

Ask The Theologian
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horn and welcome to ask the theologian
I'm dr. Randy white on this Monday
morning delighted that you have joined
us for biblical theological and
worldview questions and looking forward
to busy Monday as always and many many
many many many millions of you are at
home today and perhaps working from home
perhaps just wishing you were working
whatever it may be I am delighted that
you have joined us a couple of
programming announcements one is that I
do plan tonight to have another edition
of the theological insomniac and that'll
be let's say about 9:45 mountain time
only on YouTube that's youtube.com slash
Randy white about 9:45 p.m. again
mountain time that's 1045 for those of
you in the middle part of the country
and one other programming note Wednesday
night normally we broadcast our Gospel
of John at 6:15 this week we have a
special guest that we had planned on
having a Taos First Baptist Church he is
going to be an online guest now and that
is dr. Daniel Nasim who is with chosen
people ministries and he is going to
talk to us about anti-semitism and the
Holocaust so that'll be a 6 p.m.
Wednesday broadcast and I hope you'll
join us for that
so next opportunity is tonight about
9:45 if you happen to be up and just
like a little random discussion as
you're trying to fall asleep lots to
think about now hey check out the
dispensational publishing blog and the
reason I want you to do this
dispensational Publishing calm and then
just click this little blog button right
here you'll this is the first article
that's here we're going to add to these
so we'll put the date in the title and
there is this fella Douglas G Frank I
ran across him on Facebook and he
is a mathematician and a scientist a
brilliant teacher and has a long track
record of quantifying things that that
that happened in the world and with that
quantification he has been from the
beginning tracking this coronavirus
kovat nineteen issue it's got some
fascinating charts and i've been
watching him for a little while and
watching how his model is is very
accurate
every time the new numbers come out it's

right where his model said well this is stuff we want to know and obviously a mathematical model has its limitations and so it's not going to be perfect but I would encourage you to follow that blog at dispensational publishing and just keep up with what he's got every day comes out with a lot of material every day and I'm trying to boil it down and give you that which is most important but if we look at this right now one of the things we'll see on here I'll bring this up sighs here just a little bit you can read all that but here is the projections worldwide a projected peak of the 9th of April in the USA a projected peak of the 28th at the 28th of March it is at that point let me just explain at that point the number of new cases starts to go down each day so obviously March the 28th if we do peak March the 28th March the 29th there are going to be new cases and March the 30th and March the 31st and April the 1st and what we are expecting however is that March the 28th is the largest number of daily new cases and then that number begins to go down now in addition to that he talks about projected cases in the USA he projects 180,000 cases he projects at its peak 13,000 roughly 13,000 and new cases per day and a total number of deaths in the United States of 1400 now you can go through here and look at the charts that he has and carry that out but here you see the number of deaths where he's projecting that to be you see the pink line here is the number of new cases daily so this is where on the 28th it begins to go down now on this particular chart the total number of cases of course goes off the off the chart because you're adding here 13,000 new cases every day and this chart only goes to 30,000 you could look up at one of these charts through here and get some of these others now he's also on here there are charts for various states in various countries so you can go through and look if you live in Tennessee or Ohio where they project where he projects 25 deaths Massachusetts also some countries in here Italy and Australia and Spain and South Korea France and the UK keep on going there's more states down here here's for those of you in Texas he's projecting 3,000 total cases and 30 total deaths some real interesting stuff there and I think if you follow that it becomes even more interesting because

we'll be adding to that each day and you can take a look and you can begin to see what's happening there on whether or not his projections are in order now if they are I think that that does bring us some degree of encouragement that even by this Saturday we may hit the peak of it so this is going to according to his model this is going to be a very bad week in terms of the number of cases every day is going to get worse there are going to be more new cases a greater number of new cases and a greater number of deaths all through this week but then by next week it should begin going down that hill again that's a mathematic projection dispensation of publishing dot-com click the blog button follow along now let's get into your biblical theological and worldview questions and let's start with our friend bill in Sierra Vista Arizona he says there are speaking of the book of life is the topic there are several places in scripture that refers to removing the name from the book of life in the judgment the book of life is checked for your name you remember this in Revelation chapter 20 your main aim may or may not be there he says I think all the people of all time originally appeared in the book of life if a person died in sin his or her own name is erased or removed from the book of life this book has nothing to do with eternal salvation does that make sense to you I'll be listening no tomorrow well thank you that goes on with some personal notes but is that yeah anyway thank you great question so the book of life let me say that this I think like a number of topics in Scripture that we've talked about before like rewards eternal rewards or like spiritual gifts perhaps you can find a lot more at the bookstore than you can in the Bible that it that's my way of saying they make a lot of stuff up and the Bible really doesn't tell us that much about the book of life obviously there is a little bit about the book of life and it's in there and it's almost to the point of you know hey I'd like to know more inquiring minds want to know I think also on those things I encourage hey study it see what you can figure out but always recognize that when there's very limited information in the scripture then all we can ever come to is a very limited conclusion now with that I think that there is in that understanding there's a great

