

16 August 2020 God is Answering Part 3 - Session 1 Ps John Bendixen (WTB)

Scripture Reference: Isaiah 14:12-14 (NKJV); Genesis 3:1,4-5 (NKJV); Romans 8:1-5 (NKJV); 1 John 1:8-10 (NKJV); 1 John 3:4-9 (NKJV); 1 John 3:18-20 (NKJV)

Praise the Lord, hallelujah. We thank You, Lord, that we can walk in the light and it's such a privilege and wonderful thing that we don't have to walk in darkness, wandering around having so many questions about what needs to be and what needs not to be. But we walk in the light, we walk in the truth. And I thank You Lord that this message that You placed on my heart today, to bring to Your people will allow us to walk in more truth, more freedom, and more light. I thank You, Father, that today a yoke of bondage is removed. I thank You that Your healing power is given, and received and I thank You that the Holy Spirit manifests in a way that today, more of Your people will walk more freely, in Jesus' name, hallelujah. Thank you, Lord, Amen. You may be seated.

Praise Jesus.

You all doing good? Well, I believe the country is about to go into lockdown level two. So, we kind of always anticipated that lockdown level one or zero would be the time when the churches will come back together, you know. But I don't think it's far away now, and the church can be gathering together in a better, more unified way, hallelujah. We look forward to that time, amen.

In the last couple of weeks I've been ministering in Witbank and Jo'burg and I used the scripture from Isaiah chapter fourteen, and I'm just going to read a passage of scripture for you, from verse twelve. And it says <sup>12</sup> How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! This is the important part here <sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation. On the farthest sides of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High God.' (Isaiah 14:12-14 NKJV)

There is a bit of a legal dissertation I want to put to you today. And the legal dissertation is about, what is the big fuss about in the universe, and what is the big fuss about in terms of the Christian life. Why is it that we have sickness and disease and poverty and all manner of oppression? Why is it that we have abundance, health, and healing on the other side of it? What's the whole deal about? The legal dissertation goes like this; if there is a will that is the standard of truth, then whatever is spoken by the will that is the standard of truth, becomes the foundation of everything in the Universe. You all with me? Even behind your masks, you are allowed to say, Amen. This will be a question that I can't answer. This will be a question that intellectually people have come up with all manner of reasons to try and answer intellectually, because in the end when they get to the point of the substance of my legal dissertation to you today, they are confronted with one fundamental fact and truth, and that there is one will in the Universe, and that will is the truth. What happened to the enemy of God is that he reflected the glory of God, he reflected the worship of God, he was the leader among all created beings and he used this glory, and he used this worship and this status that he had in the Universe to ask a question. And the question is; *Can it be that with all these created beings, and all of this glory of which I reflect and I receive glory.* I can't go back to the last time I preached, that he traded in the worship of men and the glory of God, I can't go back to that again, but if there were all these created beings, and he was participating in receiving the worship of beings and trading in the glory and the worship, the question that he asked was; *Why is it that there is only one being in the Universe that has a will that is the standard of truth.* Surely this whole thing that was created could not have been created just because of one being. He decided within himself that since he was reflecting the same glory, and was receiving the same praise that he will assent and he will make himself like the most high God because surely there is space in the Universe to have more than one truth, more than one will.

For a long time, people have tried to answer this question. Can there be only one will? Intellectually, if you go to the furthest recesses of your mental thinking, you would try and answer this; well who created God that He could create everything? When you ask that question, and who created God that create everything, you

do the same thing that the devil did. And the answer is there is no other being that was ever created and the Universe that we live in, that we live in as creatures cannot comprehend the very author of everything that ever existed since you are a creature that He created. When He created you to be able to think and to be able to experience the very truth of God that doesn't make you capable of figuring out who God is. It also doesn't make you capable of being able to understand that everything was sourced in Him. Some people have come up with a theory that there are many gods that you can serve, because surely this whole Universe with all mankind, and all of his cultured and languages and everything could serve other gods. Some people have said that you don't ever die you just go to different planes of being, a created being that comes back and serves a Universal purpose which is kind of closely linked to the fact that even though there is a God, we were all kind of big banged into existence. It takes more faith to believe that nonsense than it to believe there is a source that is the truth of all things.

Bear with me now. I also said to you that your will is your platform, and your worship is your power. Okay? God created man into His image because He wants man to be a creature that looks like Him. and that has dominion like Him. In Lucifer's mind, God has created another being that is equal to God, and in his mind equal to Him and so what he wanted to do was he wanted to make sure that this being, being the human, worshipped him and not worshipped the God that created him. He comes as a serpent that was very cunning. Genesis 3 verse 1, and he asks the question; "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"(Genesis 3:1 NKJV) He immediately goes to asking them to answer a question about the source and the truth of God, which is the question he asked himself to elevate his will to the same level as God. He comes with a question. She comes with an answer, and then in verse four <sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "You shall surely not die. (Genesis 3:4 NKJV) He asks the question, and then he answers a question. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God. (Genesis 3:5 NKJV) Once again he's saying be like God and be like me, like God, so that when you do what I suggest you do even though you will be like God you worship me with your will. Your will will create a platform that your worship will give you the power of self, to be like God. Okay?

