

5 Becoming Unleavened Sermon Transcript

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***Congregation member:** As I was driving to see patients today in my office. The Lord brought a revelation to my mind that I had never thought about or never heard anybody else express. So, I was thinking about unleavened bread, Passover and those things. That thought came to my mind. As the world has been doing the holy week, and all these things, the process is reversed. Because we make ourselves better and then come, but the promise of the Lord is we come to the cross, He makes us better. And it's interesting because it's a complete reverse. And then the whole thing of Easter, there is no real cross theme. It's about the resurrection. There's no focus on the sacrifice of the lamb. The whole focus is on the resurrection, but without the death there is no reconciliation. And the reconciliation is what allows us to be restored in our relationship. And then the resurrection gives us the life that is, you know, eternal life. So there's a total a total flip flop of that. So, it's a very interesting is that as I thought about there. I was like, wow, you know, how Satan has orchestrated to make you think we've got to do all these things to get better before you can come and receive a blessing. Yeah, it's totally worth.*

Well, we want to continue on, as I've been praying. I know that I've written some things in the schedule, but I keep praying and asking, Father, what is it that You want me to speak? What is it that You want me to say? So that I speak with my Father and nothing else.

And so tonight I want to continue the journey in the process of being unleavened. We are walking through a seven-day period of unleavened completeness, a process. And I want to share with you many of the things or many things that I can of how the Lord has worked in my life to remove leaven from my life and compare that with Scripture and what Scripture is teaching us.

We've shared two things in reference to sanctification, sanctification being set apart from the world to holiness. And the first, of course, is being watched by the word of God, placing the word of God in our minds, and then coming to our Father in heaven. And when He calls us in order that we may receive His blessing. And of course, those two things go together if you think in an earthly context, that when a parent invites their child into their presence and they want to speak words to them, that those two actions together are what bring the relationship a lot closer.

And so, the word of God, the Sabbath fountain, the sabbath principle, if we come at the time to the point that we will receive that blessing. And I do again appeal to all of us that were here last night to remember the family altar, to remember morning and evening, to acknowledge the Lamb, acknowledge the Lamb of God. Morning and evening. Have a gratitude to God for the great gift of the salvation that has been offered for us. Morning and evening, Sabbath, New Moon and the three appointed times. This is when the lamb was offered.

And I would suggest that if God was taking the time to allow lamb to be sacrificed. Morning and evening, Sabbaths and new moons and feast days. He wasn't instructing us in this simply for these animals to die. He was teaching us a very, very important lesson, and that is that grace is being poured out of these times at great cost to Himself. That's the point. That's what He's seeking to teach us and that we should have by ourselves of this great cost and come to Him.

And so, the journey continues in our walk with God, the unleavening-process. Coming from the world, coming into a relationship with Christ, regardless of whether you have been brought up in a Christian home, if you are brought up in a Western culture, you are exposed to ways of thinking that have to be removed once you give your heart to Christ.

And I shared with you my experience with music. And I want to go a little bit more into music this evening as well as other things related to music. And I would like to relate another part of my experience. I remember when I first gave my heart to the Lord and I had, some of you will be familiar with this story, but just before I had given my heart to the Lord, I had arranged to have a large party with many of my friends. I was in my late teens, and I had arranged for a large party with some of my friends. And then I had this

conversion experience. And then I had a dilemma on my hands because the party was not going to be a Bible study, it was going to be a typical teenage party.

And I wondered what I should do. And I thought, well, I can witness to them at the party. And so, when things got underway, I sat down and some of them were watching a movie. And what is interesting is that I have watched plenty of movies in my young life and the profanity had ceased to disturb me. As a younger child when I would hear the profanity, it startled me a little bit because it wasn't something we heard very often in our home, and it startled me a bit. But after a while you become desensitized and you become used to it in the language just becomes normal and you just accept it. And then the violence and the immorality and you become desensitized to these things, but when Christ came into my heart, all of that sensitivity came back and when I heard the profanity, it jarred me. It was a jarring experience. And I couldn't stay in the room. I had to leave. I couldn't deal with it.

I was listening to the conversation of some of my young friends and their manner of speech in their teenage experience was all about their latest exploits with their girlfriend. And it was all very much on a sexual level. And I found it very, very confronting. I found it disgusting to talk about people, girls in that way, whereas before that was the natural manner of living. That's the way it jokes and laughter about those types of things. It's funny to talk about those sorts of things. But now with Christ going in the heart, this was offensive to me and I didn't want to be there anymore.

And so, I went to every corner of that party and I found that nothing in that experience that I enjoyed anymore. The flesh was against the Spirit and Spirit against the flesh, so that you cannot do the things that you would. And I found that I could not participate in these things without pain. But the pain that I was experiencing was the pain of my Savior. He was letting me experience His pain because my natural inclination actually enjoyed those things. I had no disagreement with those things going on, but Someone had come to live in my heart and now He was sharing His pain with me. And I couldn't I couldn't be there anymore.

But then the tempter whispered to me and said, All these things are what you understood to be fun. And now you don't like them anymore. So, guess what? You're not going to have any more fun in your life. And so, in a moment of deep concern, I run out onto the front lawn and I shook my fist in the air at God and I said, You wrecked my life. I can't enjoy myself anymore. And there was no lightning, which was good, but so great was this transformation.

And then changes began to take place. And as I was reading the Scriptures, my conscience became tender, very tender as to my duty and the things that I needed to remove from my life. And this is part of the Christian experience to remove things from our life that allow the enemy to have access to our mind, access to our emotions, access to our thoughts.