benefit in studying seeing what some other people have said what are some insights that dispensationalist perhaps have gained what do other non dispensational views teach about the book of life one of the things that I think is interesting is what do the Jewish people teach about the book of life and what's their understanding of the book of life and actually I think their understanding would align with what Bill is saying here and I think that that most aligns that model if you will most aligns with what we have we were talking just a moment ago about a scientific or mathematical prediction model of the Cova disease well math doesn't determine what viruses do right so all you can do is have a model and then see if your model fits what is happening we see this in creation models for example how did we get here we can't read what source the word I'm looking for we can't put it through the scientific method because we can't test it we can't recreate it see if it happens again so all we can do is a model is a model and then see if the evidence aligns with the model now I think that this which bill mentions that the evidence that we have in scripture again limited seems to align with that model that is the book of life is actually the book of the living here is a a book in which everybody who is ever alive is there but as bill said and this is perhaps a little simplified but I think simplification works in this case as bill said if you die in your sin then your name is removed from the book of life now that goes back to the beginning didn't God say on the day you eat of it you shall die and so there is a removal from lie

you don't have to build an argument for annihilationism when you go there you also don't have to build an argument for universalism on the other end and these are two problems with this is that when we hold this position then that some people say oh you're a universalist you believe everyone's going to to heaven or others people say oh you're an annihilation asyou believe that when you die you just cease to exist I think both of those are non sequiturs it does not follow or in one case it does not proceed so I think that the model does actually fit that pretty well because you've got as many of you heard yesterday in our sermon you've got the threat of the removal from the book of

life on a number of occasions in the scripture including the churches to the letters to the Assemblies in the book of Revelation to the messengers of the assemblies in the book of Revelation so bill I think I think you've got what from my limited study on this is the best we can do now that means the average evangelical understanding of the book of life really does not suffice the evangelical understanding of the book of life is when you become a Christian then your name is written in the book of life and you know there's several gospel songs about all of that as well and they're you know fun songs to sing and tap your toe to but is the theology exactly right and you know there's a name written up in heaven and it's mine oh yes it's mine right you'll be singing it the rest of the day if you don't know it look it up it's better than watching the news

so this evangelical understanding that when you receive the grace of Jesus Christ that's when life begins and therefore that's when you're placed into the book of life I think there's some flaws to that that doesn't fit the biblical model so I'm gonna go with what you're suggesting bill and I think that I have not an expert element again but I think this is what the Jewish people would teach as well though of course they don't have our

are full of Christian understanding of it but it is that you are born with your name in the we might call it the book of the living and when you die eternally separated from God that is when your name is removed from the book of the living but Jesus said for example whoever believes in me though he were dead yet shall he live

so his name is not removed from the book of the living because he's still among the living

excellent thought and questioned there that certainly does question the assumptions I appreciate all of that by the way they special this week at dispensational publishing is this book right here it's a Bible and this Bible happens to be a personal size giant print reference Bible for those of you who might like me be getting a little you know where your your smaller Bible you have a hard time reading that and so here is a fairly large print it says giant print I wouldn't call it giant it's 11.25 point if you want to check that out type something in eleven point

two five point on your on your IBM
Selectric speaking to those who need
this Bible if you know what an IBM
Selectric is get this you need it but
pretty that on your computer see if see
what that is like or order one and you
don't even have to take the wrapper off
you can read it right there and take a
look and even if you before you open
that you say you know I don't think so
guess what we stick a little card in
with all of our orders and it's so
easily tells you how to ship it back to
us won't cost you a thing anytime you
get something you don't want or you
changed your mind or you say you know
but I don't have a job anymore because
of this coronavirus whatever it is send
it back to us we'll take it now
but one of the things I like about this
is it's it's small enough to hold in one
hand

and so carrying it to church going back
and forth you know you probably want the
the bigger one for other things for like
for example the Scofield reference Bible
for your study and whatnot but if it's
just too big to handle and take back and
forth and you want something that that
will you know fit in your purse or in
your glove compartment or whatever right
here now it's bonded leather you know
not super high quality but it's a
nice-looking black Bible and I think
their regular 2995 and you get 30% off
which brings it to I don't know a little
over 20 bucks that you can do that so I
don't know if it's up yet at
dispensational publishing but if it's
not it is going to be very soon and
you'll use coupon code Wednesday on that
okay let's get into back into your
questions are about the little
advertising going on there from our
friend Manuel in San Antonio we have a
question on Romans chapter 5 and verse 1
he says does the piece here mean that
the wrath of God is not being poured out
on us because we were delivered from the
wrath to come let's look at Romans
chapter 5 verse 1 therefore being
justified by faith we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus Christ okay
the question again since we have peace
we have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ is that a result of the
fact that the wrath of God is not on us
or that we're delivered from the wrath
to come now he makes reference to being
delivered from the wrath to come which I
believe is 1st Thessalonians chapter 1
verse 10 yes to wait for his son from

heaven whom he raised from the dead even
Jesus which delivered us from the wrath
to come now

the question here really depends upon
the first Thessalonians passage he
delivered us which delivered us from the
wrath to come let's make an assumption
here and I think it's always a good idea
to question the assumptions don't you
so you question this assumption but
let's make an assumption that first
Thessalonians chapter 1 verse 10 is
talking about the church not necessarily
a safe assumption but let's go ahead and
make it let's say it's talking about the
church so we the church are delivered
from the wrath to come now

from that I think that you could say
okay if he has delivered us from the
wrath to come then let me back up then
we have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ this as men was doing takes
peace if you will to be opposite of the
wrath to come it's a it's a pretty good
you know logical connection if we don't
have wrath what do we have why we must
have peace now there's there's there's a
two-fold question one is is it
legitimate that that's talking about
those of us who are believers in Jesus
Christ in this church age that we are
delivered from the wrath to come
therefore we have peace but the second
is what is the wrath to come from which
we have been delivered you could argue
it is hell it you you could hear Manuel
is arguing or or presenting I guess I
should say that the wrath is the lack of
peace or whatever the opposite of peace
the turmoil and because we don't have a
turmoil we have this I'm not sure that
that the connection is there I think
that Romans 5:1 does teach again that we
have peace through God now does it mean
that that peace is a result of not
having wrath certainly helps to be more
p

