding of what God is doing in these days. It’s spiritual wisdom and discernment, given to us so we can differentiate between the clean and the unclean, between the holy and the profane. It’s the Spirit working *righteousness* inside of us. It’s the ability to come into an ever deeper union with the risen Lord. All these things have been, and still are, being poured on God’s people in order to prepare us for the “heat” that’s coming. Both the rain and the heat are needed to bring the crop to full maturity.

Just as in Israel, after the harvest rain comes, there is a very hot spell of a couple of months which actually brings the crops to full maturity, so it is with us in this day. The final years or months of this age are not only marked by great deception, but by great tribulation and judgment. Spiritually speaking, it’s going to get very “hot” in the coming days because we are going to experience the *transition* from this present age to the Kingdom age—and during that transition a lot of *nasty* things are going to take place. Those nasty things will bring many of us to maturity.

However, without the rain, we would not be able to *endure* those things. Instead of maturing us, they would destroy us. We would never be prepared to face all these things victoriously *unless* God had been sending us the *harvest rain* to carry us through the last few months of this age. The harvest rain is for BELIEVERS (the wheat). It’s purpose is to sustain and mature BELIEVERS (the wheat). The rain has nothing to do with the tares. It has nothing to do with a world wide revival. It has nothing to do with missions or evangelizing. That’s all the traditions of a blind Church System which knows the Bible, but has no idea what *the God* of the Bible is doing! So in my view, brother Wilkerson is doing a dis-service to the body of Christ when he teaches the traditional error of the Latter rain. Not only is he telling God’s people to expect a harvest rain that doesn’t exist, he’s failing to point them to the harvest rain that *does* exist right now!

One last thought before I move on. Those who tell people a Latter Rain is coming that will endue them with *external*, supernatural, *visible* power, are setting them up for deception. They are setting them up to accept the types of abominations which took place at the Toronto Vineyard, at Brownsville, at Lakeland, and at other churches in England and Europe. If you are going to tell God’s people to place their hope in, and

expect, a second Pentecost of visible, supernatural power in the last days, then don't be surprised, and don't get all self-righteous when you see them going after the kind of external power that's been manifested for the last 25 years in these revival churches. Don't sit on your high horse and say: "That's not the kind of power I was talking about! What's wrong with you morons?" Can't you tell the difference between real power and counterfeit power?"—because the answer is, No: most of them *can't* tell the difference.

Moreover, as each new wave of deception and power gets closer and closer to the truth, more and more of God's people are going to be deceived because they have been told for years to expect a supernatural out-pouring just prior to the Lord's return. They have not been told that God is going to do an INTERNAL work in His people in the last days, so they are not even looking for that kind of a work.

Another thing I want to point out in that message is the fact that what he says about "forgiving" and "covering" the sins of others is only a *partial* truth. His point is that there is a preparation that is necessary for those who want to receive the "Latter Rain" when it's poured out, and that preparation has to do with loving one another with "unconditional" love, with forgiving one another, and with covering the sins of those who have sinned against us. If we don't love one another unconditionally and cover each other's sins, we will *miss* the Later Rain. Again, I'll play the relevant portion of the message so you will know that I am not mis-representing what he said or taking it out of its proper context. **Clip.**

It's very true, we must not hold grudges against people. But I'm afraid brother David's idea of what it means to "cover" a person's sins is a bit skewed,. You see, if you go around "covering" peoples' sins whether they have repented or not, what you are in fact doing is condoning those sins—whether they are sins against you or sins against someone else, it makes no difference.

Moreover if thy brother shall trespass (sin) against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Matthew 18:15-17

If we all do what David is suggesting, we would be disobeying this commandment. Love and forgiveness without justice and righteousness breeds wickedness and anarchy. Jesus did not say: "...when your brother sins against you, just automatically forgive him and cover his sin". Jesus did not say: "...if you don't forget your brother's sin against you, after you automatically forgive him, whether he repents or not, then you didn't really forgive him". Jesus did not say: "...don't you ever call anyone on the phone and tell them what that brother has done to you, because if you do, that's gossip"

What Jesus said was, when a brother sins against you, go and confront him and *show him* his sin! That's true love. Allowing a brother to continually sin against you isn't God's love. If he's sinning against you, you can be sure he is sinning against *others* too—and if nobody confronts him with his sin or calls him to repentance, that brother will *die* in that sin.