And I'll share one experience with you that I found quite interesting. And I think I think it will be instructive. As a 15-year-old, I have participated in Australia being a Commonwealth country along with Canada. We have what they call the Commonwealth Games. I don't know if you heard of that term, the Commonwealth Games. And I was participating. I was in the stands and I was selling drinks and ice creams during this. And I was making a bit of money for school. And one of my friends who was manning the store introduced me to a manner of releasing to me more than what was being written down. And so, we could split the profits without the persons who are employing us, knowing what we were doing. And that seemed to be working quite well for a while.

And then after I had my conversion experience, this thought would come to me from time to time saying, That was very bad what you did. That's stealing, that's breaking God's commandments. And I would say, Well, I've asked God to forgive me, so I'm forgiven, right? But this thought didn't go away and kept coming back to me. And so, I knelt down. I said, Well, Father, if I need to do something about this, then You're going to have to help me. And then I said, Well, anyway, I don't even remember the name of the company that I was working for. Instantly the thought came into my mind, the company that it was.

And so, I opened the phone book and I found the company. And this is like six years later. And I got on the phone and my heart is pounding quite rapidly. What would I say to them? Six years later, I was a 15-year-old kid working for them. What am I going to say to them? And I said, Did you cater for the Commonwealth Games? Yes, we did. I didn't really want to keep talking, so I just I spilled out my confession, said, Look, this is what I did. And I've been reading in the statutes and it says if you take so much, you should, but you should pay back. And I said, I want to pay you back plus 10%. I want to add back to what I took from you. And this is the amount of money and I want to send it to you. And there was silence on the other end of the phone. And I was like, Well, I'm in big trouble now. What's going to happen now? And they said, We forgive you. And I've never been troubled with that thought ever again, and I received an email when I sent them the money, they sent me a receipt and they sent it to a charity. They didn't keep the money. They sent it to a charity at the bottom. They said, we hope you have found peace. And I did.

And as I prayed about that experience, the oppression that came to me is, Yes, Adrian, I forgive you for what you did there, but you needed to confess this because in the time of trouble, Satan would press this issue upon you. And if you had not done what you had done, major institutions, you might have let go of me. And so, I needed you to act upon this. You had the capacity to do it. And so, I wanted you to do it. And then restitution was made. And now I have no trouble in my spirit about this issue any longer, which is a tremendous blessing. And so, if you are getting trouble in your soul about things that you've done in the past, then you need to consider making restitution to make right the things that have been done.

I also had a school teacher that I had a confrontation with in my final year of school, and I was troubled about this, and it continue to trouble me. And I went to him and I asked him to forgive me. He did not even remember the event. He did not remember what happened. But I remembered. And he said, Well, yeah, whatever it is, I forgive you. And then I found peace.

This was part of the transition cleansing going through every aspect of our lives, seeking to make right. Because we are living in a time of judgment. Every time that we act not according to the commandments of God. It's all there. It's all important. We need to, morning and evening, make sure that our life is in harmony with the word of God.

And so, I want to now add another dimension to this in terms of... Come to 1 John, we're talking about the principle of coming free of the powers of this world. 1 John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God: because many false prophets are going out into the world." Many false prophets, false spirits, spirits of devils, working miracles in many, many places.

Now, I just want to draw up here. This is the heavenly sanctuary, the most holy place, holy place. Now, Christian in his presentation covered some of this how that in 1844 Christ moved... I talked about this earlier from the holy place to the most holy place. Now Inspiration tells us that when Christ moved from the holy to the most holy, that Satan assumed to take up the ministry of the holy place. Are you familiar with that information? So that those who did not realize we talked about this strait gate of the midnight cry, I talked about this the other night. Those who did not realize stayed here and when they would pray...

And what it means is that because they weren't aware that the investigative judgment had begun and that there must be a group of people who fully reflect the character of Christ, they did not know how to pray with that kind of faith. Their faith was, well, you know, if I sin God forgives me and I just need to ask and I'll be forgiven. So, the faith is not stretched out to say, God wants to give me the victory in every area of my life. And those who don't realize this Satan assumes a religious character and he will begin to answer the prayers of people who have not made this transition.

That's a very, very scary thing, a very, very scary thing to understand this shift that if we are not following Christ in His work because it says in the Bible that even the devil himself is transformed into an angel of light. Not everyone that says unto me, Lord Lord, shall inherit in the kingdom of heaven. And we need to be aware of these spirits.

And so just keeping that thought in mind, I now want to come to 1 Samuel chapter 16. The story of David and Saul, but Saul was having trouble. He was becoming very moody in his experience. If you are familiar

with this story and it says in verse 22, "And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he has found favor in my sight." Verse 23, "And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand. So, Saul was repressed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him."

Now, when we read an evil spirit from the Lord, what do we understand? Do you understand what that is saying? God is actively setting evil spirits into his life? No, God is stepping back and allowing Satan to do what he wishes to do because Saul has resisted the Lord. And so, God steps back and he allows his evil spirit. But when David played music, what happened to the evil spirits? They departed. So, is it the music itself that causes these evil spirits to run away? It's the Spirit of God accompanying the music and though the Spirit and His angels that come when that music is being played that causes the devil and his angels to leave.

The point of this passage is that music has spirit. Music has spirit and either has the Spirit of God or it has the spirit of the enemy. And so, if you are playing music in your house that is not dedicated to the God of Scripture, you are more than likely inviting evil spirits into your home. Now that I hope that's a challenging thought for some of us. When we think about music that is on the radio, how much of that music is dedicated to Yahweh? Music, whatever you do, whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you play, whatever you engage in, do all to the glory of God. If you are engaged in music that is not dedicated to God, then you are inviting evil spirits into your heart.