but I'm not sure they're completely
connected there I might put them just as
two different scriptures I think when
you study this phrase here the wrath to
come let's just take the word wrath and
let's look that up in the Bible the
particular Greek word here now sometimes
it's anger vengeance wrath we've got
through all this and so Matthew chapter
3 verse 7 is the first time we see it
wengie

when John talked to the Pharisees o
generation of vipers who have warned you
to flee the wrath to come now again to
go back to the other side of the screen

there to the right side of your screen
he has delivered us from the wrath to
come that could then be you could build
a good argument to say wait a minute the
Pharisees were told about the wrath to
come and yet that's referring to likely
to the tribulation and so he has
delivered us and first Thessalonians
from the wrath to come I think you could
argue the tribulation again now if by
the way you wanted to take the us in 1st
Thessalonians 1:10 and say that's the
Jewish people who are delivered from the
wrath to come

then the Jewish people we know from
reading the rest of the scripture are
delivered from the wrath to come
not through the rapture but rather they
are delivered through the protection
that is given to the Jewish nation and
especially the 144,000 there so what is
this wrath the first passage looks like
the wrath is the tribulation

now we could go through so many more
passages here but I want to look at - in
Revelation chapter 6 verses 16 and 17 he
said to the mountains and the rocks fall
upon us hide us from the face of him
that sitteth on the throne
and from the wrath of the lamb for the
great day of his wrath is come and who
is able to stand now here we are
talking I believe I'm going by memory
here I believe we're at the fifth right
before the fifth seal of the book of
Revelation

so the wrath to come is definitely there
by the fifth seal of the revelation by
the way stick with us on the book of
Revelation I put the first four seals
actually prior to the seven-year period
so seal number five actually begins the
7-year period it's a minority opinion
I'm not the only one who holds it but it
is a minority opinion on that so then if
we take seal number five are the seven
years as the wrath to come and there we
do have something to nail down the day
of his wrath has come we are delivered
from the wrath to come now what does
that do been and who warned you to flee
the wrath to come that makes the wrath
to come all to be that seven-year period
of the tribulation and then taking that
I am not convinced anyway that you would
have anything other than coincidental
connection with Romans chapter 5 verse 1
being justified by faith we have peace
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
now I think that you could even
responsibly as a Bible teacher you could
you could teach all this about being

spared from the wrath to come and then you could turn around and say I don't know about you but that gives me some peace and as a matter of fact there is the peace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ so an individual does in that sense have the opportunity to have the peace with God through Jesus Christ to be at peace with God or to experience the

of God through Jesus Christ the peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ or the day of his of the wrath of the Lamb has come you do have these two options that are given there so in that they they are somewhat what would you say these opposites and they belong can belong together in that route took a while and that plane didn't it I'm glad that you asked the question though thank you very much

and let's go to a question that comes in today from Jeff our friend up in Trinidad and this question is related to judges chapter 11 verse 30 through 40 and I can almost already tell you the answer is I don't know now here's the question do you think that Jeff the sacrificed his daughter to fulfill his vow in judges 11 30 through 40 you remember Jeff

vowed a vow if thou shalt failed to deliver the children of eminent into my Ammon into my hands it shall be if thou shall without fail deliver the children whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the children of Ammon shall surely be the lords and I will offer it up for a burnt offering so Jeff have passed over the children of Ammon to fight against them the Lord delivered them into his hands he smote them and it goes on they were subdued jephthah came unto his house and behold his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dance this is how my daughter always greeted me when I came home and she was his only child besides her neither son nor daughter and it came to pass when he saw her that he rent his clothes and said alas my daughter thou has brought me very low and thou art one of them that troubled me for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord and I cannot go back and she said my father if thou has to open my mouth unto the Lord do to me according to that which proceeded out of my mouth for as much as the Lord had taken vengeance on thee of thine enemies even the children of ammon and she said to her father let

this thing be done to me let me alone
two months that I may go up and down
upon the mountains be wail my virginity
and my eye and my fellows and he said go
and send her away for two months she
went with her companions be wailed her
virginity upon the mountains and it came
to pass at the end of the two months
that she returned to her father who did
with her according to his vows which he
had vowed and she knew no man and it was
a custom in Israel that the daughters of
Israel went yearly to lament the
daughters of the daughter of Jeff of the
gileadite 4 days in a year now certainly
a tragic story there

one thing I ought to add because it
might not compute with the modern mind
is that her be wailing her virginity
this goes back to Genesis chapter 3
verse 15 that they were looking for the
Messiah and for a young lady not to give
birth to a child meant there's a
possibility that we're still going to
have to keep waiting they were there
almost if I can make a bad illustration
the Mormons today why do the Mormons
have so many children the Mormons have
children and it really is a religious I
would say obligation to have children
because there are souls out there who
need a body they believe in the
pre-existence of the soul and that for a
soul to progress to be a king of his own
planet a God of his own planet that soul
has to first get a body and so all of
these souls without a body need a body
and it's a man and a woman's job to make
a body for the

