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Let's resume our study now. Joshua chapter 7, the sin of Achan, the gold and silver and Babylonian garment. No accident that those are the elements mentioned because they represent the most precious treasures of the ancient world.

These were the measures of wealth. I could give you passages out of the book of Job. I could give you passages from throughout the Old Testament where gold and silver and fine garments represent the creme de la creme of the spoil and the booty.

And they are mentioned again as they are at the beginning of the national life of Israel. Israel really becomes a nation with a land under Joshua, right? And they are going to really be on that same verge through conquest in these times that are spoken of in Revelation chapter 18. They are symbolically, they are materialistically on the threshold of the kingdom promised to Abraham, the land promised to Abraham under Joshua.

They are beginning the battle and they are learning something about themselves and about God's requirements as they do. The very same thing is true in magnified form. I always think of stereo amplifiers, sound amplifiers, and what I learned about transistors when I was in school and took Principles of Naval Electricity because I didn't get it in high school.

When you have, in the old days, a tube type amplifier and later on a transistor, there is a small input voltage on the input side of the amplifier, whatever kind it is. And as that small voltage varies, i.e. the moving of the stylus on a vinyl record, disturbing and creating little electrical impulses in the magnetic wave of a magnetic cartridge or in the ceramic of a ceramic cartridge, tiny little voltages induced by these microscopic movements of the needle travel up wires and are the input side of this amplifier. On the other side, a large and powerful quantity of electricity is available to be manipulated in direct proportion to this tiny voltage.

The tiny differences you make here make a huge difference over on this other side. This is what happens in our lives. Many times we think that our decisions and our actions and our little mental battles don't make much of a difference.

You're tempted to be angry and you bite your tongue. You run some doctrines and principles and promises of the Word of God through your soul. You recall a memory verse or two.

You exercise and cultivate that fruit of the Spirit called self-control. Or you maintain your peace. You keep your level head when all about you are losing theirs.

You are long-suffering. Someone wears on that same chafed spot on your hide for the hundredth time and you don't react. You relax.

You commit it to God. You let it pass. You let it go.

I'll let God handle that. I'm not going to lose my peace over that. I'm not going to lose my cool.

I'm not going to engage in sin. I've put up with that 99 times. I can put up with it the hundredth time.

That's the fruit of the Spirit. But nobody sees that battle. Nobody sees that small little tactical victory.

It's inside your soul. It's just another little wiggle of the needle. We think, well, nobody knows or cares about that but me.

It's like the input side of that transistor or that amplifier. And in the eternal future, in the kingdom, ages of the Son and of the Father, those victories, the righteousness accrued by faith, the strength of soul that we develop as we exercise in the battle against the principalities and powers and rulers of the darkness of this age, as we keep our armor on, you know, gird your armor on, stand firm everyone, onward, forward, keep your eyes on heaven, shout Hosanna, Christ is the captain, there's an objective, there's a mission, don't get distracted, don't get sidetracked. It makes enormous difference in the future.

Small things now, big things later. Remember, he that is least in the kingdom might have been great in this life. He that is least now is quite possibly going to be the greatest.

The last shall be first, the first shall be last. I love the old gospel song and I've mentioned it to you before. Little is much when God is in it.

Labor not for wealth or fame. It is great if God is in it, if you go in Jesus' name. If you do what you do in Jesus' name, little things are a lot.

On the other hand, the things that are so important in this life, material possessions, acquisitions, accomplishments, awards, the accolades, the obligatory applause seen at the end of every movie. Oh, you're so great. We just, oh, I mean, oh, you know, clap, clap, clap.

This is the pinnacle of accomplishment in our society. Oh, wouldn't you like to be an American idol with the entire country posting their acclaim via text messages and this sort of thing. I mean, look at the title of the show.

I'm right and out loud. We are a cage for every filthy bird. I mean, it ranks right up there with Jesus saying, let no man call you father, and that is the duty title for every Catholic padre in history.

Let no man call you father. Just call me padre. Well, anyway, the point we have here in Revelation chapter 18, the voice cries mightily.

