



# *ANOINTED WOMAN*

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Devoid, devoid, devoid of the spirit. That's the language of the Bible. To refer to people who don't know anything about God. They've never opened the word of God. They've never felt the presence of God. They've never prayed to God. They've never praised God. They are completely godless, no understanding of the things of God whatsoever. When these people grow up to raise children, they raise children who know nothing of God. Next thing you know, you've got generations that are godless and ungodly. They have no awareness of the presence of God. They have no understanding of the voice of the Lord. They have no belief in the judgment of God. They don't know where they come from. They don't know why they're here, and they don't know who they will give an account to. When all is said and done, there's no sense of urgency, passion, or purpose. And as these generations continue, it leads to just cultural decline. Things can always get worse. In contrast, the Bible talks about those who are not devoid of the spirit, but rather those who are filled with the spirit. These are the small minority group of people who do believe in the Word of God, who do believe in the Son of God, who do believe in the promises of God. Those people are the weirdos, the outliers, the freaks, the minorities, the Bible thumpers, and the Jesus freaks. Can I get an amen? Everybody else has come out of the closet. I think it's time to stop being ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. And what we're seeing as we're studying judges is that we're living in the days of the judges. The theme is judges 21, 25. Everyone did what was right in their own eyes. What that means is no one did what was right in the eyes of God. And for those of us that have the spirit, we don't want to just see life through our eyes, but through his eyes. We don't wanna live life through our eyes, but through his eyes. And what happens in every generation is that the culture gets darker and more demonic and people who live without the spirit, they welcome unholy spirits. In this book of judges, we're gonna meet Baal, the chief Canaanite demon God. He's still at work seeking to seduce people through power and prosperity. You're gonna meet Astra. She is the chief Canaanite demon goddess. She is about pleasure and seduction. And so it is pleasure and power and passion and prosperity that drive their culture. In ours 24 times, these beings, these divine unseen, demonic beings are referred to as the gods. And ultimately, if you don't walk with the Holy Spirit, you will walk with an unholy spirit. Those are your options. Everyone is spiritual, but not everyone is spirit filled. And what happens with those who are devoid of the spirit, they put intense pressure on those who do have the spirit to compromise their convictions. No one likes to be the oddball, the outcast over time, cultures that are devoid of the spirit, they no longer just see what the Bible says and what God's people believe as being wrong, but they then see it as immoral. This is where we find ourselves in the days of the judges. And today, as we are living in the days of the judges, what the word of God says ultimately is seen in our culture as not just foolish but is hostile. Not just something that is ignorant, but something that is immoral. If someone or something is just stupid or wrong, you can ignore it. But if it's immoral, then it is moral for you to stop it. We call this social justice. It's tremendous injustice. It's people devoid of the spirit, trying to tell people with the spirit what is right and wrong. And when this cultural pressure comes, you only have two options. They only had two options. You can surrender or you can stand. And if you surrender, you're going to bend your knee to the culture. You're going to no longer be controversial or get in trouble or be marginalized or outcast. All of a sudden you're accepted and celebrated, especially if you still claim to belong to God. But your beliefs and behaviors are in contradiction to his word. And generation after generation feels this pressure. And every generation there is then a, a handful of people usually starting with a, a differentiated anointed spirit-filled leader who stand up. They call the shots, they take the shots, they have the courage and the nerve to say and do what God says needs to be said and done. They live not out of fear of man, but fear solely of the Lord. And

these people are anointed of God. These people have a special fresh anointing in the Holy Spirit. And this is the theme of judges, those who are devoid of the spirit and those who are filled with the spirit. And for those who are filled with the spirit, it talks in the Bible about an anointing. An anointing flows down from God. When leaders in the Bible are anointed, they're often anointed with oil poured out on them, showing the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. And as oil flows down, so the the presence of God and the anointing of God flows down from leadership. This is why everything rises or falls with leadership. If there's not an anointed leader in your home, there will be unholy spirits. If there's not an anointed leader in the church, there will be unholy spirits. If there is not an anointed leader in your business, there will be unholy spirits. Wherever there is a vacuum, demons are happy to fill. And this leads us to the thought of being anointed. And this is living in the presence of God and living by the power of God and living for the praises of God. And of course, anointing not only flows down from a leader, but ultimately from our Lord Jesus Christ. Literally Christ means anointed in the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, he begins his public ministry saying, the spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has anointed me. So Jesus right now is king of kings, Lord of lords. He has risen from dead. He is ruling and reigning in heaven in the unseen realm, and he is our anointed hand and he is our judge. As we look at these two themes and roles within judges, Jesus is our judge and he is the one who is anointed of the Holy Spirit. He judged us on the cross and he died in our place for our sins. Our judge ultimately took our place and paid our price. Now he is high and exalted and anointing flows down from him on those of us who are Christians, the children of God. And what happens if you live an anointed life? You have a sense of power and purpose. You have expectancy and hope and anticipation. Two things I want you to know about the anointing, and then we