for the soul to inhabit so Mormons
typically have a lot of children now
with that kind of religious obligation
take that back to the Jewish Old
Testament and a woman is going to give
birth to the Messiah well it was a
woman's duty then to have a have a baby
and we see that all through the Old
Testament Scriptures up until the time
of that Mary was born even we see this
passion that every Jewish woman had
maybe I could be the mother of the
Messiah so that's what's going on there
with the virginity that's taking place
unlike I think today if a you know woman
was be wailing her virginity that would
be mad Carrie completely different
connotations

so that aside now did he carry out his
vow let me just say first of all that
from what you read in this passage yes
he did
it looks like he was true to his word at

just if the plain sense makes common sense seek no other sense that seems to make sense that that's what he did now that doesn't mean it's right the Bible in a sense isn't is a newspaper when when you still have journalists remember what those were and it was just you know to borrow from what was it the New York Times used to say at the top you know all the news this fits print or something like that and now they just make up stuff but but the the Bible when you get into the book of Judges and especially in some of these historical books it was just all the news that was fit to print some of them wouldn't even you know it was right on the verge of we can't even put that in print but it was pretty blunt and put it out there giving no commentary really even is this right or is this wrong the word is this is what happened I think it's best to take it as this is what happened now I think also you can

even even Jewish law Jewish custom Jewish respect for life and say assuming that that's what he did that was despicable and that's God who loves life and give has given everything to protect life does not want

Jephthah to make a stupid vow and if he makes a stupid vow he does not want him to carry out a stupid vow two wrongs don't make a right is what we would say and so what jephthah should have done is said what a huge foolish error I have made but I cannot follow through with it rather what is my daughter worth is it a sacrifice of ten thousand sheep I don't know is there anything in the Torah that speaks of that I've supposed there might be if we were to look in that I'm again I'm not an expert on it just to pull it out of the head hat but it would be worth looking at and worth seeing now let's see if just by chance

bullinger says anything about 11:00 let's say verse thirty-nine because this is the verse in which it tells us that he did according to his vow okay

I've suspected he might go here Bollinger says he did not offer her as a burnt offering for jehovah well did not offer her as a burnt offering for jehovah could not accept that therefore jephta must have dedicated to her to the lord by a perpetual virginity such a vow was provided for in Leviticus 27 see note on verse 31 I assume that is verse 31 of this chapter by the way and she knew no man okay now he does have an argument here maybe he says this is

conclusive it has nothing to do a
sacrificial death but it has to do with
the dead

life of Jehovah so if you take it this
is the strongest piece of his argument
here he did with her trying to get that
according to his vow which he had vowed
and she knew no man now this is the
perfect tense which probably could be
taken she from that point forward knew
no man but I'm not sure that that that
word requires it or even naturally would
go there I think that it just comes back
around and says when he did it she knew
no man she had she was a virgin at that
point and so it became a custom of
Israel that the daughters of Israel went
yearly to lament the daughter of
Jephthah and you know Bullinger comes on
the left side of your screen here to
lament to rehearse with as in five
eleven to celebrate her dedication in
praises now I would just say to dr.
Bollinger who's way smarter than I am
that lament and celebrate in praises
doesn't really sound the same he he
might only say he might be able to
convince me but he's got some splainin
to do is what I would say on that
now I had a feeling he would go there
because I he and I have lunch together
quite often and I just kind of know the
way Thanks and this is one area in which
I probably am going to disagree would
love to hear more of his argument here
but again even when you go up to his
argument notice he says that Jephthah
must have dedicated her to the Lord by
perpetual virginity he didn't because
Jehovah couldn't accept that well I mean
people did a lot of things that Jehovah
couldn't accept and and I'm sure this
fala Jephthah did a lot of things that
Jehovah could not couldn't accept so I
don't know that I agree with Boleyn
jurors argumentation on their looks to
me in a plain reading of the text like
he did exactly what he said I don't
think he should have I think he should
have perhaps you know given a vow of
Perpetual virginity if indeed Leviticus
chapter 27 does call for that and
require for that or something else he
should have done but when you when you
make a stupid pledge it's not always
best to continue in stupidity somewhere
along the way someone has to say let's
stop the train and let's do this a
little differently so I think he did it
it's my personal opinion now one of the
other things I would recommend is to
look at some of the again Jewish

interpretation of it you might go to
chabad.org or Gits CH a BA D dot o-r-g
and look up the rabbinical teaching on
it see what the rabbi's say I Bullinger
might be influenced by the rabbi's here
he might have some teaching there might
have some some more substance that we're
not saying in the English we do have the
challenge of where we've got English
this was Hebrew English as a utilitarian
language Hebrew is an artistic language
you know did did all that communicate
well maybe not so but the English
certainly looks like he did exactly what
he said there okay okay

Corey is telling me he's looking it up
right here that Habad does say there's a
little ambiguity in the language and it
III will offer or and and or there's
some ambiguity there chabad.org did you
just look at judge

11:30 when you do better I put in
jephthah okay go to Habad org look up
Jessa might give you some insight there
Jeff who has several daughters don't
thank you Jeff excellent question and a
question from Bob up a Newport our
friend up there has the weather today in
Newport Washington Washington is still I
believe am I not mistaken that is number
two in the coronavirus cases so you stay
healthy course Bob lives in Newport
which is rural and away from all the the
people there right but does prison
ministry so you'd be careful there do
you still hold that the church is not
the Bride of Christ I do I that that
there are three things I would say
Church is not the bride we are not the
Saints and God doesn't speak today I
have probably I'm gonna use the term
loss more friends might be an
exaggeration I've probably lost more
friends over that issue or more people
disagree with me over those three issues
I should say not that issue over those
three issues than any other issues so
all of that to say that I would
fellowship with someone who believes
that the church is the Bride of Christ
during the fellowship I would want them
to explain themselves a speaking of
splainin I don't see the church
presented as the Bride of Christ
I see an analogy one analogy of Paul in
which he says I'd like to present you as
a chaste virgin that is the only thing
they've got to go on really is you know
that's what Paul says that's not enough
argument for me especially when you have
a number of pretty strong arguments like
book of Revelation chapter 21 come here