Now, this is a legal dissertation for you, a presentation of a legal thing, because when God created man with a will, the legal substance was; You obey Me in all of the life I give you, you disobey Me then there is a consequence to your disobedience. When man disobeyed Him, although he was now no longer covered in the glory of God, he became aware of other things that he was previously not aware of, and the first thing he experienced was shame and guilt. Shame and guilt. This is a legal perspective about, whose will is the platform for all things in the Universe. It is the will of God. Now, if there is a will, and there is a truth, then the truth must be the judge of all things, otherwise, it is not the truth. Come on. If God is the creator of everything through His will, then the platform that His will created is a platform where truth is worshiped. But in order to worship truth, then you must also have a judgment of everything that is not truth. Do you understand the legal dissertation today? Simple concept. It's no more complicated than that. We're in a heavenly spirit court. All right?

When man decided to give over his will, there had to be payment, and from the time that man decided to give his will as a platform to worship his own will, he now had to work to achieve things. His work was now no longer just a function of his worship. When he was in the Garden of Eden all he had to do was worship and everything came to him. When he presented his will as his own platform then his worship was not enough, because he worshipped his will he now had to work by his hands to get the same results.

From that moment onwards the enemy of God always had a case because every time that he could get man to exercise his will as a platform in his own life, his own will to worship himself he had him. He had him in a vice that says, "You will for yourself, you are not willing the will of God therefore you worship your will, therefore you must work to get what you will." Come on. This is going to get good in a second.

Now, I'm going to just take you to a case that is happening in the United States of America that is actually an unprecedented case. There's a man by the name of General Flynn. General Flynn was appointed as the provisional interim, I think his title was national security advisor to President Donald Trump in the transition of hand over from Obama to Trump. It is now a matter of record that actually the Trump campaign and Trump

people were actually spied on because they found no collusion. There was a legal system of America found him Trump and his advisors not guilty of what the congress said that he did. I don't want to get into politics now, I just want to tell you that there's a legal case. They went after a number of people that were close to President Trump because they wanted to undermine his presidency. They could not find anything of legal substance to actually attack General Flynn. In the end, they got him on a technicality what they actually said as an abusive power, this is really in the congress right now, it's in the courts of America right now, it's a fact it's happening. There are certain people and it is quite likely that the director of the FBI could be charged with fraud, he may, I mean this is a big deal that's going on right now. Certainly, they have had one of the attorneys in the FBI plead guilty, this week, pleaded guilty for falsifying documents so that they could have a case against President Trump.

It's a big deal. That system went after General Flynn. What they said to him is, "If you don't plead guilty to lying to congress we are going to go after your son and your family and the legal fees that you have had to pay to defend yourself against the FBI. 30 years of serving the country as a general, all of the house that was paid off, all of the wealth that he had accumulated, it's all gone. He had to use all of it to defend himself.

The fact of the matter is that they said, "We are going to go after your son and we'll find something on your son because everybody breaks the law somewhere. We'll find something on your son until we find where he has broken the law, we'll go after him." And so he said, "I'll take the hit. I'll plead guilty." They found him guilty and they charged him to four years imprisonment. Time goes by, things get revealed, new attorney general is appointed. They reinvestigate the case and they find out that actually the substance of what they went after, the whole foundation of the case against General Flynn was based on a lie. Therefore he could not have lied against congress because the whole case was a lie. The prosecutor decided to withdraw the case against General Flynn. He should be set free because if there's no prosecution then there can be no case. Then everything that's happened in the legal system is actually now baseless. Except, the judge that actually ruled on the case is a democratic judge so he refused to commute or to withdraw the case. There is no legal precedent for it. If the government doesn't prosecute you there is no case.

What he did was he went to the appeals court and he said, "You should relook at this case regardless of the fact that the prosecutor doesn't want to bring the case. They, as the appeals court, exercised a legal term, I forget what it is now, but it's, like, something like *maximus mandatus (amicus curiae)*... I don't know what it is, something like that. But they ruled, two to one that he has to let the case go. Everybody, this is the way the court is supposed to work. Except this judge has now put himself in a place where he has decided there is still a case here because he pleaded guilty. He's not supposed to, he has no moral, no legal, no president to do what he is doing. He appointed another judge to present his case to the entire court of appeals, and to say that the court must force the prosecuted to re-prosecute. That the prosecutor cannot withdraw the case. Now, this is like, you know, a judge that is saying that the courts must tell the prosecution that they have a case, that they must, that they must actually go and present their case because their case is a case, when the prosecution has decided that there is no case.