will look at those who are devoid of the spirit versus those who are filled of the spirit in the days of judges. Number one, you can get a fresh and new anointing. This is the story of Deborah When you meet her, she's getting a fresh new anointing to be a judge, a military strategist, to be a prophet and a worship leader. These were not things that she was raised to do. These were things that God anointed her afresh to do. I have good news for some of you. You're in a season, you don't know what to do or where to go. You're looking before you and you're unsure what to do or how you're gonna make it. The Holy Spirit can anoint you. He can give you a fresh anointing. Some of you need a fresh anointing on your life because you're hurting and suffering. Some of you need a fresh anointing in your business because it's gone dry. Some of you need a fresh anointing in your parenting because your child is a prodigal. Some of you need a fresh anointing in your marriage because it's dry and the pouring out of the oil of the Holy Spirit, it brings this refreshment. I like to refer to these as the oily Christians. The oily Christians are the ones who are saturated in the presence and power of God, and God gives them a fresh anointing. Conversely, there are those who don't lose their salvation, but do lose their anointing. Let me say this. If Jesus died for your sins and you truly believe in him, you can't lose your salvation. You're going to go to heaven. But along the way, it's going to be very dry. It's not going to be very oily. You're gonna be living a life devoid of the spirit. Even though you have access to the spirit, your sin is causing your relationship with the Holy Spirit to be grieved, to be quenched, to be resisted, to use the language of the Bible. And so Deborah is the anointed leader filled with the spirit and the Israelites, the people of God. They're living without the spirit and they haven't lost God's covenant blessing, but they have lost His Holy Spirit anointing. So let me set the story up and then we're gonna jump in. So the story begins way back in Genesis. There's a man named Abraham. God anoints him, says, you're gonna be the father of a nation. I'm gonna give you a son. Your son's gonna become a nation. You're gonna be the nation of Israel. He then relocates

and God gives him that land. His family lives there for a season, and then famine occurs and they have to flee the country for purposes of survival. God promised and prophesied all of this in Genesis. The family then moves to Egypt. They're therefore more than 400 years a king rises up in slaves and abuses them. It is a demonic, demonic nation. Then God raises up Moses as this savior and deliver, and God does supernatural wonders around him. And he is the anointed man of God. And ultimately, he delivers God's people through supernatural miracle. God's people then complain, grumble, they sense, uh, entitlement. And they worship false gods. They're Americans. So they're walking around the woods, they're walking around the woods for 40 years. That generation dies on the precipice of the promised land. And then the next generation with Joshua enters and occupies the promised land. Back in the days of Moses, uh, God gave them a series of commands in a book called Deuteronomy. And what God said was, eventually you're gonna stop walking around the woods. You will get to the promised land when you arrive. Do these things. Don't do these things. Don't marry these people. Don't worship with these people. Don't go into business with these people. They are Canaanites. They have unholy spirits, not the Holy Spirit. They have the counterfeit of God's anointing. They have instead the empowerment of Satan's anointing. I've got it in this study guide. You can look it up for yourself, the commands in Deuteronomy and then the disobedience in judges, but ju judges one, two, and three. It categorizes and it catalogs the failures of God's people to do exactly what he said. And that will set up Deborah, who you'll meet in judges chapter four. Are you ready? All right. It's not going to be this intense forever, but it will be for the next hour just to let you know where we're going. Um, because if you're looking at our world and you don't have a sense of urgency, you're not paying attention. And so you, you can't lose your salvation, but you can lose your anointing. We're gonna look at four anointing killers. Number one, greed. Just good old fashioned greed. God told them, when you occupy the promised land, the Canaanites will be there. They have unholy spirits. These are evil people. Don't tolerate them. Instead, what you need to do is displace them or destroy them. That's not what God's people did. They did not drive out the inhabitants. The Canaanites persisted in dwelling in the land. When Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to force labor, but it did not drive them out completely. God says, get rid of them. And God's people say, no, rather we will enslave them. A couple of things I want you to know. Number one, we are often our own worst enemy. As you read the remainder of judges, the Canaanites are continually a problem, but it's because God's people allowed them into the nation and didn't dismiss them. Sometimes people do great harm in our life, and it's our fault because we open the door and welcome them. And you can't just look at people and say, I'm a victim. Look what they did to me. You're a fool. You allowed them access to your life. In addition, you can make noise if you want. I'm gonna yell either way. I'll be good. In addition, big destruction begins with a little compromise. All they did to destroy their nation and their family and their legacy was disobey one command in the word of God, God said, dismiss them or destroy them. How many of you right now, God has spoken to you, he said something and you're ignoring it. And right now it's not a big problem. Satan doesn't show up all at once. He just comes a bit at a time. And sometimes big destruction begins with little compromise. In addition, abuse people, abuse people unless they heal and forgive. This entire family had been enslaved for generations in Egypt, as soon as they get free, they start enslaving people. We live in a generation that talks a lot about their trauma. Let me say this, if you don't forgive and heal from trauma, you will go from being a victim to being a villain. This is why some people who have been abused, they abuse people. Children who grow up in a violent home, if they don't heal and forgive and get an anointing to begin again, then they end up abusing and harming their own children. That's right.