You know why he has to cry mightily? This is a big country. If you want to be heard from coast to coast, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen. Babylon started out being a great city.

Remember Nebuchadnezzar? Blessed by God. Acknowledged God. God made him the head of gold.

But by the time things are finished, you're down to the toes of iron mixed with clay. Babylon the great is fallen and has become a dwelling place of demons. All the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

What other nation can you think of that has a reach and a grasp in every other nation in the world? It is only the United States of America, the U.S. of A. You cannot find a place on the planet where our technology, our influence, our entertainment, our Levi's, our rap music, whatever you want to name, made in U.S.A. is going to be on it somewhere. You can go to the deepest, darkest Ubangi village somewhere in the middle of Africa and the plates in somebody's lips are going to have been made in the United States. You just can't.

You can't find a place where we have not, that may be an exaggeration, where we have not had an influence and have been purveyors of our merchandise. All the nations have drunk the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Now this means that they have bought into something they know is associated with wrath.

They know it's wrong. Look at the pornography industry. You know the single biggest money-making enterprise on the World Wide Web? And the World Wide Web is the biggest thing in human history.

Nothing, you can't name anything that is as big and as ubiquitous and as powerful and as all-consuming as the World Wide Web. Not television, not space travel, not the wheel, not fire. The World Wide Web is everywhere.

Again, I may be slightly hyperbolic there. But the World Wide Web is everywhere. And you know what the number one activity on the World Wide Web is? Pornography.

And do you know where the vast majority of it comes from? The U.S. of A. We are the biggest dealers of junk in the history of the world. The little pornographic idols and things that the Greek Empire had, the little murals from Vesuvius, what did Vesuvius bury? Pompeii and Herculaneum and so on. Nothing, nothing compared to the stuff that we pump out every hour of the day all over the world, every country in the world.

Not only that, but philosophy, materialistic, secular humanist, pinko communist philosophy is pushed out through Hollywood, pushed out through the publishing that everybody can do on the Web. Thankfully, at the moment, we can also share the Gospel and the truth of the Word of God over the Web. Mark my words, the days of that open

door are numbered.

Mark my words. There will come a time when, as they tried to do this past week, the Word of God is going to be expunged because it is not politically correct. It is bigoted.

It is unkind. It is narrow. It is dogmatic.

It is discriminatory. And it will be forbidden. And you might be able to put Psalm 23.

You might be able to put maybe John 3.16. But there will be censorship. There will be limitation. It is coming.

The Word of God says it is coming. Men will not tolerate the truth. Caged for every unclean and hated bird, the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, her pornia.

And the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, pornia. And the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her sensuality. You know who is getting rich off the United States? Drug lords.

You know who is getting rich off the United States? Weapons dealers. You know who is getting rich off the United States? Medical technology people. You know who is getting rich off the United States? Resellers of entertainment and software that has been pirated.

That is who is getting rich off of this country. All over the world. The merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her sensuality.

I heard another voice from heaven saying, and this is the good part, Come out of her my people. Come out of her my people. Now, this is an extension of chapter 17 where you have the harlot riding the beast.

And you will remember when we did the book of Revelation not that long ago, that we identified this woman as organized religion all down through history. Riding the beast representing political power. The heads with the crowns, kings and so on.

And we have seen the influence of religion on politics and on government all down through history. People love to quote what happened in 313 AD or whatever with Constantine and the corruption and amalgamation of Christianity into Roman paganism. Which brought you, thanks a lot, the Roman Catholic Church with the amalgamated holidays of Easter, which is a bunch of fertility symbolism, rabbits, eggs.

I mean, come on, you don't have to do rocket science for that. The winter solstice celebrations, pagan winter solstice. That's why you have a tree full of fruit in the dead of winter, etc.

These things are absorptions and amalgamations of paganism. And that all happened courtesy of Constantine and so on. And, you know, Christmas tree is harmless, I stick one up, but I don't worship it and I don't think about ash dart.

But this is the origins, where it came from. I don't do the Peter Cottontail suit and scatter eggs around my yard. I think that's just one step too far.