What happened is that now the politics are fairly squarely in the judicial system. Everyone that is in law, in America, all agrees there's no way that this can, this can eventually go anywhere, and the general consensus is that this guy is wanting to force President Trump, and drag it out long enough, so that President Trump has to be forced, right before the election, to actually commute, not commute, but relieve him of his sentence, I forget what the word is now. Pardon him. He wants him to pardon him so they can use it as a political job against President Trump. Did I give you an insight into politics of what's happening in America right now.

Here's why I came with this story today. Romans 8:1 it says, <sup>8</sup> *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.* <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live

according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. (Romans 8:1-5 NKJV)

Would you please say this with me, "There is therefore now no condemnation." Now there is no condemnation." Right now there is no condemnation because in Christ Jesus we have been made free. Let's take the legal case historically. If your will is your platform so that worship can bring you power, here's what God says, there is no condemnation, there is no case against your will when it is exercised for yourself, because you have been bought with a price that is Christ Jesus. In Christ Jesus, if you have willed Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, there is a legal case for you to say "I no longer live according to my will, but I live according to the Spirit of Life that is in Christ."

Whenever you are finding yourself that you are wanting to exercise your will, you have to say, "I am not condemned to this." The judgment of the enemy that says whenever I do my will I must worship myself and my outcomes and therefore I must work for the rest of my life trying to get free of my will. You are not condemned to that. You have no condemnation. The case against you has been discharged from heaven. There can be no more case that is brought against you from heaven. The only case that happens to come against you from heaven, or in your own life, is the case where the devil tries to set up a judge that says, There is still a case against you, and I choose to bring against you even though your case has been thrown out of the courts of heaven. It is an illegal case. But if you believe it then you are going to keep paying attorney fees. How do you keep paying attorney's fees? How do you keep paying legal fees? Shame, guilt, I got to work at trying to earn my salvation because previously I was taught what you do to perform to get your salvation is what is going to give you salvation.

It is called the law of sin and death, any time you have to work to achieve your salvation you're in the law of sin and death. Now, when you're in the law of sin and death you put yourself back in the judge's hands that is an illegal judge who wants to judge your behaviour. Now watch this. 1 John 1:8 says this:<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. If we say, if we say that we don't have a will that we want to exercise then we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us (1 John 1:8 NKJV). You remember the truth is about whose will is in the universe. If we say we don't sin, it means we are ignoring the fact that our will, that is our carnal nature, always wants to impose itself in our lives. If we say that it's not there, then we deceive ourselves. But,<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, if we confess that we have a will that wants to always rise up against the will of God, against the Truth, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness of that argument. And <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (1 John 1:9-10 NKJV) The acknowledgment is; I have a will, I'm always wanting to impose my will for myself, to myself, so that my will creates a platform so that I can worship myself, but it means that I always have to work to fulfill myself to my worship.

The enemy wants to keep making you think that you can't be free of your will, when every time, all you have to do is wake up and say, "I am a son of God. I worship Him. I praise Him. I glorify Him. He is my Lord and my Saviour. Whatever my weakness is, I stand behind the righteousness of Jesus Christ, who saved me from my own will. He gave me the power of worship to overcome my will, so that my platform is now the power of my worship, not the power of my will."

Watch this. 1 John chapter 3 verse 4, it's the same book of John. <sup>4</sup>Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness. Do I make my case? Whoever commits sin, also commits lawlessness. Why? Because the whole thing about sin is that you are against the Truth and the Truth is the law of the universe. <sup>4</sup>...and sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, our lawlessness, our wilful self, and in Him there is no sin. (1 John 3:4-5 NKJV) The minute we worship Him, the self that wants to be lawless says you're worshipping the right Person, the right Being, for the right things. If you just worship Him and let your life be governed by your worship, then the power that you need overcomes everything that is your self will. Then your platform comes from the Will of God that gives you worship and power.

Verse 6 says, <sup>6</sup>Whoever abides in Him does not sin. How do I do that? I worship Him. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. In other words, if you are not worshipping Him, then there's a part there

that you don't know. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. This is where the enemy's strong point is; deception. <sup>7</sup>...let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. <sup>8</sup>He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. What was the sin? The raising up of his will against the Truth. ...for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup>Whoever has been born of God does not sin. Are you born of God? Come on now. If you're born of God then you do not sin. How can you say you do not sin? You do not sin because, in your heart, the born-again person wants to worship God. To the extent that you are in bondage is the extent to which you allowed the devil to deceive you into exercising your will as your worship. But you don't have to live in that - it's a deception! It has no power over you. It has no power over you, because Jesus has set you free from that sin! <sup>9</sup>Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. (1 John 3:6-9 NKJV)

This is a thing of; it's not whether I do the wrong thing with my will today and tomorrow or this bit or that bit. It's if you have the seed of incorruptible life of Christ in you, the natural instinct that is in you is that you will want to worship Him. You want to acknowledge Him, you want to worship Him, you want to have Him guide and direct your life. The Bible says here; <sup>9</sup>...for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. What this means is that it's like I cannot undo the fact that I'm my father's son because his seed remains in me. Even though I might do things that would displease my father, or do it differently and exercise my own will from time to time that would maybe be different to the way my father would do things. It doesn't change that his seed remains in me, and it doesn't change that I will always be my father's son. And it doesn't change that even every day my very appearance speaks of my father's seed in me. Hallelujah.