Your parents' marriage may have blown up because of adultery and divorce, but if you don't heal and forgive from that, you're going to repeat the cycle. That's where sin becomes generational curses. And this is the case as the book of judges traces these themes for 300 years. Don't just ask, how have they harmed me? Asked who am I harming? In addition, evil people will benefit you until they got you. If you go into business or ministry or a dating or sexual relationship with an evil person for a season, it will benefit you and then they will gut you. This is the situation with the Canaanites. Initially, they were a benefit. If you enslaved people, they make you rich and do all your work. And then eventually they're demonically possessed and filled and they raise up and they kill and destroy and gut you. Who do you need to cut off? I just feel inclined in the spirit to say this. Some of you employers, you need to fire those people before they gut you. Some of you dating relationships, you need to break up with those people before they gut you. Some of you are in business with people and you know they're evil, but right now they're profitable. You need to cut them off before they gut you out. That's what he's telling his people. And Jesus ultimately says, you cannot worship simultaneously both God and money. You've gotta make a decision. Am I gonna live for profit or praise? And ultimately, these people chose prophet because if you have slaves, that absolutely enhances your business. How many of you're business owners and you would love free employees? How many of you, if you could get rid of payroll on your cashflow report, your your, your numbers would be very different and your profit margin would be much greater. And here's the big idea. God wants you. God wants you to be rich on the inside. On the inside. I don't care whether you're rich or poor on the outside, but I care very much as your pastor, that you're rich on the inside. And there are times in life where you've gotta decide, am I gonna be rich on the outside or rich on the inside? If you're rich on the inside, you're filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. You have a clear conscience. Your sins are forgiven, you're sensitive to the presence of God. You, you demonstrate and manifest the fruit of the spirit. Love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. You. You have the character of Christ and the anointing of the spirit. And you may not have much outside, but you are very rich inside. At some point in all of our lives, we've gotta make a decision. Am I gonna be rich on the outside or the inside? Now, you can be rich on the outside and the inside, but I'm asking you this, if you had to choose and be honest with yourself in the spirit of God, if you had to choose external riches versus internal riches, which choice would you make? They decided that being rich externally was more important than being rich internally. So they got rid of God in the name and for the purpose of prophet. And, and let me say this, the theme in judges is everyone did what was right in their own eyes. And I don't want you to just read the Bible and be like, I can't believe those greedy, perverted people. Okay? Just so you know, we're a bunch of Canaanites, just so you know, right? Welcome to the United States of Canaan. Welcome to it. We're just, our whole economy is held up by the Canaanites overconsumption, sex, drugs, alcohol, gambling, and the entire infrastructure of our culture is held together by lies, okay? And what we're seeing is actually every generation in judges gets a little worse. This is the opposite of the progressive myth of progress, right? If you're a progressive, let me correct that for you. Progressivism says, we're good in getting better. The Bible says we're bad in getting worse. Yeah. And we're seeing this in America as we're following. The pattern of the judges, judges again, covers 300 years of history. The United States of America is roughly 250 years into our history. We are following this judge's pattern. I'll show it to you. Um, this is, uh, the Gallup poll. If you look on the left, it says that people value money more than ever. On the right, it says that people value God less than ever. That's exactly where we are. If you ask the average person, do you wanna be rich inside or outside? Outside

anointing? Killer number two, tolerance. Tolerance in our culture is a virtue. But in the Bible, it is a vice. If you tolerate, evil will dominate. God told them in Deuteronomy 12, when you arrive, get rid of all of their worship places. These are just grotesque, sexual, corrupt, uh, bars and brothels in the name of worship, God said, get rid of these places. Don't worship with these people. Don't tolerate it. You can't allow this in the presence of the people of God. Lemme ask you this. What have you tolerated in your life? What are the things in your life that should have been gone a long time ago? They're still there. Here's what it says. The angel of the Lord said, just so you know, that's Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ comes down from heaven. Jesus looks down, is like, it's so bad. I'm getting involved. Now, when the Bible uses the word an angel of the Lord that is differentiated from the angel of the Lord, angel means messenger. So when an angel of the Lord arrives, it's usually a created being. It's an angel. When the angel of the Lord arrives, that also means the messenger of the Lord. Or to say it another way, the word of the Lord, when this person arrives, he's worshiped his God. This is Jesus Christ. I've got it all in the study guide if you wanna look up the cross references. But Jesus comes down and here's what Jesus says. He said, I brought you up from Egypt. See, Jesus is the God of Moses, and he is the God of Deborah, and he is our God today. He is the same God yesterday, today and forever. Jesus is the God of the Old Testament. Jesus is the God of the New Testament. And Jesus is the Lord over the present day church. And some people will say, I, I, I don't like the God of the Old Testament. I, I, I like Jesus, the God of the Old Testament. He declares war. So does Jesus. He's coming again. And there will be one war against all evil. In the end, next week we'll get into war. And Jesus calling and declaring a people into battle. And for those of you who are pacifists, you have a week to change your mind. I'll see you next week. We're more the pass the fist kind of people. And so we're gonna