Now, this Babylon, remember the woman, she's identified with this. So if we're saying, well, red, white and blue, this is the US of A, etc. How does that mesh? What is the predominant religious affiliation of the founders and early settlers of this country? All of those Buddhists coming over from Japan, all of those Hindus coming over from India founded this country, right? We are a Christian, Judeo-Christian, if you will, country.

It's the foundation, the founding fathers weren't reading the Koran, they weren't reading the Bhagavad Gita, they weren't reading the yet-to-be-written Book of Mormon, they were reading the Bible. And if they chopped it up, I'm sorry, but it's Judeo-Christian or it's nothing. That's the origin, that is the height from which Babylon falls.

It is like the original Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar, not the original, but the height of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar, it's golden, Daniel is there, Nebuchadnezzar listens and great things happen. Nebuchadnezzar writes a psalm, a psalm of praise to the Lord God of Israel, and it's in the Bible, in the original Aramaic. Here is a converted pagan king, the first great ruler of the greatest empire that has been until the present day.

So the woman which you saw on the beast there at the end of Revelation chapter 17, the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot. She is going to ride, she is going to influence, she is going to keep these things in the reins. What do you think the United States is doing right now around the world? Everybody says, we shouldn't be isolationist, we should be involved.

And then when we get involved they say, we shouldn't be over there meddling, we should get out. They can't make up their minds, do you want to be isolationist or do you want to get involved? If you get involved, send the troops. Do you want to just send our speaker of the house everywhere and let her get involved? So the waters which you saw where the harlot sits are the peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues.

The woman sits on the waters. The ten horns, these hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. There is going to be an international conspiracy to strip and burn the harlot.

After they have had their way with her and have committed fornication with her and have drunk her wine, now they are going to get rid of her. Why does the United States seem to be mysteriously absent from so much of the end time international maneuvering that goes on in and around the nation of Israel? Because at the point that

the seven heads and ten horns have power, one of the first things they do is eliminate the harlot. The harlot, by definition, has no loyalty to any putative husband.

She doesn't dance with the one that brung her. And this nation is repudiating and dissolving and attacking its Christian roots as we speak. As the days and the weeks and the months go by, we are eating our own young when it comes to Christianity and embracing every other religion, every other unclean bird on the planet.

We are extolling them. Every other philosophy, every other unclean manner of living is... I was talking to somebody who said, you know, in the most harmless venues you can imagine, you get on the HD channel or whatever it is where they do home improvements, and you watch on there and they say, well, what you do is we are going to shop for a home and we boil it down to three or whatever. And so you say, okay, well, who shops for homes? Couples, families, going to go around and look for homes.

Better than half the time, the individuals who are shopping on this channel, on this show for homes are lesbian couples and homosexual man couples. Way out of proportion to their alleged percentage in the population, the home shopping channel or whatever the heck it is, the home improvement let's find a house channel is going out of its way to act as though it's perfectly normal for Larry and Jerry to show up looking for a home and for Elaine and Jane to be looking for a home and to be shopping around and, oh, well, I like the pink and, oh, well, I really like the mauve. And that's Larry and Jerry.

They're trying to decide which color of pink they're going to put in their living room, that kind of thing. We are cultivating these blatantly anti-Christian, immoral, and they are glorified. They are extolled and they are defended on false grounds.

So what's going to happen? What is the single biggest gripe that Islam has against the United States of America? Israel, yes. But what is the fundamental thing that every schoolchild is taught in Islamic countries? What is the name for the United States of America? We are the what? The great Satan. Why? Licentiousness, pornography, looseness, drugs, sex, violence, all manner of immorality are tolerated and even defended as virtues in this country.

And as I was reminding my daughters earlier this week, one of the marks of those who are closest to the truth in looking at the world and having a worldview are those who fairly consider all of the evidence, who grant that even the opposition may have a point, may have some facts on their side, and probably the reason you disagree is that they have weighted those truths and those facts differently. You make an alliance with a country and you promise to defend them, South Vietnam. We will be your friend.

We will not let you be taken over by the communists. We make that promise. Well, events unfold.