I'll show you the bride Hey look there she is the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven in the Old Testament you say well how can a city be a bride I don't know but in the Old Testament talks about Beulah land

Beulah means married here's the bride the Song of Solomon you've read that before you know and how pleased your wife is when you come in and say boy your hair is like a flock of goats and your neck is like a tower she just feels so romantic

when you say that right but if the Song of Solomon is talking about the bride I think it is and if the bride is actually the land those descriptions then all of a sudden become perfect so you've got and the Abrahamic promise was a land promise and Christ is the seed of

Abraham I mean there's so many things that tie together to say the land and inherent with the land I think comes the people of Israel is the bride and it's then therefore somewhat of a replacement theology to take the church as the bride

now if you don't take the church as a bride I mean I know that again the serves the evangelical parents but in this case they're evangelicals they're Protestants and they're Catholic all of the religious parrots have come in

harmony saying that the church is the Bride of Christ so if you say the church is not the Bride of Christ you're a little bit branded as a heretic I need a heretic button too so you know just it comes slap heretic right across again would you add that to the list and so

you're you're you're labeled as a heretic but it's one of those things I would take and say okay what if we remove this from our description of the church does it fundamentally make any difference not really I mean you just

you don't call her the Bride of Christ anymore you reserve that for someone someone else but the difference on the positive side it makes is we don't put ourselves where the where Israel should have been we avoid replacement theology that does make a great degree of

difference so what if I'm wrong I think I think the more conservative position is to be wrong on this the more conservative position is to say I at least have doubts whether the church is the Bride of Christ because it's just built upon an analogy and I'm not gonna go there

I also think that the Catholic Church by the way who started this Bride of Christ

theology that they they they what was the old farm and saying you know make them make hay or whatever they made hay with this and that's why you go down to some South American little hovel and in the middle of you know people living in cardboard boxes and everything else here's this grand Cathedral why she's the bride and what does the bride do she dresses up she she always is in her spectacular best so there's some practical theology that comes from the way we view the church as the bride I think here it's an incorrect one so I you're correct that I do not hold that the church is the Bride of Christ thanks Bob I appreciate your question and let's go to sue on YouTube what does Psalm 46:10 really mean it is so overused out of context a passage of Scripture overused you've got to be kidding I mean out of context overuse let's look up psalm 46 verse 10 be still and know that I am God I will be exalted among the heathen I will be exalted in the earth do you notice that they don't really ever quote the last part of the verse it's just the first part of the verse be still and know that I am God now let's go ahead and do a couple of things one let's pull up this particular word still and take a quick look at it okay idol forsake fail slack had again Hebrew has this broad broad range still doesn't appear to be one of the most common even feeble so let her alone I think it would probably be tell you what let's this is not my favorite thing to do but I'm going to go ahead and do it let's pull up Strong's so it's feeble let's see we have feeble six times fail four times quite at you see it goes all through so the definitions here let's see this is in the fill right here to let drop to abandon to relax to refrain to forsake okay that III think as sue said it's often used out of context and usually it's used I don't know when when you want to hear a word from God be still and know that I am God when the preachers right but everybody in the congregation thinks he's wrong you don't need to just be still and know that I am God he'll come through just a ton of ways in which the passage I think is misused now notice again the word in its root has to do with feebleness fail weekend alone faint all these kind of things that are given drop down so with that ven and putting that in its context be still and know that I am God I will be exalted among

the heathen I will be exalted in the earth the Lord of Hosts is with us the God of Jacob is our refuge now I would guess what's going to form 47 probably gonna be a yeah this was to say it's probably gonna be a very victorious Psalm clap your hands all you people shout unto God with the voice of triumph clap your hands how are you people shout unto God with the voice of triumph right for the Lord Most High is terrible he's great king over the earth this is the pattern in the Psalms and have I mentioned that I'm going to be teaching the Psalms in the in Branson over Labor Day weekend pick the retreat button on our website Randy Wright ministries org but the pattern of the Psalms is there's a revelation and then there's a time of the remnant going through the the tribulation a time of trouble and then there is the rain you see this over and over with the Psalms revelation remnant rain now I would guess that this the rest of psalm 46 I haven't studied it here this is just a guess from knowing the Psalms is going to be a troublesome Psalm let's look at it here psalm 46 god is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble we will not fear though the earth be removed the mountains be carried to the midst of the sea doesn't this sound like the tribulation time of trouble this was what it's talking about though the waters roar the mountains shake rivers stream I'm this is not a good time God is in the midst of her she shall not be moved God shall help her and that

writerly
the heathen rage the kingdoms were moved he uttered his voice the earth melted this is talking about the time of the tribulation the Lord of Hosts is with us the God of Jacob is our refuge come behold the works of the Lord what desolations have made in the earth this is what is going to happen to the Jewish people is there going to come to him during the time of the tribulation he maketh Wars to cease in an end of the earth he breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear asunder he burn it the chariots in the fire be still and know that I am God I will be exalted among the heathen that is to say hey Jewish people give up come and rest in the shadow of the Almighty and let him take care of your your feeble mess if you will drop down give up and give up by trusting in him and so it really is again in its context it's a