And sometimes we wonder why there are arguments in our home, why there is frustration that comes into our soul, because we leave windows and doors in our spiritual house wide open for the spirits to come in and harass us, to annoy us and to convince us that we cannot overcome our defects and character flaws that we have. Because we leave our doors and windows open. Amazing that we lock our doors, our physical doors, we lock our windows, and our homes are filled with things dedicated to the devil and his angels. And we are left wide open for these spirits to play with our minds, to confuse and restore and twist our minds away from the Scriptures, to cause us that when we open the Bible our eyes get heavy and we go to sleep. To cause us to go to the television and watch movies and listen to music that is not dedicated to God.

I want to reiterate what our Lord said, strait is the gate, narrow is the way few there be that find it. It takes effort to respond. We are saturated in a culture of decadence, immorality, vice, and these things are designed to allow evil spirits to come in, because even as they that play the music of the Lord to send away the evil spirits, when the people of the world play the music of the devil to bring in evil spirits, we become affected by them. And this is a great problem.

And so, I would appeal to all of us here. If you want to walk the unleavened path, listen to unleavened music, unleavened music. Unleavened means without the spirit of malice and wickedness, without the spirits in high places that seek to affect their mind. Do you want to know the reason why so many people are having trouble in seeing that Jesus is the begotten Son of God? Because in many cases it's the spirits of devils that are blinding their minds, blind in their eyes, because if you go into their homes, you will see these things everywhere.

I had an experience and this was just around the time that I have had revealed to me the truth of the begotten Son. And we had some children's games that seemed quite innocent. And I purchased this game for my son. I looked at it carefully. I thought that it was kosher, that it would be OK. I thought I scanned it fairly carefully. We get it home. And this is the interesting thing about my youngest son, who has been a tremendous blessing in our home, because when there is a spiritual change in the house, he often would become agitated and would start to have difficulty because Satan is a coward. You know why? Because he picks on the weak and those that are unable to defend themselves.

And he would always pick on my youngest son and he would begin to scream. He would begin to become agitated. And as soon as that would happen, I would immediately go to my knees and say, Father, what has come into my house? What door have I opened in the spiritual world? Where have I allowed this thing to come in? And I looked and my son had been playing this game and then all of a sudden in the game, this beautiful angel appeared in the game. And these stars were coming out from some... It was like a magic

thing, whatever. And I immediately I knew this is not good. And I grabbed that game and I immediately got rid of it and my son quieted down.

We had another situation where my youngest son, was that part of his treatment or his condition was music therapy and he would listen to Mozart, many Mozart pieces, which are good for mind development and things like that. And we didn't listen to all the pieces of music. We listened to a number of them and we thought they would be all right. But then he would keep going to this one particular track and keep going and listening to, and then he would become very agitated and very aggressive. And so, we listened to that piece of music. It was a piece of Gregorian chant. And it was affecting him. The spirit of that music was affecting my son. And so, we got rid of it and that problem went away.

We had a number of incidents occur like this. Things that you would think like, Would it cause that much trouble? But because many times we're not aware, because in many homes, having conflict and disagreement is so normal, we don't discern that these things are taking place, that the spirits are working against us.

And before I go on to this next part related to music, I want us to come to Numbers chapter 25. Because this is when the children of Israel are on the edge of Canaan, they're about to go into the land in Numbers 25 and they bow before the gods of the Moabites. They join themselves to Baalpeor. Right on the backs of, right on the shore of Canaan they become involved in idolatry. And as we repeat the history of this, people, right on the shores of the heavenly Canaan, people become involved in those... We join ourselves to Baalpeor. We are repeating the history of these people and therefore, notice. I want you to notice what it says in verse 6 because, of course, Balaam was involved in coordinating this party to invite the Israelites to come to join and worship with their gods, to bow down before the daughters of Babylon or the gods of Babylon. And in this context, it's the Moabites.

But it says in verse 6, "And behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation." And then it says that, "when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand. And he went after the man of Israel into his tent, and thrust them both through." That's pretty aggressive, isn't it?

Now, I want you to know that the Bible records for us the names of these two individuals that were joined together in union and note down at verse 14 it says, "Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, even that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri." Why is the Bible telling us this? "The son of Salu, a prince of the chief house among the Simeonites." "And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur."

Why do we know the name of this woman? Because these names mean something. Zimri means musical. Cozbi means falsehood. The union of falsehood, a false spirit combined with the music dedicated to God would bring a snare. And the stopping of this union stops the plague that was going through God's people. Twenty-three thousand people died in one day through this plague of this Baal worship. Twenty-four thousand in total. And when it was discovered what this issue was... The message coming to us is when you put falsehood with, as in the spirits of wickedness connected with the music of God, you are opening windows and doors that will slay the people of God. You getting the picture? It will destroy the spiritual life of God's people if they allow these things to come in and their eyes become heavy, they become less spiritually inclined.

And so, I would appeal to us: every piece of music that you have in your house, lay it before the Lord and ask Him, Is this dedicated to You or not? And if it is not: burn it, get rid of it. Get it out of your house for your sake and the sake of your family's, remove it from you. Oh, I really just starting. I'm just pulling out this story, this story idea about music. We need to be vigilant on these things.