Suddenly we are losing a lot of people over there. Now you've got something that is very regrettable and very hard to take, which is the loss of young American men by the hundreds and by the thousands. So now you say, well, should we break a promise and stop the bloodshed and the loss of our men? It's wrong to break a promise, but it's really, really wrong to lose these lives.

And so many people became anti-war and said, bring the boys home, forget the Vietnamese. Other people say, my integrity, the integrity of our nation has to mean something. If we make a pledge, we have to keep it.

And it goes with a biblical worldview. Love is sacrificial toward self and beneficial toward others. I will be your friend even if it costs me dearly.

Two different worldviews, two different sets of priorities and values. So should one side say, it is absolutely stupid to ever commit and make a promise? Should the other side say, it is absolutely stupid to worry about loss of life? Both sides have a point. You need to weigh all of those truths and those facts, and it is going to be your values and your priorities and your goals that are going to determine which ones eventually carry the day in terms of what your decision is going to be.

Well, it is foolish to demonize your opposition, demonize those who differ with you, and act as though there is no truth, there is no right, there is no value, there is no credit to be given at all on their side. Anybody who acts that way and thinks that way, you might as well be a southern cracker in the unreformed south, where you say the only good black man is a dead black man or something, that there is no redeeming value, there is no humanity. It is an absolute pegged over on one side of the meter mindset.

It is ludicrous. It is ridiculous. It is truly a bigoted and moronic way to think.

Some of us are Republicans, and we disagree with the Democrats, but we should not say they have no argument, they have no point, there is no traction for anything. They do have points. There are some valid observations that need to be listened to and need to be weighed.

We disagree with people about the war in Iraq. We disagree with people about what kind of laws we ought to have in this country regarding a whole host of things. You don't just dismiss the opposition out of hand.

If you really want to be someone who has the truth, you will listen. Read bad commentaries. Listen to leftist media.

Put your kids in the brainwashing tank, and let's hear what the enemy is going to try to feed them full of. Isolationism in terms of saying, I'm just going to read my Bible and wait for Jesus, isn't going to work. You have to be engaged.

And it is a fact that the Islamic extremists have a point. Our country is viciously evil in a lot of ways. It's a fact.

And it doesn't do any good to bury our heads in the sand and pretend that it doesn't exist. It is true. The answer is not to say, come on over and blow us up, but there are other ways.

Primarily, be ready always to give an answer. Speak the truth in love. The power of God.

Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. And it is the power of God that can overcome that darkness. And that's the only thing that has the power to overcome it.

It isn't going to be social programs. It isn't going to be environmental improvement, etc. Well, that hatred is spoken of in this passage.

The ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot. Now, are there things about a harlot that deserve to be hated? They don't call them harlots for nothing. The Bible doesn't talk about the penalty for being a harlot in Israel to no purpose.

Disloyalty and promiscuity are evil. But what does it say? Look at verse 17 of Revelation 17. 1717 of Revelation.

For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill his purpose, to be of one mind and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God are fulfilled. In the same way that God gave his own city, his own holy mountain, Zion, the city of Jerusalem, to be trodden underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. In the same way that Abraham had to wander and his descendants had to wander until the iniquity of the Amorites was full.

And when the iniquity of the Amorites was full, God sent Joshua and the armies of Israel in there to exterminate the Amorite, the Canaanite. In the same way, this country, I believe, is pictured here. And the iniquities of this country are going to become full.

And God is going to put it into the hearts of these enemies. These are geopolitical forces. These are kings with kingdoms and crowns, heads of the beast, who have been dominated by the woman who steers them with the reins and the bit in its mouth or whatever she is using.

She rides it for a while, but they are going to turn around and tear her to shreds. And that domination is going to end and the woman is going to be destroyed. Her garments, i.e. her prosperity, is going to be shredded away and she is going to be burned with fire.

If you think 9-11 was bad, wait until the full wrath of the ten kings hits Babylon. Again, in chapter 18, Render to her, verse 6, just as she rendered to you, and repay her double

according to her works. Now, who is being spoken of here? My people.