<sup>18</sup>My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but indeed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. <sup>20</sup>For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. (1 John 3:18-20 NKJV) Let me say this to you; the way that the enemy tries to keep you in a place of living at a lower level of life than you should be, because he wants you to exercise your will that creates a platform for you to worship yourself, and then what happens is that your own heart condemns you, because of the way that your own self will is manifesting itself.

This scripture says that even when your heart condemns us and the illegal judge of the universe, that deceiver, tries to get your own heart to put you in a place where you believe him - God is greater than the heart that condemns you. He has no place in you, Christian.

Why am I preaching this message this morning? Because Brother Jerry has spoken it, I have taught on this for many many years, and I've even shared for many years how I've had defining moments in my life. I had a defining moment when I was newly married to my beautiful bride and my wonderful wife of nearly 40 years. The Lord said to me, "You love her as Christ loves the Church and you give yourself up for her." And He showed me how to do that. Everybody else said that this is not reasonable, you are being stupid, you're being ridiculous, no man lives like this. But God showed me how to do that. And when I loved her that way, I have reaped the rewards. It was a defining moment in my life.

There was another defining moment in my life when my pastor judged against me in a very serious and significant matter as an elder in the church that I was asked to preside over. And when I did it, he judged against me. It became a very public affair with thousands of people and we became virtually lepers in the church. In that moment the Lord said, "You keep your mouth shut, you keep your tongue silent. You have nothing to say against your pastor or anybody else, and you go to church every Sunday, and you be faithful, and you stay with what I told you to do." It was a defining moment in my life that God taught me what it is to submit to authority and to submit to the power of God's Word regardless if individuals did the wrong thing.

Because ultimately when you submit to the Truth, God is forced for the truth to actually come and vindicate you, justify you, and bring the fruit of the truth in your life. Hallelujah. In the natural, your human pride wants to raise itself up and it wants to become a dominant force and it says, "Let your will be your platform so that your will can provide worship and your worship will be your power of the exercising of your will." I said, "No, I will not do what my will says. I will do what the will of my Father says and I will worship Him and I trust in

His Truth.” So, He revealed more and more truth to me about what that means. And it’s become a hallmark and a foundation of my ministry.

Hallelujah. What the enemy of God wants to do is; he wants to hold you and captivate you. I tell you, we’re in a defining moment now, and he wants you to be talking about how the effects of the economy, the effects of sickness and disease, and all of the stuff on a global basis - how we’re going to recover, how we’re going to get the money back, how we’re going to pay everything, how’s things going to turn out. I want to tell you that we have the capability to live at a much higher level, but if you allow the enemy of God to deceive you, to allow your heart to condemn you so that you’re always in the court of law of justifying your behavior, of justifying what you do, then you never grow into the place where you say, “I speak to finances to come into my hands. I speak to jobs to come into my hands. I speak sickness and disease to leave my life. I speak the power and authority of God for these things to come to pass,” because in your heart you don’t believe it because your heart still condemns you that you’re not worthy enough to exercise such authority when it’s not about your worthiness, it’s about your worship because God’s already made you worthy.

And if you just accept that in Christ, if your heart condemns you, He is greater than your heart and you say, “My heart is condemning me right now. I confess that because of my will so now I’m going to worship You,” and then your authority is restored. Hallelujah. Praise Jesus.

If you want to know anything, part of the reason why people come to seek my council is because they’re always condemned in their hearts and they don’t have the full picture of what it is to walk in their authority.

Won’t you all stand with me, please? Hallelujah. Did you get something out of this message today? Praise the Lord. Put your hand on your heart like this and say; thank You, Jesus, that I am a son of God and I will worship You and my worship will give me the power and releases the power to live for You, live in You and to live completely free in my life. In Jesus’ name. Hallelujah. Amen.

I pray the blessing of God over you, the peace of God over you. I pray that this message will find a deep root. I’ve got more to preach on this subject and it will come out in weeks ahead but, I pray that this message will find root in your heart and produce a good fruit for you to live in power and in victory. Just say with me one more time; no condemnation. I live free in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Thank you for coming to church. God bless you