I can share with you another experience related to music. And I might say that it's becoming easier and easier for people to get access to music that is prepared by people not of our faith. And I would suggest to

you that the... Let me put it this way. Let me ask you this question. Do you think music dedicated to the three-in-one God brings, the Spirit of God of the Bible with it? You think carefully about that. And you think about how many people who worship the three-in-one God singing hymns dedicated to their God. We buy their music and we play it in our houses. Could you would you be having a problem, could there be a problem? Yeah.

I'm just wanting you to think about these things that... Just ponder that a whole movement of music in Australia. There was a great wave of music and I saw a lot of it came here, it's called Hillsong. Is that dedicated to Yahweh, the one true God and His only begotten Son? I don't think so. I don't think it is. This music came flooding into our churches, put to sleep our people, so that when the message of the one true God and His only begotten Son would begin to arise, the majority of them would not be able to see this truth. And how many people, when you showed them the Scripture and you showed them plainly the word of God, they can't see it. They cannot see it. Is it just because that they are foolish? Not necessarily. It may be because they are being blinded by spirits. Have you considered that? Blinded by spirits.

Hymnals. I want you to think about this. I want you to think about the date 1844. And music before 1844 and music after 1844 and what the work of Jesus is doing in the most holy places, because the holy place. The music produced after this time we need to be very careful for. We need to be very careful. Where is this music coming from? Who is producing this music? What is their relationship with the God of the Bible? We need to be very, very careful. Does that make sense? I'm just asking you to think about some of these things.

And so, I purchased some music a few years ago and it was expressing many of the teachings of Scripture that I had understood from the Advent movement. But it had been produced by someone not of our faith, someone else who had a different understanding. So, it was the lyrics and the words of the message that I had understood, but it was combined with the spirit and it was inspired and created by someone not with that understanding. Could that be a simmering cultural situation? Well, when I purchased that music, I noticed that over the next few days, my wife and I began to miscommunicate. "I thought..." "But I thought..." We started to have miscommunication. As soon as miscommunication or misunderstanding begins to happen. I'm on my knees saying, Lord, is it just my sinfulness here? Or have I allowed something to come into my house? Have I brought something into my home that has allowed us to begin to miscommunicate?

Now, again, if miscommunication and misunderstanding is a standard part of the family home, you're not going to pick this up. It's just normal is life. It's just frustrating that people don't seem to get what I'm trying to tell and you just become exasperated and deal with it. But in God's ideal, when there's miscommunication, misunderstanding, you begin to work through the list. Am I just being selfish? Are they just being selfish? Have I allowed something into my home? Have I brought something into my house to allow the spirits to speak to me and confuse my mind? This is the process that appeal to us.

Don't accept miscommunication. Don't accept outbursts of anger and frustration simply as life, because it's not life. You are under attack. And so please consider these things. Please think about these things.

Now, if we would go for music and... The issue of music is particularly difficult because we need to be aware... When I go into a shopping center, I need to pray. I need to pray to God that I don't... All the stuff in the Old Testament about clean and unclean. I don't want to bring an unclean spirit home with me because I've been out. I want to make sure that I'm protected. I do what I need to do, but I don't voluntarily place myself in those situations to pick up these spirits and to bring them home and to harass my family. Does that make sense? This is a level of thinking that I hope that we can begin to look at more.

The other thing is that if you are watching movies, I mean, movies is just another whole level. Whatever the spirit of the act is in that movie, whatever spirit they are manifesting is the spirit that comes into your home. If it's vulgarity, that spirit comes in and starts to harass.

And I would say that, if we come to Matthew 12:29. It says, "Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? Then he will spoil his house." Now, this is

this is talking about the principle of Satan having control and the need to bind Satan to release the goods. But the principle works both ways. And for those of us who are heads of our home, if Satan can bind the leader and the priest of the home, he can go in and spoil the goods. And the word goods there is his wife and children, to spoil your family.

So particularly for us, the spiritual leadership of the home acts as a protection and covering for the rest of his family. If you as a leader and elder or whatever it is in your home or in your church are watching films and movies and listening to music that is not dedicated to God, that spirit then is not only able to affect you, but it affects your wife and your children. Satan says, He's the head of the home. He's doing these things. They're all mine. I have access. And I can take the child with the same thing that I'm taking with father because he's surrendered and he should be protecting this child that he's not. So, I have the right to tempt him. No man lives to himself; no man dies to himself.

We have a responsibility and there's something that I think about, you know, when the enemy seeks to tempt me to do something. I'm going, I'm not going to do that to my wife and my children, because if I surrender to this, they're going to have to fight harder against that temptation themselves. And it was my fault.

And this is where Satan really begins to work, because if I, as a leader of my home, surrender to something and my family know nothing about it, and then Satan begins to manifest something of a similar nature in my wife and my children. And then I turn around and act all self-righteous and point out their sin it is utter hypocrisy. To do so when you are the one who caused the problem in the first place, you are the one that started the process. But that's how Satan works. Get the leader of the home to fall, then tempt the wife and the children, make the husband self-righteous to condemn wife and children. It's happening all the time in many, many places. This is how Satan works so that the wife and the children feel sorry. They feel condemnation, they feel difficulty. And I'm not saying that it's the husband always that does it.

And here's the other thing, that if a man is dedicating himself to God in his home or the leader of his congregation or an elder with a group of elders, if he is being faithful, he is offering a measure of protection to those under his care. A spiritual protection to those people that have been placed under his care. And so, for the rest of us who know that if you know that you're under a spiritual headship, pray for that headship. Pray for that headship that it doesn't fail. Pray that God will help them to have spiritual eyesight, to see pray that they will discern these things and understand and intercede for them. It changes our whole way so that if they are strong, that it becomes easier for us who are under that hardship. Does this make sense? That we have an obligation in our homes and our families and our communities to realize how Satan claims ownership.