tribulation Psalm for the Jews now as I mentioned I believe yesterday speaking about those seven letters are they're incidental applications that you can make absolutely you know in this this time let's say of of all this kovat 19 and all this that goes on I would encourage you from time to time just be still sometimes we say it like this take a breath

it's gonna be okay wait a minute hang on that that application can go just about anywhere but if we just take those words right there be still and know that I am God then we just missed out on all of psalm 46 and then some 47 that it ties in to where they celebrate trap your hands all you people and they celebrate the fact that he has come then to rain so I think it's better to take a passage in its context so then we know the context then once again the incidental kind of stuff isn't good for us to sit back and just let God do his work

sometimes absolutely is but again the standard is be still and know that I'm God next time someone you know quotes it say hey don't you just love the way that fits in with psalm 46 and 47 that's all you got to say and then just kind of sit back be still and watch them begin to rise and pain don't you just love how that fits in with psalm 46 and 47 oh yes oh my goodness oh yeah yeah yeah

and and then say you know sometimes when we sing that song about you know clap your hands all you people I'm just reminded how that ties in what do you think about the way it ties in with be still and know that I am God well uh Polly wants a cracker

see we missed the whole context out of it when we do this kind of stuff and there's richness in the context that I think we ought to get and the the challenge I think is that we don't really not our audience here but we in general don't really value verse by verse line by line doctrinal kind of Bible teaching what we do value is pick a little piece like be still and know that I am God and find some stories that are encouraging in there and find a few jokes that are encouraging in there and you know do this and say man we can do this people we're gonna be still and know that I am this time that God has given us in which we can't come to church and we can't go to work he's just telling us to be still be still people oh the joys that are gonna come in the

morning and okay you got your you know your your EBG bees through it all and felt really good when it was all done and they loved that story you know and all that kind of kind of stuff and you've got a tear in your eye and that was real good and you feel good that's all good but you can read The Reader's Digest too I think still exists oh good Corey's young he said it does so it must yeah you know if you want to if you want to be encouraged read the the guideposts Reader's Digest whatever is that you want to read it so there's encouragement in there so yeah excellent comment or question there sooo appreciate that I just looked at this little long list of questions must be Monday okay let's see second Timothy chapter 1 verse 9 a question from Jeff I 2nd Timothy 1 not 9 is Paul speaking of he and Timothy or exclusively to the body of Christ generally verse 9 says who have saved us that is Christ the power of God who has saved us and called us with a holy calling not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began now I have said this a couple of times but I want to go ahead and give this disclaimer strangely enough 1st and 2nd Timothy I have not done a line-by-line study so with that as a disclaimer let me say I would want to look up and see who us is now it may be true that well in fact let me just jump right down here to verse 10 the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ now we might say well he's my Savior and Jeff says he's my Savior so he's our Savior so verse 10 is about us and therefore verse 9 is about us but obviously that's not going to be very good scriptural work so what I would want to do in 2nd Timothy is to go back and see if we can definitively find who the US is in Timnath instance we're in Chapter one and that's just verse nine let's just take a very quick look at it here Paul an apostle by the will of God to Timothy so what we would somewhat expect here is that Paul and Timothy might be us but let's see I thank God who whom I serve that's Paul with pure conscience that I remember the Paul remembers Timothy in prayers greatly designed see Timothy being remindful of Timothy's tears when Paul calls to remembrance the unfeigned faith it's in Timothy dwelt first in Lois Eunice you remember this passage I

put thee in remembrance to stir up the gift which is in thee for God has not given us a spirit of fear now here you would have to determine has has Paul begun to speak generally here is in verses 136 he's speaking very specifically the gift of God which is within thee that comes back down to you know the this grace which was given us this calling you know you could tie six to nine together and argue for a specific interpretation rather than a general interpretation now you come to verse 7 for God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power now what are we gonna do with us there I think shall we say legally the only thing you can do with us is Paul and Timothy Paul says hey Tim Paul hasn't given you and I excuse me God has not given you and I a spirit of fear but of power and love and a sound mind he's talking about the two of them I think legally that's where you have to go that's what the grammar says if you're if you've you know taken it to a court and say hey I've got a lawsuit here's the contract who's who does it belong to they're gonna say you know it's it's got to be Paul and Timothy that's the only ones there so that's the safest thing to say by the way that might avoid some of the misuse that we do with verse seven their God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and a sound mind and yet does that mean all Christians have to have a spirit of power and love and a sound mind this is way it's taught today but what about Christians who do have a spirit of fear are they not saved are they not walking in the spirit we know what's up there well maybe this is not something for the entire body of Christ but Paulo Timothy don't have a spirit of fear be not thou now I would I think that strengthens the argument that us here is Paul and Timothy because he's been speaking very specifically he goes on very specifically in here why what gives us authorization to say no that's general and seven specific and six general and seven specific innate be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord nor of me his prisoner but be thou a partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel according to the power of God which hath saved us now I think I'm gonna go with this specific of Paul and Timothy once again as I've said a couple of times a day and once or