Letting your bother continue in sin and eventually die in that sin is not the love of God, I can assure you. So if you really love the brother who sins against you, you will go to him and confront him with that sin. If he refuses to repent when you show him his sin, then *get on the phone* and call some other people and *tell them* what's going on. Then, all of you should go back to that brother and show him his sin again! If he still refuses to repent, then you should stand up and *broadcast his sin* to the entire church! And if that doesn't move him to repentance, then ignore the guy and treat him like an pagan.

How *that* for forgiveness?

How's *that* for covering people's sin?

How's *that* for forgetting people ever sinned against you?

Of course, if the brother repents, we are to immediately forgive him *and* forget what he has done. But if you go around forgiving and covering people who sin and are not repentant, you are condoning and being a partaker of that sin. Obviously, Jesus wasn't giving us permission to hate people or hold grudges against them when He taught us to confront those who sins against us. If He was, He would be condoning sin, which would make Him a partaker of that sin. He was saying the same thing God said to Moses: "*Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt*" (Lev. 19:17 NIV). We can do what Jesus said here without hating people or holding grudges against them.

*Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. **Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.***

I. Timothy 5:19-20

Here, Paul tells Timothy to rebuke the sin of people before the entire congregation. That's not exactly "covering" your brother's sin, now is it? It's true that we are not to hate one another and hold grudges against one another. But it's so easy to take a truth of Scripture and spin it in such a way as to let sin and sinners go unchallenged and un-punished.

You better know how to rightly divide the Word of God when you hear statements like David made in that message because even if he wasn't really saying what it's sounded like he was saying, you'll walk away believing he said what it *sounded like* he was saying! And those who put what he said into practice will be soiling their garments because they will end up condoning sin.

For all his good preaching and faithfulness to the Lord, brother Wilkerson keeps giving messages that are a *mixture* of truth and error because he won't leave that Church System that he is part of—and there is a certain amount of *blindness* that remains upon *all those* who stay in that system. I'm sorry if that offends those of you who love him; but it's the truth. I'm sure he's a better man than me in many areas. He's probably more faithful in some areas than I am. There is no doubt that when he went to minister to the street gangs of New York he had more courage than I have. But none of this changes the fact that he remains under the influence of *some* of the errors of that system and he will continue to remain under the influence of those errors until he comes out.

The last thing I want to point out is the fact that the *overall message* that David was preaching was really how to “survive” what’s coming. In order to survive all the horrible things that are about to break loose upon this world, he believes we need to have the Latter Rain. In order to partake of that Latter Rain, we must have no unforgiveness in our hearts. In order to have no unforgiveness, we must *unconditionally* love everyone, *automatically* forgive everyone, and cover their sins. **Clip**

First of all, *the reason* so many Christians are “panicking” right now is because they have never embraced the message of “death to self”. They have never made that initial commitment in their hearts that: “*Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him (Job 13:15)*”. They are not living a *martyrs life* in this world, so they are not ready to die a *martyr’s death* for the cause of Christ. The possibility that God’s plan for them might just be physical death during the coming days would NEVER cross their minds for a moment! They are not willing to die for Christ—they are only willing to “live” for Him.

David’s advise for all those who are scared of death, who are not willing to die for Christ, is to “be sober” and “pray”. Of course we should all be sober and we should all pray. I’m not making light of these things. I’m a very sober Christian. And when I become afraid, I pray and ask God to give me the courage to face whatever it is that making me fearful. But these things should never be presented as the answer for how to “survive” the coming tribulation. The answer to that question is to *reckon yourself dead now*. If we will reckon our lives as being truly over now, then we won’t be afraid of tribulation and physical death. We won’t fear losing our jobs or our cars or our homes.