I have witnessed when I've been dealing with different families, I had a situation where a father in a home was having a struggle with pornography. His five-year-old son begins to demonstrate immoral behavior way beyond his years because the father fails, the son is able to be accessed in a way that he normally would not be able to accessed. This is something that we need to consider that what we do affects other people. This is the point that we wish to make.

And so, if a father and husband is doing the best he can to be faithful to the Lord, if someone within his home is engaging in wrong activities, there is still a measure of protection that is being offered. And I have indicated within my family that it is my responsibility to do what is right for your blessing and your protection. This is what I'm called to do.

And so, here's the negative of that, is that within my family, if my family chose to engage in certain activities that were not correct, they would not feel the full force of those things. Because of my priestly ministry, because of my prayers for my wife and my children, they would not feel the full impact of that decision because of my protection that God has placed in a position to do this. And I thank God for that. I don't want my family to take the full impact, but that it is my duty when I see these things first to pray, to pray for them.

So many times, when I've seen the wrong behavior in my family that I know according to the word of God is not correct. The first thing is to speak to them. But the priestly work is supposed to pray for them and pray for yourself, for the wisdom to know how to speak to them, when to speak to them, how to encourage them without crushing their spirit, without pushing them down and saying, This will place you in a dangerous situation.

This also leads to difficult situations where if you as a parent have children who choose not to follow your principles of what they watch and what they view. Particularly when they come of age, when they're 16, 17, 18 and they're living within your home. Do you take the papal path and say, I will take that and you will not have this? Is that the path that you take? That's a very, very dangerous path to take. And it will only delay a far greater destruction down the path. As the leader, you appeal, you pray for them. You explained to them the principles that you live by. But you must let them make that final choice.

As long as they are not interfering with the rest of the family. If that happens, well, then you have to say something. You have to say, well, I am not going to take away your power of choice. I'm just asking you to remember that there are other members in the family and that this needs to be considered as well. And these are some of the difficult things that many of us as parents are dealing with. And many parents take the option of putting their foot through the Xbox or smashing their iPod or... And I've seen plenty of these. And you're only guaranteeing a whirlwind of destruction down the path if you take that option and take the righteous indignation approach.

And I would like to say this, that when it comes to our children, if I look the first seven years of a child's life will set the character and I look at the first seven years of my children's life. And I see how much of the way that I had not understood the right things in the way that I had raised them is having an impact now. I wish I could go back and I can redo all of those things. But this is what you learn. This is how you understand. And so, you have to trust in God's mercy.

But in realizing that many aspects of the problems that my children face are directly related to my parenting, that should cause me to show just a little bit of mercy towards them, considering that I was the one that placed them in situations where they would go in that direction. Now, not in every case, but in many cases, the culture, the environment is what I have created. And I guess we're dealing here with some very, very core issues that many of us are dealing with in our homes and in our environments.

And so that is why the morning and the evening sacrifice has become very precious to me, because the morning and evening I can ask forgiveness for my sins and the sins of my family. It's a priestly duty that I cherish. It's something that I wish to do and participate in to ensure that all is being done like Job did when he prayed for his family, lest they should have sinned.

And so, on this on this issue, I pray that in regards to movies, music, games, if you have anything in your home. And as I travel in different places, I can say that in certain places that I have observed things that would be considered fairly tame. But if you have anything related to Disney in your home, really reconsider. And again, I would say these things that we are watching, are they dedicated to the God of Scripture? I mean, what does Philippians 4:8 tell us? "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true."

Should we have fiction in our home? No, you shouldn't. That's what the Bible says. "Whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever the things of a good report." Is it good for God's people to delve into the depths of all of this Satanism and all of the depths of the new world order? Should we be feeding on this kind of material all the time? The Bible says that's not a good report.

It doesn't mean we become ignorant to what's going on in the world. But good report. Paul says I will have you wise concerning that which is good and simple concerning evil. "If there be any virtue, if there be any praised, think on these things."

And so, we need to pray for wisdom to prevent these spirits from coming into our homes. And we need to be praying earnestly for our family and friends that they become aware of these types of things. We need

to be very careful about the things that we engage on in social media. So easy now. Videos are just so easy to click and press and within a few seconds a thing can appear in your home. And whatever spirit is coming at you with 30 frames a second or whatever it is that allows Satan to go, That's my spirit, I have access, I'm coming into this home.

And so, God is wanting us to think about these things, and I would appeal to all of us that you say, Oh, but, you know, it's not that bad. It's okay. It's not really... Think of your children. Think of others that have been influenced. It's not just about you and whether it's good for you.

And so, come to the Book of Acts 19, when there was a great revival that took place. Acts 19:19. It says, "Many of them also which used curious arts." Curious arts are to meddle into things that ought not to be meddling with: spiritualism, spiritual activities. It says, "Brought their books together, and burned them before all, and they counted the price of them, and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver."

And so, I would encourage that if we want to follow this thing, we want to go through every book. Now, there are some things that we have in books that allow us to understand history, that allow us to understand activities that are going on, but if there's books that we know are dedicated to spiritualism, dedicated to magic, to Wiccan, to paganism, that these books... We don't want these books in our house because whether you say, Well, I'm just curious about this. It's in your house Satan goes, It's in the house. So, get rid of it. Get it out of your house, take it away if you care for your family and for those around you.