talk about that. He says, I brought you from Egypt and brought you into the land that I swore to give to your fathers. I said, I will never break my covenant with you. So again, they haven't lost their uh, love from God, but they've lost their anointing from God. You shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land. You shall break down their altars, get rid of their demonic houses, of counterfeit worship. Those are strongholds. But you have not obeyed my voice. They shall become thorns in your side and their, what's the phrase, God's, they're demons shall be a snare to you. A couple of things, God and demons are involved in politics, religion, business, education and entertainment. Spiritual warfare exists in every strata of society. And here God says, holy Spirit, not unholy spirits. You've gotta make a choice. In addition, tolerance is what they are doing. And tolerance is the opposite and counterfeit of repentance. And if you, if you practice tolerance, then demons nominate themselves into positions of leadership. This is why demons will have false teachers and false prophets preach repentance. So then if you tolerate the demons, then the demons will ultimately come and they will destroy you again. If you, if you allow evil, evil will not stop itself and eventually it will destroy you. Foolish people who think that we're good don't understand that, but they still have a lock on the door of their home, which just proves their hypocrisy. That being said, Jesus says something about this kind of spiritual tolerance, diversity pluralism. He says in Revelation two 20, I have this against you. You tolerate that woman Jezebel, the same demonic spirit that existed in the days of Elijah was at work in that church. Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess. This is a counterfeit of Debra, a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality, usually tolerating leads to false teaching and sexual sin. True or false, this is still a problem in the church. This is why entire mainline denominations are gone. We would call it wakes. And today there is also a soft wakes with an evangelicalism that basically believes the same things but just doesn't have the courage to state it. We're living in a day of tremendous

tolerance. I wanna say this as well. Jesus can get you out of Egypt, but only you can get Egypt out of you. What happened to these people? They were in Egypt and they were enslaved. And then Jesus says, I set you free. But now they've gone back into slavery because though Jesus has gotten them out of Egypt, they have not gotten Egypt out of themselves. What has Jesus delivered you from? Some of you had an addiction, but you're going back to it. Some of you came from bad habits and anger and self-destructive relationships, and you're going back to them. Some of you can't be single and just walk with God. You need to be in a dating relationship. And that lack of security in your relationship with God, it keeps pulling you back into bad dating and unhealthy relationships that lead in a broken heart. The question is, what is in you that is still part of Egypt? Now, Jesus has set you free, but now you gotta live free. They're going back to the same kind of demonic folly that they had just been delivered from. When all of this happens, it's called syncretism and apostasy. Lemme give you two big words, syncretism, as you say, I believe in the God of the Bible, but I'm going to combine and co-mingle what he says with other religions and demons and ideologies and political agendas. It's compromise. Jesus plus anything, ruins everything. Jesus plus anything, ruins everything. The result then becomes a aposty where you profess a faith that you do not possess or practice. Wow, this is like Judas Ariat. You are working for the enemy's team, and that is revealed in the moment of greatest need. While in that moment, rather than defending Jesus, you declare war on Jesus. This is happening in whole churches, denominations, networks, and Christian ministries. It's an avalanche. The Methodist church, one example, they're now officiating same sex marriages. What are not marriages? God made us male and female. He made marriage for one man and one woman. And no pastor has any authority to lay hands on something that God won't put his hand on. And now the British Methodist Church threw up in my mouth. They came out with the Methodist church inclusive language guide. And so I'm not pulling something from the far corners of the internet. This is on their website. And here's what they say. We no longer can use these words, husband or wife or brother or sister, God, Apparently we could still use the word idiot or blind guide. And they say that those words are offensive to those who are non-binary. Oh my God. The problem is, just so you know, this is a Bible. Yeah, it's the book that that God wrote. It's the only perfect thing on the earth. And the the intolerant, um, triggering God of the Bible. He uses the word husband more than 120 times. He uses the word wife more than 360 times. He uses the word brother more than 800 times and the word sister more than 120 times. And so what the church has decided, and I use church in air quotes, what I mean is synagogue of Satan to quote the New Testament. What it, what it, what it is saying is, lemme say this, when you read the word of God, if you disagree, you're wrong. Amen. Your job is not to be an editor, but to be a messenger. And ultimately, if you disagree, God doesn't repent to you for triggering you and harming your feelings. You repent to him for cosmic rebellion, anointing killer number three, worthless men. This is actually a line in the Bible worthless men. It's a whole category, right? If you've not seen these guys, um, when we're done, uh, just go to a grocery store, they're wearing a mask, they're wearing their pajamas, they're in their thirties, and they're voting for socialists. Now, judges chapter two says, the people serve the Lord all the days of Joshua, again, everything rises or falls with anointed leadership. Joshua is an anointed differentiated leader. He calls the shots, he takes the shots as long as he is in leadership, the anointing flow of God's grace and the presence of the Holy Spirit flows down on the people and blesses the nation. And Joshua died at the age of 110 years. There arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord. They're like, oh, there's a God. We, no, we didn't hear about that in school. They did not know the Lord or the work that he had done. You don't know that your great grandpa was a slave. And then God did a