twice yesterday incidentally is there a connection that we can make maybe so the second thing I would do as I'm following this though I would say it looks to me like the pronouns are specific not general then I would want to say okay let's let scripture interpret Scripture has he saved us well we could go through and say yeah Jeff and Randy have been saved has he called us with a holy calling that I would need to look into the scripture I would I would argue that Randy white was not called with a holy calling at least in a specific way you know what my phone never rang anyway it wasn't I didn't have any kind of mystical experience you know somebody shared the gospel with me is that a calling with a holy calling now the Calvinists of course I know before the foundations of the world and all these kind of things not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace you know this is Paul's experience we don't totally know Timothy's experience but that probably would fit Timothy so his grace which was given us in Jesus Christ before the world began Paul talks about being separated from the womb for this particular task so it's certainly true of Paul it could be true of Timothy but if you take that in a more general sense the grace of God was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began it wasn't announced to later or reveal till later but neither was Paul's ministry or Timothy's ministry for that matter I think the the preponderance of evidence is going to come to say this is not really referring to the body of Christ in general rather it is referring specifically to Paul and Timothy in that thanks Jeff great question coming on YouTube and Joel on Facebook how can you explain to people who Israel is today many believe the church and Israel are the same is their scripture to use or to or an easy way of explaining to those who don't understand it should be easy because we should read the Bible literally and if we read the Bible literally we look at Jeff Jeff is that who we were looking at Jehoshaphat Jeff though we look at Jeff that as Jeff though he didn't allegorize anything we didn't at the spiritual eyes that he was Jeff oh and we would do the same for Jehoshaphat too you know fat fat Jehoshaphat and we don't you know we read those guys just literally there's a guy named Israel - his name was Jay

campi was attained changed to Israel if we would read Israel literally all along the way then nobody would believe that the church and Israel are the same in fact I would say that if you you know found somebody who had never read the Bible before say here it is you know read it

give them the personal size giant print reference Bible that you can get on sale using coupon code Wednesday they read it and when you're done

I've got you know a few questions I'm gonna ask you about it so they go they read it and say who is Israel why Israel is the church that's they wouldn't come up with that in a thousand years you you know the only way they would come up with that is to read Catholic documents and the problem is that we these you know many believe that the church in Israel are the same they have been inundated by Catholic theology it doesn't matter if they're Baptists they've been inundated by Catholic theology and it doesn't matter if they're Presbyterians if you know we're reformed we don't old Catholic theology well I guess you haven't read your document because it's Catholic and so they got all of this Catholicism and Catholicism perverted from the days of origin when it started having this allegorical interpretation of the scripture it perverted scriptures what it did and then that got passed down one generation after another so the only reason that it's not easy to understand or you know the question again is their scripture to use or an easy way of explaining those who don't understand the easy way to explain it is go back and read it there's never a place that talks about Israel being the church he's oh yeah in Galatians it talks about the Israel of God we're about to put out a little booklet about that you know who's the Israel of God by the way our friend Giroux Elrod but if again if you were just reading that normally you would say the Israel of God is the Israel that God established it happens to be the one that you know comes from Abraham Jacob that that Israel that's the only thing you'd get out of there so you have to read theologians in order to get Israel as the church now that said so you begin to look at it and you say okay well why is it that so many people believe it it's because they've been taught and allegorize inor spiritualizing way of reading scripture

as a mini have said before when you
spiritual eyes you make spiritual eyes
and that's whatever they've got is a
bunch of spiritual eyes and it's amazing
how strongly they hold to that so I
think what we have to do is get them to
question the assumptions if they'll
begin to question the assumptions the
entire facade will begin to crumble
one brick at a time and we've got so
many people on this program myself
included that used to you know live in
this in this red brick building built by
the church that all of a sudden I said
oh I gotta take that brick out I gotta
take this brick out this brick out this
brick out this way eventually the whole
thing crumbles and that's when you come
and say I got to redo my theology and
and that's when the Bible really becomes
to life to you as well so I think that
we could probably find and pardon me for
not doing this here on this program but
what excuse me we could probably find a
number of scriptures that say hey look
you know I mean it's right there it's
Israel what's Israel the the problem is
they've got all these preconceived
notions in it I think probably we would
need to start with how do you read the
Bible read the Bible literally and take
them through a number of passages first
before we ever even get to Israel take
them through a number of passages start
with the simplest where you just have to
take it literally and then go to the
next one that maybe is a little harder
so yeah I think I've got to take that
little build three or four or five six
these of these issues one of my
favorites to do is Joshua chapter 1
verse 8 this book of the law shall not
depart from your mouth you shall
meditate on it day and night that may
just observe to do according to all
that's written therein for it then thou
shalt make thy way prosperous and then
thou shalt have success now
I actually teach a person let's read
that literally what does it say start at
the end of the verse
well it says if you do everything you're
going to be prosperous and successful
say ok of the believers deed that you
know has that been proven to be true
well some of them but what about all of
them know what does prosperity mean I
think it means you're rich Oh what must
mean something else here right doesn't
mean that oh you're right it means to
have a spiritual walk with God well
let's let's take a look let's take this

word prosperous and we can easily just look up and do a few comparisons here oh look it's you 65 times and let's see I think it means to have a wonderfully rich relationship with God let's just choose random we'll go right here Samuel took the Horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of the Brethren the Spirit of the Lord came upon him that day forward oops oh how about that sometimes it just means came let's go with when it's just prosperous here here's a random-ass counsel we pray thee of God that we may know whether always we which we go would lead us into a healthy relationship with God kumbaya my lord

we wouldn't spiritualize it there you can go through all of these and we would need to refine my search there by the way to get it all in that same format where it means prosperous and you're gonna find out it means rich that's what it means

so why in Joshua 1:8 now I think what happens is eventually you're going to force them to come to say thou shalt make him rich