Come out of her, My people. Lest you share in her sins and lest you receive of her plagues. Her sins have reached to heaven and God has remembered her iniquities.

Render to her just as she rendered to you. This is why I predict that things are going to go radically against Christianity in this country in the near future. If I am correct, and I could be wrong, I was wrong once or twice, I can remember.

Of course, if you ask Patty, you can get a whole library of the true things I messed up. But if I am correct, if this is in fact the United States, how much have the people of God suffered at the hands of this country up to this point? Not a whopping lot. But at the point that the rapture takes place and the people of God are removed, I can't think of another Babylon where God would say, Come out of her, My people.

Where else is He going to be talking about? Rome? Jerusalem? I just don't see it. Jerusalem is never called Babylon. They believe that Rome is called Babylon by Peter and so on.

But those who do dismiss the identification with the United States, and it is by no means original to me, although I did think of it independently and then find that other people have drawn that same conclusion. But those who object and say this can't be the United States, base it entirely on the fact that Babylon is a city and the United States is a nation. I think we have answered that effectively by going back to Babel in the plains of Shinar when that's the only kind of power you had.

At least it answers it in my mind. But when it says, Render to her just as she rendered to you and repay her double according to her works, this speaks of persecution. There is other places where it talks about she has drunk the blood of the martyrs.

And this speaks of actual physical harm done to God's people. And you think, well, I just can't really conceive of that. Just keep watching the trend in this country.

And you remember hate crimes in the South 100 years ago, 120 years ago, 50 years ago. People in this country are capable of violence. Remember the Watts riots in LA in the late 60s? People in this country can wreak violence.

Think about Virginia Tech the week before last. It doesn't take much to set people off and for it to be tacitly sponsored by a government. What happens if, as has happened in Europe, there is suddenly an Islamic majority in a lot of our states? Look at the EU.

Would you ever think that Holland would be majority Islam? It is. Would you ever think that some of the other countries in the EU would be Islamic? They are. And it's coming.

It's coming here. And when it does, the same sort of Sharia law that you see exercised

overseas is going to be inside the borders here. Potentially.

In the cup which she mixed mixed double for her, in the measure that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, Do you think the American lifestyle is anything but sensuous? In the same measure give her torment and sorrow, for she says in her heart, I sit as a queen and am no widow. Now I'm not going to make a coarse joke here, but there is a sense in which this has more than one application. But look at what it says.

I sit as queen and am no widow. You know what this is? I have the power as a woman by right of my birth and not by marriage. I didn't get to be the queen because my husband died.

I am the queen because I am woman hear me roar in numbers too big to ignore. I am strong. I am invincible.

I am hell and ready. I am woman. I am queen and I'm not a widow.

I.e. I did not get my power from a man. I did not get my position. I am not beholden to man.

I do not have a patriarchal society. I do not acknowledge the authority of a man in any way shape or form. I sit as queen because I feel like being the queen.

And it could be a man or a woman saying this. Either way. And I will not see sorrow.

There is no penalty. There is no downside. I will not suffer for taking this view.

That's what the scripture says. Can you look around today and imagine this taking place? With no difficulty whatsoever. Keep an eye on your upcoming executive branch elections.

Therefore, verse 8, her plagues will come in one day. Can you say nuclear holocaust via terrorist attack? Can you say eyes melting in the socket, flesh falling off the bone, men standing afar off in ships because they can't get any closer without the rads going off the scale? Her plagues will come in one day. Death and mourning and famine.

A lot of people have speculated, well, it's going to be Yellowstone. The big dome of lava is going to blow. It's going to be nuclear winter and this, that, and the other.

What does the scripture say? Again, assuming my theory is correct and that the old red, white, and blue is what's being looked at here. It doesn't say, behold, the earth opened and swallowed her up or lava dust rained down from heaven and buried her. What does it say? The ten kings turned and shredded her and burned her with fire.

This is an attack by the kings that does in the harlot. She will be utterly burned with fire for strong is the Lord God who judges her. From those to whom much is given, much is

required.

From those to whom much is given. How much has been given to this country in the last 200 years? And it will be required of us. Strong is the Lord who judges her.