miracle and parted a sea and sent him, you know, manna every morning to sustain his life and gave us this land as a gift. Nobody told us. Wow. And the people did what was evil in the sight of the Lord. Again, they did what was right in their own eyes, which was evil in the sight of the Lord. And they served the baals, the demon gods, and they abandoned the Lord, the God of their fathers who had brought them outta the land of Egypt. They went after other gods demons from among the gods, the demons of the peoples who were around them. And they provoke the Lord to anger. God got angry. They say every once in a while there's a, there's a really like an evangel jellyfish with no vertebrae. These are the Christians who are like, oh, you can't get upset. Yeah, sure God gets upset. Now, God's anger is not untethered and unholy, but at certain points, if you don't feel your blood rising, then you may be devoid of the spirit. And what we see here is that the men had failed. Let me explain to you how civilizations are built. Number one, we read Genesis, God made the world, and then he made a man, biological, anatomical male. Okay, if you're already triggered, it's gonna gonna get worse. Okay? Heterosexual male, everything rises and falls with the men. God anoints the man to be a leader. God then gives him for marriage. A woman, anatomical, biological, physical, sexual female, binary male, female, they get married. The two become one flesh. They consummate their covenant. Next thing you know, they have a child, not tissue, a person. Okay? Amen. And now that we call a family, and for a civilization, the cornerstone is the family. And if you have a bad cornerstone that crumbles or a crooked cornerstone that is poorly laid, eventually everything built on top of it falls, it crumbles, it craters. That's how we get civilization. Civilizations begin with men, men not being worthless, but being anointed and then loving their wife and raising their kids so that the legacy of faith continues from generation to generation. If you don't know how to do that, men, I'll see it real men this week. But what happened in their day? This was the beginning of cancel culture. Baal is the demon God of cancel culture. And what Baal decided was, we're gonna cancel God in the nation. So there's a whole generation that rises up and they're like, nobody said anything. There's a God. And he's done stuff for our family. Never even heard of him. Let me say this, man. Every child should have their father as their pastor. Yeah, okay? If you are a dad, you are also a pastor. You wanna teach your child about the Lord, you wanna have worship with your kid, read the Bible with your kid, pray with your kid, evangelize your kid. We're here to love and serve your kids. But honestly, my first responsibility, get the men to stand up straight and take their responsibility. That's my first responsibility. And so what I like to say is we build men up to bless women and children. I, I I, I've yet to meet a truly godly woman that is like, man, my husband is anointed and leads and prays with the kids and loves me and wants us to honor God. And our marriage is really deteriorating. I've never, I've never had that conversation. And let me say this, men, as we raise our kids, and this applies to mothers as well, but I'm speaking first and foremost to the fathers as head of household, they need to know the scriptures and your testimony. Amen. They need to know the word of God. But also your testimony. Again, this was their family history. Your great-great grandpa was a slave, and God delivered him. Uh, your family was walking around the woods and God fed them. Tell them the story of what God delivered you, you from what he's done in your life, what he's done in your parents' life, so that your children just don't think this is an old book about an absent God. It's a living book, and that God is still active in your family. And this is the God of your family. And the name of the God of your family is Jesus Christ. Amen. Make it proud and loud. Now, let me say this. If you do not raise your children and inform them about the world in God, there will be three factors that come into play. Number one, social media will want to educate and inform your children. Every statistical evidence proves that the more screen time that a child has, the more mental health that



child has, you cannot allow algorithms and advertisers and online predators and artificial intelligence. The demons love to raise your children because none of them have the spirit of God. None of them have the spirit of God. Number two, if you don't educate your children, then you will put them in a government school. Some of you will call it public school. That's just demonic advertising. I, I've come to some very strong conclusions on this. Why in the world would you allow the government to educate and disciple and raise your child? Look at the government. Do you want your child to be like the government? The government is stupid in debt, murdering babies, has an open border, is trying to castrate children, hates God and is the spirit of antichrist. Come on. And that's the best case scenario. And ultimately, you need to know that the government wants to raise your children to be dependent on government, not God. And there is historically and biblically a conflict between God and government because God says he has all power and authority, and government wants to be in the seat of God with all power and authority. And so ultimately, if you let the government raise your children, your children will be dependent on government, not dependent on God, and they won't hear a word about God. And if they hear anything about God, it'll be negative and pejorative. That homophobic discriminatory, a bigoted, ancient intolerant book. You need to know that education begin with the Christians. It's the Christians that have created written languages because we want people to be able to read the word of God and meet with the Holy Spirit for themselves. This is why the printing press was created by a Christian Gutenberg. And the first books printed were the Bible. For the first 213 years of American history, almost all education was private. And Christian, if you watch the old little House on the prairie episodes where the church had, uh, hosted the school, it was like that in addition of the first 123 colleges and universities, nearly all of them in America were founded by Christians. And then with Thomas Dewey and Horace Mann, two atheists, they created the concept of public education. They beta tested it and then they went global with it. But in the nation's history, it is only very recent that we have government education. And, and, and some of you will say, I know a good school or a good principal, and there are some godly teachers that are trying to make a difference within an impossible situation. But if you are a parent, why in the world would you let people who don't have the Holy Spirit raise your child and teach your child and give your child a view of God and reality in the world? Thirdly, if you don't educate your children, social media will, government, schools will, and the media will. Now, I'll show this to you. It's a recent report from Syracuse. 