and successful but that doesn't happen to everybody why well because it first of all says this book of the law that's the Torah in fact the literal word is Torah shall not depart from thy mouth and then all we have to say is take your personal sized giant print reference Bible and look up at the top of the page and see who the eye is one guy his name's Joshua

it's a promise to him now let's read it absolutely literally Joshua if you'll take the Torah you will be careful to do according to all that is written in that you'll meditate upon that day and night if you'll do that you'll be prosperous and successful

let's test Joshua chapter 2 chapter 3 chapter 4 chapter 5 all the way to chapter what is a twenty eight twenty nine right in there and guess what he's faithful all the way through to the Torah and in the end it has a wonderful relationship with God and he's prosperous and successful

now if we can start a person there that trains them how to read the Bible and if they know how to read the Bible they'll never ever ever come up with Israel as the church you have to be Catholic to come up with that view or not have reformed well enough look at Andy woods book ever reforming so then in that case it doesn't matter if you're the president of the Southern Baptist

Convention you're still way too Catholic and all of that how do I have so many questions I just I'm done I'm not gonna be able to finish them all here today but we will I'll take one more and then we'll save those questions I am before you run off by the way so past lunchtime some of you got to get back to work does anybody work anymore we hope the Senate is but anyway uh I do want to say I am gonna be back tonight about 9:45 we'll do our theological insomniac I'll be back tomorrow as well but let's see my next question do I have any that I have to take today so I'll check with my boss on that but I do want to while he's looking at that I do want you to sign up for the John Nelson Darby Academy by the way you can do that free go to the blog button at dispensational publishing read and follow this a few days will put the date on these because there's gonna be a number of them and if you miss this at the beginning of the broadcast just go check out the the predictions this guy's a mathematician he's also a Christian and he's also very smart and he gives some models all I'm gonna say is we're gonna follow those models and see each day if they're correct so far he has been spot-on and it's because he knows statistics like the back of his hand and when you know statistics you can mathematically project out not prophetically but mathematically project it out so let's just follow along and do that I've been doing it several days already now and you follow along several days I think you'll find some encouragement in all of that yeah okay sorry about we're gonna do Rick's question is it a greatest lesson or okay here we go so the rest of you who didn't get that chosen it's because he chose I don't have the Corey cam on today so you can't I can't look to blame him is let's see it's not that one uh here we go Rick had two questions and I can't get the one I want here we go what are the greatest lessons theological and practical the church should learn from this coronavirus issue and how how does the coronavirus affect pastors with no air hashtag bald theology the greatest lessons theological and practical you know I probably should analyze this a little more and ruminate on it which we all have time to do these days but as I

am thinking about it I think that the we
have to realize as pastors and as
Christians we have to realize that we
live in a world which is in a constant
state of flux that there are no
guarantees in this world I can promise
you even even at the most radical a
month ago nobody would have projected
what we have today and a month ago this
thing was already brewing and just
couldn't have even seen it coming and
certainly you know you go back to the
beginning of the year and you know we
all sang you know happy New Year to you
and economy is good we expect things
that to go you know on the radio this
morning I heard one fellow saying that
unemployment could go up to 30%
I didn't look that up but I'm I am sure
i think the height of the Great
Depression was about 25 percent I'm
going from memory here but I got a bald
head so that that exceeds great
depression levels who could have guessed
that with what we've got so I think that
one of the things we have to say
theologically is that we better not ever
trust in tomorrow whether it's our
business or our church or even our way
of life that it can turn on a dime and
as believers I think have to be have to
try as best we can to equip for that
sometimes believers have either just
turned it and said you know it what
comes may what you know what comes comes
que sera sera whatever will be will be
it's an old hymn uh and they've taken
that approach you know just trust God
and go along I can appreciate I can
understand that others have taken the
approach by gold and green beans and
hide under the bed it's coming that gets
a little old and a little bit Henny
Penny is she the one that this guy was
falling we should have the quarry kam
you should see that face it's the face
of I have a child and another one on the
way and yet I don't know Myra nursery
rhymes because I'm too young what's
what's wrong with the world today that
there's some where they quit using
nursery rhymes but somebody said the sky
is falling I think it's any penny and
and and there's that approach somewhere
we have to balance life in the middle
and the theological reminder that we've
got through this to live a life in that
kind of balance we don't want to live in
utter fear all the time we don't want to
live disconnected from reality all the
time and then we have to look and we
have to say how do we progress the kind

of thinking that we need to have in times like this without overlooking the fears that individuals have there's a lot of mixture in there I guess the theological lesson is life is not very easy and take it one day at a time I'll chew on that a little bit okay a lot more on there sorry that we've got to run today it's been a blessing to be with you on this ask the theologian Monday's always seem to be the the they that the questions flood in and then just got more than I can handle today but dispensation of publishing comm check that blog tonight 9:45 ish on YouTube only youtube.com slash Randy white because Nathan still taking care of a beautiful little baby girl and so he hasn't got me set up yet to do the full broadcasting from my shed up there so the sounds not very good its YouTube only but we have fun and we'll be on tonight again if you'd like to get a 30% off the the Bible I don't know if it's up yet but it will be soon and the coupon code is Wednesday been a blessing to be with you and speaking of Wednesday I got a special broadcast dr. Daniel Nasim 6 p.m. mountain times gonna talk about live so we'll take questions and we'll talk about anti-semitism and the Holocaust he is a Jewish believer I look forward to that you join us for that will try to give you plenty to listen to on these days of turmoil I look forward to hearing from you Randy at Randy white ministries dot RG that's our website as well Randy white ministry so our G always blessing to see you until next time question the assumptions god bless you