Now, I need to say a word about dealing with removing things from your lives. There is this tendency of some to enjoy removing things from other people's lives to help them to medicate the fact that they can't get rid of those things in their own lives and if they get rid of it in other people's lives that it will make up for it. This is a personal thing. And so, we don't want to be forcing the consciences of other people, going in like Jehu and ripping things from people.

And again, I mentioned this before about certain films where I was staying in homes. And when I became aware that there were movies in that home, like sometimes I would have a troubled night. And then I would wonder and I would see in the home that there were things that were causing problems in the home, that they were unaware of these things. And so, I am gently praying and saying, Are you aware or do you know about these films? Do you know? And in many cases, the films were placed there by other members of the family and have been left there. But that's just what Satan wants.

We don't want to carry the cargo of other family members. That is dubious. It still allows access. And it was causing me to have a disturbed situation. And so, I just prayerfully say, Would you mind if you just put your places outside of the house tonight? Would that be okay with you? I don't want to cause offense, but I am aware that these things do not... You know, there's some of these things because of my past I am aware of some of these things. And so, things like Star Wars and clearly spiritualism and those things that need to go because it is... Most of us are aware of that. Star Wars is not good.

So, it's opening us up into spiritualism. And so, the spirits connected to those kinds of movies, any of those types of things is going to cause your problem, it's going to cause you difficulty. And so again, take everything in your house, lay it down, kneel down and say, Father, is this going to bring blessing to my house or is it going to bring a curse to my house? And this is really what the process of unleavening is all about, isn't it? To go through. This is the work that we need to do. And by participating in the Passover, we have an opportunity each year, over the year to say, Has anything come to my house in the last 12 months that is bringing leaven, spiritual leaven into my house that I need to get rid of? And I think that would be a good practice. But we need to stay on guard.

And I would again appeal that when there is conflict that is growing within the home, begin to ask the question, what is coming to my home? What is taking place? What is it that needs to be taken out of our home to stop this kind of conflict? And because many times this access is given and then we just left to the thought, I can't overcome my sin. I can't overcome this irritability. I can't overcome this frustration. And you begin to think I'm never going to make it. But it's because we need to unleaven our homes of all of these things.

And so, if you're hearing my appeal, please, please pray earnestly about this. These things will keep many, many people out of the kingdom of God to. Yeah, figures, comics, anything. Compare it with the word of God, Satan has many, many ways to reach people. And I have questioned, you know, other things where I... You know, if I go into a place where it may be a different culture and I might go to a place to eat, and if they have idols erected in that place where it is to eat it, is that a good place to go or not? I don't know.

I'm just raising the question for us to think about these things. Could we bring spirits home with us that we're not aware of, that could cause us difficulty in our homes? I don't want to start legislating on this issue. I'm just raising questions, because some of these things I'm not fully sure about. I'm not 100% sure how these things play out, but I'm just asking the question. And I know many areas that we need to make changes.

So, I think we can we can close at this point. But I would like to ask us here if we can... If you want to respond and say, Lord, I want to take everything out of my home. I have an obligation to my family that... If you become aware, I need to remove things, that you are committed to doing it.

One hundred and forty-four thousand says that they have no guile in their mouth. Guile is a spirit to decoy, is a spirit to deceive. When we have guile in our mouths, then we have a spirit of deception in our mouths. When we have a spirit of deception in our mouths, we invite the spirit of deception into our lives.

And this is one of the biggest things that if you are willing to deceive... As a man sows so shall he also reap. If you are willing to deceive others with your words in order to get a laugh, then Satan is it entitled to deceive you when you are reading this book so that you can understand it as you ought to understand it. Deception begets deception.

But for many people, it's nice to have a joke to say something in a way that causes someone to be confused. And then we laugh at it because we've deceived them. There is only Calendar in Australia and I guess you have it here. And they just recently brought this about. They've recently had this particular event and it happens around the beginning of the time of the New Year, and it's called April Fools Day. And all those who engage in April Fools Day are beginning, around the beginning of the year, to allow in themselves to deceive others in order that Satan may deceive them so that their year is led by deception. And so, when we engage in these things, we will be deceived.

And so, inspiration tells us that the principle of jesting and joking is as natural as breathing. And jesting is to say something that you don't mean. I'm kidding. What is kidding? But I mean, what does that word come from to kid, to be childish? It may have some other meaning. I thought someone else, just kidding. I was just joking. The Bible says they might not ingest just talks about the fiery arrows of someone that is saying something that I don't believe.

Anyway, I'm telling you all of this because of a situation where I was in a department store and I had purchased some things and I came to the cash register. And I was carrying a printer and I had a fair amount. And the cashier made some comment and I made a joke. I said something that was not true. And she laughed. Shortly after that, my wife rang me saying that my son was beginning to have difficulty. And I thought, Well, that's interesting. But I prayed about it and the Lord said, Well, you engaged in the spirit of deception. You opened up that spirit to allow the spirit to come into your home.

And even though she was at home, I was out of home. But because I'm the head of my home, I engaged in spirit by telling a simple little joke and it affected my family because this is what I was praying and asking God to guide me and to show me. Well, you engaged in the spirit of deception and the one hundred and forty-four thousand do not have deception in their mouths. You have deception in your mouth. You invited that spirit and now your family is being affected by it.

And as I prayed about this, I'm going... Well, there's a little bit of me that was saying, Come on, Lord. I mean, it was just a little joke, you know what I mean? Why am I getting beaten up in my family? And I guess the response was, You need to understand the rules of the game. You need to understand this warfare and you need to come up to speed. If you want to be part of one hundred forty-four thousand, you need to

understand these things. Deception is deception, doesn't matter how you cut it. And your family's being affected.