3.4% of journalists are registered Republicans. Wow. What about the tolerance and the diversity and the equality? And there's a seat for it not in the media. So what you're looking at is people that are anti-free Antifa, anti-family and anti-life. And here's the big idea. We're always one generation from the church ending. We're always one generation. If you don't teach your children, then it all comes to an end. That's what happened in the days of the judges. The generation arose that knew not the Lord nor his works and we're there. Gen Z, born 1997 to 2012, currently ages 12 to 24. These would be your, uh, your middle school, high school, college, and young adults. Here's the statistics, least likely generation in the history of the United States of America to grow up with any experience of church whatsoever. Never walked in a church, never heard a sermon, never sang a song to Jesus. Never prayed a prayer. Never had anyone pray for them. In addition. Next slide, please. When it comes to them getting married and raising their own children, 58% have decided the church has no benefit to marriage and family. God created marriage. God created family. God only blesses his divine design. If you don't obey his divine design, there won't be blessing on your marriage and family. 58% of young adults today have no intent of ever entering a church, ever joining a a, a worshiping community. They have no intent of ever bringing their children into the presence of

God with the people of God. We're living in the days of the judges. In addition, anointing. Killer number four, and this will be the final point for my introduction and then we'll get in to the sermon. But in judges three, five through eight, here's what it says, the people of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the parasites, the Hivites and the Jebusites. If you need to, just the Hivites, those are the bad guys. Those are the bad guys. And their daughters, they took themselves for wives, believers marrying unbelievers. You know why they were hot. So as hell and their own daughters, they gave to their sons. They let their sons marry hot, pagan clear heels tattooed up the neck. Jezebel, I gotta stop. And they serve there. They're gods, they're demons. And the people did evil and the sight of the Lord, not in their eyes, they're like, oh, we're married in God's eyes. We love each other. You can't judge us. You know, we're not hurting anybody. God's like, I'm very frustrated. They what? Forgot the Lord. Why'd you marry her? Did you pray about it? No. Did you read the Bible to see what to look for in a wife or what to be as a husband? No. Did you go to the church and ask anybody, Hey, is this a good idea? No, I forgot. I forgot the Lord their God. And they served the Baals and Astra the demon gods. Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled and he sold them into the hand of the king of Mesopotamia for eight years. He's like, if you don't wanna be with me, I don't wanna be with you. Go get attacked for eight years. Tell me how that goes. Inner marriage is evil. The highest divorce rate is between those who marry and practice two different religions. And it also is great confusion to the children. Uh, mom loves Jesus. Dad doesn't, uh, mom believes the Bible. Dad doesn't. Uh, mom believes in fidelity. Dad doesn't. That's a very confusing environment for a child. Lemme say something that you need to know, especially if you're single. When you marry a person, you also marry their spirit and you invite their spirit into your marriage and your home and into generations of your family. This is why if you marry a believer, you're inviting the Holy Spirit and the anointing of God down on your marriage and family. But if they don't have the Holy Spirit, they have an unholy spirit. You're now inviting their spirit into your family and legacy. Some of you are dating people and they have a spirit of seduction. Some of you are dating, they have a spirit of deception. Some of you are dating and they have a spirit of control. And if you marry them, you will be marrying their spirit. Here it is called Baal, the chief demon God. The Baals are lower, lesser demons. It's like a family name. He is known as Master Lord and owner. Sometimes people marry for prosperity. That's The case here. Astra is the goddess or queen mother. And we looked at it last week of alcohol and addiction, prostitution, transgenderism, and pornography. And she is the demon of pleasure. And that is why many people compromise their convictions. They don't think of eternity. Instead they think of the immediate. And there's a whole generation of young men who are looking for a good time, but not a good legacy. In our culture, sex is now a religion. It has religious devotees who are trying to evangelize and recruit people into this sex cult. That's why they're fighting against gender and trying to lower the age of consent because it knows no limits. And within this pagan, secular, godless, demonic religion of sex, there is a sacrament. And it is the sexual act. Uh, Let me go a level deeper. It says in Romans that worship is whatever you offer your body as a living sacrifice to Wow. There are two kinds of sacrifices. A sacrifice where something dies and then there is a sacrifice where something lives for something else. In the sex act, if you are offering your body as a living sacrifice in the sacrament of sex, you are doing something profoundly spiritual, not just physical. And if it's not for the Holy Spirit, you're inviting unholy spirits into your bedroom. What happens then is people who offer their body as a living sacrifice to their demonic religion of sex. Then they take their child and they offer them as a sacrifice. You sacrifice your body, you get pregnant, and then you sacrifice your child. This is as pagan as could possibly be. This is not