You see, all these people are asking brother David the *wrong* question. They are asking him what they must do *to survive* in the coming days. Instead of correcting them and telling them they are asking the wrong question, that they shouldn’t be concerned with “surviving” but with glorifying God in whatever way He chooses, he’s trying to give them answers that will assuage their fears and explain how they can *continue living* in this life.

That’s why he mentions the words of Jesus, where He said we are not to worry about tomorrow. Why shouldn’t we worry about tomorrow? Because Jesus will take care of us, no matter what happens. That’s why David reminds us that Jesus has never “failed” us yet. He has provided for us; He has brought us through every situation so far; and He will “see us through” what’s coming.

But you see, the truth that Jesus will “take care of us” is being spun in such a way as to give the impression that Jesus will *protect us physically* regardless of what happens. It’s being spun in such a way as to give the impression that Jesus will *keep us alive in the flesh*, regardless of happens. Sorry, but that’s not the promise of the Scripture, people. God promises to keep us safe *eternally* if we are obedient and faithful to Him. He did not say He will keep us from persecution, or torture or physical death. That’s the message of the *American* gospel; not the gospel of Jesus and the apostles. The safety God promises in the Scripture is the safety of the SOUL and the SPIRIT; not the body.

It’s one thing to tell people that God will be WITH them, regardless of what happens in the future. But it’s quite another thing to tell them that God will PROTECT them from whatever happens in the future. It’s quite another thing to say God will ENABLE THEM TO SURVIVE PHYSICALLY regardless of what happens in the future. Telling them that God will be with them *through it all* is a true, Scripture hope. Telling them that God will protect them physically *from it all* is a false hope.

Let me tell you something, history is filled with *Christian martyrs*. God didn't protect the apostles or the leaders of the Early Church. All of them, except John, were martyred by Pagan Rome. God didn't protect the Reformation believers in the 1500's and 1600's. Hundreds of thousands of these new Protestant Christians were burned at the stake by *Papal Rome*. God didn't protect the Chinese believers when the Communists took over in the 1950's. Hundreds of thousands of them were butchered at that time—and we in the West are no exception. Our day is coming.

Just as some Christians who were killed over the last 2000 years went to their deaths willingly and joyfully, while others didn't, so it will be in the coming days. Multitudes of true Christians will be killed. Some of us will go to our deaths willingly and with joy, while others will not. But anyone who assures you we will not be killed is wrong. Anyone who tries to explain how you can “survive” the coming days is walking in religious deception.

The question we should all be asking in these days is not: *How can I survive in the coming days?* The question we should all be asking is: *How can I glorify my Savior in the coming days?* Whether by life or by death, our first desire should be to follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Our desire should be that our names brings honor—not dishonor—to the Lamb. We should want what *God* wants for our lives. If He wants me to glorify Him *in life*, as a witness against this perverted generation, then that's what I want. If He wants me to glorify Him *in death*, as a witness against this perverted generation, then that's what I want. I want my name and my life to be an honor to my Savior. How about you?

Do you just want to live for Jesus?

Or are you willing to *die* for Jesus?

I'm *not* saying we will all be killed in the coming days. You all know I believe *a remnant* of the Church will be sealed at the end of the sixth seal and be protected during the tribulation. Also, there is the Woman in Revelation chapter 12, who is taken care of in the wilderness. Maybe there are other small groups as well, who will be protected. Nevertheless, many thousands of us will be killed—and if God has decided or determined that YOU will be one of those who are martyred, then there is *nothing* you can do to change your destiny. You can store up food and water and by dozens of guns and go hide in a cave somewhere, it won't change a thing. When your name is called, your life will end.

The only thing that's in your power to change is *the way* you face suffering and death. You can face it like a coward, screaming and whining and clinging to life till the last breath. Or you can accept it willingly because you have *already* reckoned your life as being dead and finished at the Cross—in which case you will have a *great* reward in God's kingdom.

That is the answer brother David should have given the people who were asking him how to “survive” in the coming days. But then again, if he would have given them that kind of an answer, I don't think everyone would be saying how great a message it was.