The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her, sensuously with her, shared in her enterprises, will weep and lament for her when they see the smoke of her burning. I.e., two different kinds of kings. You've got the dominant kings, the seven heads with the ten horns.

Those are the ones who do her in. But there is another set of kings who are going to mourn and lament. Now, you can't murder the woman and then turn around and mourn and lament.

There are two different sets of kings in view, right? Hypothetically speaking, if it were, say, a ten-nation confederacy of Middle Eastern nations, they're not going to be crying the blues when we, as a nation, go up in a great mushroom ball. Who will mourn? Who's getting the sugar daddy benefits of our country? Where are the third world nations that are getting all of my tax money? They will weep and lament when they see the smoke of her burning. Also, we have great trade partners who love to sell us their stuff.

South Africa, diamond industries, etc. I won't have to give you an economics lesson. They will weep and lament when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance for fear of her torment.

Why would you stand at a distance for fear of what is happening on the shores of this country? You can't get too close. It glows in the dark. It will give you cancer.

It will burn your hair off, your hide off. Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city, for in one hour your judgment has come. You had it coming and here it has come.

It was just a matter of time. You played too fast and loose. You engendered all of this resentment and here it is.

The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her for no one buys their merchandise anymore, those who sell into this big market. We buy, you know, everybody gets on to our big chain stores for buying overseas, not just goods but also services. Who does all the tech support for this country? I have called three times to get a digital camera issue resolved.

Guess who made the camera? They weren't Americans. It's Sakar. Guess who I get when I call the 800 number? Achmed.

Over and over and over. I've called three times and like Mick Jagger, I can't get no satisfaction out of these people. The camera died of its own free will for no good reason

and I'm out.

The entire purchase price and the thing worked just a couple of months. Well, the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn because they're not going to be able to sell all of their cheap, short-term, non-working digital cameras to us. Not going to be able to sell their computers.

Not going to be able to sell their Sony Playstations. Not going to be able to sell their Toyota automobiles and their Nissan automobiles and all the other foreign-made goods and services that we suck in with our voracious appetite right now. These merchants will weep.

Notice, many of our biggest trading partners who sell into this country, other than oil, are not going to be the ones that hate us enough to blow us up. You've got two different groups. Merchandise of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory.

And I don't have time to go through this. We went through it in more detail when we did Revelation 18. But these represent different industries, different types of products that are all purchased here.

And why does it go into this detail? This is a huge, this quote-unquote city of Babylon is huge. How big does it have to be to absorb all of these products from all of these merchants all over the world? This is not a city in the literal sense. It is a city in the symbolic sense.

The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all. The merchants of these things who became rich. Notice, the fruit that your soul longed for.

What did Achan say when he took the gold and the silver and the Shinarian garment? I coveted, I desired for myself this material wealth. We make a choice. Treasure on earth, treasure in heaven.

Principles and values or self-seeking agenda. It is one or the other. It cannot be both.

Alas, alas, the great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, for in one hour such great riches came to nothing. They stand off at a distance. Every ship master who traveled by ship, and sailors, and as many as trade on the sea.

Why? We've got sea water on three sides of our nation, don't we? The Atlantic, Pacific, and the Gulf. Throw dust on their heads. It's interesting to me.

Sailors are throwing dust. Where does the dust come from? It's a minor point. Weeping

and wailing and saying, alas, alas, the great city in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth.

Nobody's got the sea ports that we've got. Nobody's got the overseas ship-borne commerce that we've got. In one hour she is made desolate.

Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her. And they are able to rejoice because they are not here. Come out of her, my people.

This will all take place post-rapture, God be praised. But the events that lead up to it are something that we will likely live through. And the blood of the martyrs and the blood of the saints will be spilled here before we go.

So plan on it. Again, assuming my understanding of this passage is correct. Well, this gives us a little bit of illumination on Achan and the egregious nature of his choice.

We'll pick up in Joshua 7 next week. Father, thank you for the truth of your word. Thank you for the illumination that it sheds on our path.

We pray that God the Holy Spirit will impress it on our hearts. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.