choice. This is evil. Yeah. And what we've done now as a culture, we've separated sex from God, sex from marriage, and sex from children. The result is historic abortion, beginning with Roe v. Wade in 1973 and historic epic rises in fatherlessness. I'll give you the statistics. Since 1968, the number of children without a father in America has doubled to 18.4% of the a hundred countries surveyed the US has the highest percentage of fatherlessness, 300% higher than the global average. If you want a dad, one of the worst places to be born is America. And this is where we've replaced God and Father with government. So I believe we need more of God and more fathers and less government. Amen. In addition, since we're speaking about worthless men, the majority of children born to women 30 and under are born of wedlock without a ho, without a father. And today, less than half of adults grow up with a dad. And, and lemme say two things. Number one, what happens is people just wanna make an individual. Well, they love each other. They, they're not hurting anybody. You don't make a decision for the least healthy individual, but the most healthy system, if everybody's gay civilization ends, if everybody kills their children, civilization ends. If fathers don't raise their children, eventually we rack up enough national debt that the nation dies. Okay? I don't just believe in Jesus, but reality and math. And at the end of the day, God's way works and every other way fails. There's a book that just came out. It's an interesting statistical analysis. The title is the Two Parent Privilege. Statistically, they have shown what really causes a child to be privileged is crazy. Idea, a mom and a dad. Mental health goes down, addiction goes down, crime goes down. Success and generational wealth goes up. Let God be true in every man a liar. You young men, I want your heart. I want your heart for the Lord. I want you to not just think about having sex, but being a husband. I want you to think not just about sirening children, but raising them in the admonition of the Lord. I want you to think not just about your 401k, but your great grandkids. And I want you to get up every day and not let your desires drive you, but let the anointing of the Holy Spirit drive your desires. So what we've just visited is what is called the judges' prophetic sin cycle. It just is this cycle that repeats every three. It just over and over and over for the 300 years of judges. See, because what we tend to think is we tend to think that history is linear and we're good and getting better history is a cul-de-sac. One generation drives around and dies and the next generation is like, look at all the progress we're making. No, just fire up the carnival music. You're driving in a cul-de-sac. You're not making progress. It just looks that way 'cause it's new to you. Here's the judges prophetic sin cycle. Number one, God's people willfully do evil and welcome the demonic. Number two, God becomes angry and hands them over to painful consequences. Some of you, this was called your twenties. Step number three, God's people finally cry out for help. Step four, God raises up an anointed leader to live. Deliver them from the demonic. That's gonna be Deborah. Step five, God's people return to step one and repeat the process over and over as soon as they become comfortable. Sometimes the greatest enemy to you walking with Christ is you walking in comfort. That's the judge's cycle. Two things. Number one, what is the, what is the cycle of sin in your life? If sin has cycles, which we we're learning from judges, look at the cycle of your own life. Judge yourself. So some of you're like, um, I get stressed and so I binge eat or I get stressed and so I shop or I get stressed and so I drink alcohol or I get stressed so I vape or I get stressed and I do all those things. Okay, then then know your cycle. Know your cycle. I get on the internet and then I end up looking at stuff I shouldn't be looking at. Know your cycle and then break your cycle before it breaks the generations of your family. Number two, don't just look at the sin cycle in your life, but in your family and history and legacy, because there are patterns in this family as there are patterns in your family. One generation marries unbelievers. Next generation marries unbelievers. Next generation marries unbelievers because they worship sex

and they don't want the spirit. Know the cycle. Break the cycle. Repent of the cycle. That's my introduction. Now we're gonna jump into judges chapter four, and the people of Israel. Again, how many of you, this sounds familiar, Right? And the people of Israel. Again, what was evil in the side of the Lord? Now they did what was right in their own eyes, but it was evil in the side of the Lord. After Ehud died, we're gonna talk about him. He's the anointed differentiated leader. And the Lord sold him into the hand of Jabin. King of Canaan who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Cera, who lived in Hareth Hawe. Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help. Finally, for he had 900 chariots of iron, and he oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for 20 years. It took 20 years of pain before they said, God, please help. Now, Deborah, here she comes. She is the anointed differentiated leader she is. Spirit filled a prophetess. The wife of Lapidoth was judging Israel at the time. She's a prophetess a judge. Next week you'll see she's a military leader Week after that, that she's a worship leader. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah, between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim. She had the Holy Spirit and the people of Israel came to her for judgment. Here's what it's saying, evil is like gravity. If you don't resist it, eventually it just pulls everyone and everything south toward hell. If I let go of this, where does it go? South? Does it ever go up? No. What if, what if I don't believe in down? What? What, what if I'm triggered by down? What if I'm offended by down, down still exists. Amen. Sin and evil are like gravity unless you fight against them. They pull everyone and everything south toward hell. That's what's going on in the days of the judges. In addition, anointing flows down from a leader. This is why everything rises and falls with leadership. And our world hates leadership. It hates authority. It hates hierarchy. It hates any sort of chain of command because it's filled with foolishness. And what God does, he raises up an anointed leader. And then that anointing flows down to the people and they're blessed because the leader here, it names one of these godly leaders. His name is Ehud. You could read about him in the previous chapter. Judges chapter three. He's a man of God in a warrior, and he's a left-handed assassin. It's got this killer story where he, he stabs to death a very fat king named Hlon, which kind of sounds like one of those people at the cantina in Star Wars. He kind of sounds like that. And he's got a little Java esque going on. Okay, so Hlon is the fattest man in the Bible. Uh, Ehud comes in, he's got a, he's got a knife, a sword. He's open carry, he's got it on his left hip. And most of the warriors were right handed. So the king didn't see it coming. Left-handed, assassin, boom, right into the gut, guts him his, his intestines come out and he becomes incontinent. They never made a veggie tales about it, but it's true, right? There's not a lot of worship songs about this particular scene in the Bible. You're the God who opens intestines and bowels. They don't, they don't sing that. If you, lemme say this too, if you're raising sons and they don't like the Bible, get 'em to judges three. That's gonna become their new, their their dad. Bedtime. Can we read that again? This is gonna be their new favorite story. So he is a mighty man of God, and under his leadership, there is peace for 80 years. And then he dies. And then there's no differentiated anointed leader. And then evil takes over led by a man named Cera, who is a mighty ancient warrior. Here's what an ancient legend says about him. He is the, he's the Canaanite. Rambo. He's just that guy. He is the toughest guy in the day. It says this ancient legend, when he was 30 years old, he had conquered the whole world. They're singing songs about this guy at the sound of his voice. The strongest of walls fell in a heap. And wild animals in the woods were chained to their spot by fear. The proportions of his body, um, he was juiced, were vast beyond description. If he took a bath in the river and died beneath the surface, enough fish were caught in his beard to feed a multitude. This is a dude, This is, this is pure dude, right? He's, he's, he's not like a, a vegan, uh, Prius driving Elton John, loving Birkenstock, wearing

socialist, just throwing it out there. Something to think about. And it required no less than 900 horses to draw the chariot in which he rode. You're like, you're like 900 horses. One dude, yeah, he's a counterfeit of Jesus. Jesus is gonna come back bigger than that. But what it says is he oppressed the people because he had 900 iron chariots. So he's a warrior with soldiers, the equivalent of 900 tanks up against farmers untrained with sticks, stick versus tank. Not good odds. Lemme Say this, this will be interesting. Um, so I was just thinking about it. I'll just share it. Okay, so you've got the Nation of Israel, and then there's this little piece of land today we call it Gaza or Palestine. And 3000 years ago, the people who lived there were called the Canaanites. Today they're called the Palestinians. And what happened with Cicero, they invaded Israel and they terrorized the people and they attacked the women and the children and the civilians. The war in Israel is just a repeat of the same principalities, powers, and spirits in the same places working through their ancestors. We'll get into that. When I get into, uh, Gideon, I wanna get into this at a very deep prophetic level. But the war that Deborah's gonna lead next week, it's literally the ancestors of the Palestinians invading and terrorizing, um, the Israelites. And it is Deborah that God raises up for the fight in the war. 'cause the Bible doesn't just tell us what happened, but what always happens, and again, I always like to say, we don't just look at the Bible. We look through the Bible to understand what's going on in our world. Um, and then God raises up Deborah. Finally, someone with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. All it takes, it just takes one anointed person to make a massive difference. If your family has one anointed person, if your company has one anointed person, if your neighborhood has one anointed person, if our church has one anointed person, then things begin to change. And when God raises up an anointed leader and the spirit of God falls and flows on them and through them, then people are blessed and peace and prosperity. Come friends, I'm telling you more than a president, more than an election, more than a government, we need the anointing of God, the Holy Spirit. And we need people to lead us who are filled with the power of God into the presence of God, to bring us into the praises of God. Our hope is not in government, it is in God. And I am telling you that at the end of the day, what we need more than ever are spirit-filled, differentiated leaders who are under the anointing of God, willing to say what needs to be said and to do what needs to be done so that demons don't ruin and rule everyone and everything. Amen. And this is why we're here. We're here for you to meet with God. We're here for you to receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit. I'm gonna invite the band up and I'll close and we'll release the live stream in just a few moments. But everything turns in the story. This is encouraging. These people are sinful and foolish and rebellious. They have sin cycles and destructive belief systems, and nothing changes for generations. More time won't fix you and heal you. Just waiting is not going to deliver you. Nothing changes until the people do one thing. They cried out to God. God, we're sorry for our sin. God, we're sorry for our sex life. God, we're sorry for not tithing. We're sorry for not obeying. We're sorry for not worshiping. We're sorry for not bringing you into our home. We're sorry for not praying over our children. We're sorry for not reading the scriptures to hear what you would have us to be and do. God, we need a fresh anointing. Help my marriage, help my family, help my nation, help my neighborhood, help my legacy. Would you please stand? It's time for you to meet with God. When your cry goes up, his anointing comes down. You need a fresh anointing. And now the Holy Spirit wants to meet with you.