Now, what's interesting is that two weeks later, my wife... And this is the principle of inheritance, and I want us to think about this very, very carefully. My wife was shopping and she comes to the cash register. She almost had to repeat the experience to what I had. And she also tells a joke. She's on her way home and all of a sudden, she nearly loses control of the vehicle and she had a puncture in the tire and she nearly lost control of the vehicle. She was having a lot of difficulty.

And, you know, when these things happen, we need to ask questions, Have I done something? It may not be. You don't have to beat yourself up for everything that happens in your life, but it doesn't hurt to ask the question. Have I violated? Have I done something wrong? And we followed it through that that spirit of decision allowed Satan to affect us.

And maybe the reason why that happened to us is so that I can tell you these things. This is what's happening. There's a connection between these things. And when my wife did that, I apologize to her because I started that sequence. I violated, which made it more difficult than when Satan spoke to her. She was more vulnerable to do the same thing that I did. Does that make sense?

I hope that we're not being discouraged by this level of spiritual warfare, but we need to understand that we're in a war. Strait is the gate, narrow is the way, few that be to find it. Why? Because they don't understand the rules of engagement. They don't understand the principles of this warfare. And I can say this, and I guess I'm moving slightly into another topic. But jesting and joking... The spirit, which is the spirit of deception, it is one of the greatest destroyers of the joy within families, because a family, a relationship between a man and a woman is built upon trust.

And if you're constantly saying things that aren't true, you're eroding that trust, you're breaking down that trust, and you get to the point where you tell a joke and suddenly you've eroded that bank and suddenly your partner no longer finds it funny because they're empty. And then suddenly, Oh, can't you take a joke? Well, none of us should be able to take a joke. Because it's a spirit of deception and one hundred forty-four thousand don't have guile in their mouths.

So jestingly and joking is a counterfeit for the pure joy and freedom and happiness of the gospel. If we have to jest and joke, then maybe we don't understand the gospel. And this is a really challenging point. And believe me, it is challenging for me because jesting and joking has been as natural as breathing for me, and there's been a lot of blood had to be applied to the life of Adrian Ebens when it comes to jesting and joking. It's something that I've really had to wrestle with.

But the Lord showed me very early on, and when Lorelle and I were praying about these things, I was showing these things very carefully. We were witnessing a number of other people around us having difficulty in their relationships. And the Lord showed us in each case, part of the problem was this jesting and joking, saying things that you don't mean and then saying, Can't you take a joke? And just watching those relationships lose their intimacy, lose their closeness, because trust means that you say what you mean. And when you have a doubt in your mind that the person you love is saying what they mean, you're in big trouble. You're really in trouble when that happens.

And this is a great test for God's people and I would appeal to it, to each of us here, and I would say to you that one of the cornerstones of the relationship that my wife and I have is that we don't joke with each other about each other. We don't joke with each other about each other. We just don't do it. And if we do, we apologize straight away and we ask God to forgive us because we don't want to diminish our bank account of trust. And jesting does that, it takes it away.

And the good news is that it says of our Savior in His mouth was no guile. No guile. Says that in... And we should read it. 1 Peter. Reviled, that He would revile not. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Is that 1 Peter or 2 Peter? I can't find it now. It is 1 Peter 2:22, "Who did no sin, neither has gone off

and in his mouth." Our beloved Savior has no guile in His mouth. And by having His Spirit, when we have His Spirit and we reflect His Spirit, we will not have guile. We will not say things that we don't mean.

And if I may take this a little bit deeper. If we say things that we mean, then we are being exposed to who we really are. And if you don't have enough worth in Christ to be able to say things that you really mean, then you're afraid to show who you really are, then I would ask you to come in to be sons and daughters of God. To come out of the shadows, to come out, to be able to express what you mean, to say what you mean, because to say what you mean and to not be afraid to say it, is a liberating experience.

But for many people, we hide what we mean because we're afraid of what other people will think. We are afraid that we must fit in, we must not rock the boat. And so, we can agree with things or we can subscribe to things that we don't agree with because we're afraid. That doesn't mean you become outspoken and shoot everybody else down, but that we speak the truth in love.

Congregation member: *In Exodus 21:14, I looked up the word 'guile'. It says we can slay our neighbor with guile.*

Slay our neighbor with guile.

Congregation member: *[01:10:12] "To slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die."*

What verse?

Congregation member: *Exodus 21:14.*

This is at the root of everything. And, you know, when I realized this principle of guile, I was involved in many sports. We need to talk about sports. Sport is all about deception. Smokescreens, dodging, faking, all of these things are deception to deceive your opponent. Those who win are those who are best able to deceive their opponent. And so, I remember as a young person... I guess I'm hearing, "You're a young person." I hate to say that, I'm still young. When I read the Spirit of Prophecy about tennis, cricket and football are a species of idolatry. I remember getting, "Whoa!" The prophet said it. So, it's like, do I have to give up those things? But what is it that we like about those things? Getting him! Is that what Jesus seems like?

If it was the spirit of Christ, we would give them the ball, say, Look, you score. And they said, No, no, you score. No, you score. And after a while they will just kneel down and have a prayer meeting. What's the point? And that's the ting, what is the point? Why do we score, what point are we making when we are scoring? To prove that we are superior to other people.

But the Bible says what others esteem... Esteem others better than yourself. So, the spirit of sport, the spirit of competition will not be part of one hundred forty-four thousand. So, I don't know what cable TV channels... Over in Australia they have Fox, they have all these different sport channels. Yeah, you can be free of all these things, you know, so that all these things are affecting God's people. They are lolling. And I don't know if you... I'm trying to think of... Ivor Myers, escape from the black hole. Hollywood is the wood that puts people to sleep. This is all part of the sleep program. To put people to sleep and this tonight is a call to come out of all of those things.

And if we are struggling to want to come out of those things, to come out of those movies, again, think of things like... And again, there's fiction like romance novels and things like this that dwarf the mind. We should be studying the Scripture. We should be coming out of these things.

But then people say, Oh, well, I have no more fun in my life. Well, when it was time for Jesus to be now to a cross because of all these things, because of deception, because of selfishness. And people say, Well, what will I do with myself? You'll go out and preach the gospel. You'll go out and reach out to others. You will serve other people. You'll study the word of God. You will weep between the porch and the altar, pleading for those around you that you love. You'll have a lot of time to do those things.

Congregation member: Inaudible.

That's an extremely difficult situation and yeah, I know a number of people in that situation where you're just sharing accommodation and I can only say to pray earnestly that God would open the way for you to be able to be removed from that situation or to help them to see. I mean, I've seen many situations where it comes to arguments and trying to stop the other person's activities and it's not going to work. And look, there are people that are in situations where they have the radio going in their workplace the whole time and they're being exposed to music constantly and it's affecting them. What do we do in these situations? We have to pray and ask God, Deliver me from these things. The first thing is to become aware. The next thing is to say, Well, Father, please help me. I trust that You will deliver me from all of these things.

I remember when I was working on a farm and my friend and I, we would work without the radio and the boss would come along and he would work with us and he would have the radio going and initially, this is the wrong thing to do. When he was down the road, I would just gently turn it down a little bit, I wouldn't turn it off, I'll just turn it down. But that's really not the right thing to do. It should be to appeal, say, Would it be okay?

And so, these things are hard and we need to be careful in the way that we approach those around us to respect their boundaries. And Satan will encourage us to become indignant and frustrated and want to lash out. And then we're sending a different witness. And it's not hard because you feel like, you know, I've got to stop this, I've got to stop this. But, you know, our Father is merciful. He understands that these things are difficult and He will deliver us and help us.

Congregation member: Inaudible story.

How about if we stop right now and pray for your situation. Can we do that? You want to come down and we pray for you. We'll pray for you, too. OK, well, if everyone can come out and we'll have a prayer for everybody about this issue, because this is difficult for many of us. Praise the Lord. Father was witnessing. We got everybody down here.

Father in heaven, we come as your children. Deep in our hearts, all of us at some level are wrestling with this issue. Some of us are in homes that are divided. We're exposed to music, movies, games that allow spirits to affect us and to cause us difficulty. Father, we pray that You would deliver us from the Egyptians, that You would bring us out in the Spirit to keep the feast of the Lord, that You would help us to become unleavened, that You would complete the work that You have started. Father, there are so many here that are struggling to know what to do. Father, I thank You that they have come to the front. They're acknowledging their great need. And I trust and I believe that through the Lord Jesus, You will send help. You will change accommodation situations. You will impress the hearts of those who engage in these things to be sympathetic and empathetic towards their appeals. Help them to know how to appeal, help them to know what to say. Help them first to whatever they can do in their own lives, to remove things, to remove these things first, to go through their bookshelves, to go through their music collection, to go through their iPod or their iPhone, to delete everything that does not glorify and does not honor You. And Father, I thank You that You will hear this prayer. You will not leave us comfortless, Lord Jesus, but You will come to us. We can cast our burdens upon You, knowing that You will deliver us, that You will free us from these things and You will drive the wicked one. And I do pray, Father, for Your angels to protect each person here, to protect them from the wicked one and to help them. And for the leaders of homes, Lord, to help all of us to realize our responsibility to guard our homes, to be on the lookout all the time. This is what it means to be a warrior, a soldier, to be alert to spiritual warfare and deception, and that you would deliver us from these things. And I thank you, in Jesus name. Amen.

Speaker 1: Father Yahweh, I pray that You will instruct me to help others. You have spoken to us tonight. I pray, Father, that You will empower us. To search for the unleavenedness that hides in the corners of our hearts and corners of our homes and the corners of our work places. I pray in a very, very special way for my sister, who's finding herself in a situation where she has really no control of her surroundings, Father. And I

pray that You will facilitate either new place for her to live in or a way to testify, and she testified already. And walls are already brought up because of her difference in faith, Father. And I know that as walls go up, it's very hard to testify. Lord, that those walls would break down, that there would be a demolition crew breaking down walls. Father, oftentimes we're so good at being masons of building them up just because of the way we approach things, the way we say things, Father. You're all about breaking down walls and bringing in communication, establishing the ability to communicate properly. So, I ask for Your blessing not only her and her situation, but each of my brothers and sisters, whether it be sports, whether it be movies, whether it be books, whether it be music, whether it be social media. This is such a world in which entertainment is almost the driving force in everything. Father, please, free us from these spirits. The way the air is filled with these spirits, because all this has transmitted into the air. Oh, wow. Radio waves, satellite waves, Internet, Wi-Fi, it's all... And we can't even see it, it's invisible, but yet it has such powerful, powerful effects on our lives. Please break the stronghold, put in us the desired to put these things down and to get them out of our lives. And I pray, Father, that as we make that decision that will not be in our strength, but in the mighty name of our Savior, Yeshua. Father, guide us, direct us and lead us that we may have victory and that we may be able to allow Your Spirit to dwell in us, to represent Your character to the world around us and that we may be a light to the world. I pray this in Jesus name. Amen.