

**“Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit”**  
**Matthew 12: 15-32**

**August 21, 2022**

Verse 15 - 21

**The Pharisees oppose a gentle Messiah**

**When opposition reaches its peak, they want to kill Him; Jesus withdraws**

**It is not His time!**

**Jesus stays on His mission and is not distracted! [John 6: 38](#)**

**Distraction is a tool of the enemy to get you off mission!**

Isaiah describes the gentle Messiah –

**Matthew 12: 17-21**

He will be a servant with no political agenda

He brings justice to the Gentiles

He will not be brash or loud

The Jews want nothing to do with this type of  
Messiah – ***HE IS REJECTED!***

Verse 22 - 23

**Jesus and the demon-possessed,  
blind and mute man**

Jesus heals the demon-possessed, blind and mute man – this prompts a question:

***“Could this be the Son of David)?” (Messiah)***

**Greek construction:** “This couldn't be the Son of David, could it?”  
***(undertone of unbelief)***

***This is the last straw for the religionists – no more of this Jesus Messiah stuff!***

***The religionist's go-to-place: Let's discredit Jesus!***

## Verse 24

**Rejection of the King**  
**Blasphemy – *the last straw!***

**Blasphemy** = “*blas*” = evil

“*pheme*” = speech; evil speech; the  
worst kind of slander

*“This fellow does not cast out demons except by  
Beelzebub, “the ruler of the demons”*

**Beelzebub** = Philistine deity, lord of the flies,  
the lord of dung

**Jesus’ ministry changes from this point forward**



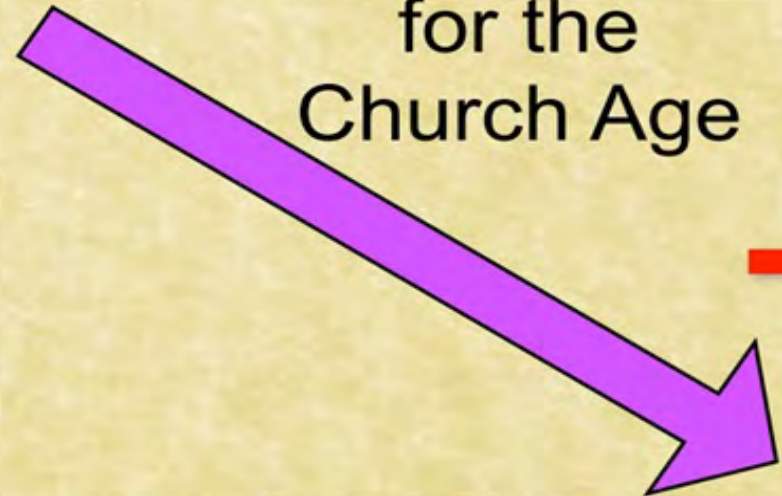
**The Rejection  
of the King  
and the  
Kingdom**

The Offer of  
the King and  
the Kingdom

The Training  
of the Twelve  
for the  
Church Age



The Crucifixion, Death, and  
Resurrection of the King



# Israel had a faithful shepherd problem; America has a faithful shepherd problem

“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: “Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock.

Ezekiel 34:2-3

## Ezekiel 34:11-13

11'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.





## PRINCIPLE:

Unfaithful shepherds =

Unfaithful sheep =

Reject the truth=

Believe the lie!

***CAPTIVITY IS INEVITABLE!***

Captive to the world, and  
immersed in ***“world think”!***

Verse 25 - 28

**Divided kingdoms cannot stand**

**A divided nation, home, Church, or team, cannot stand!**

Division guarantees turmoil, chaos, and collapse; Satan is an expert at causing *DIVISION!*

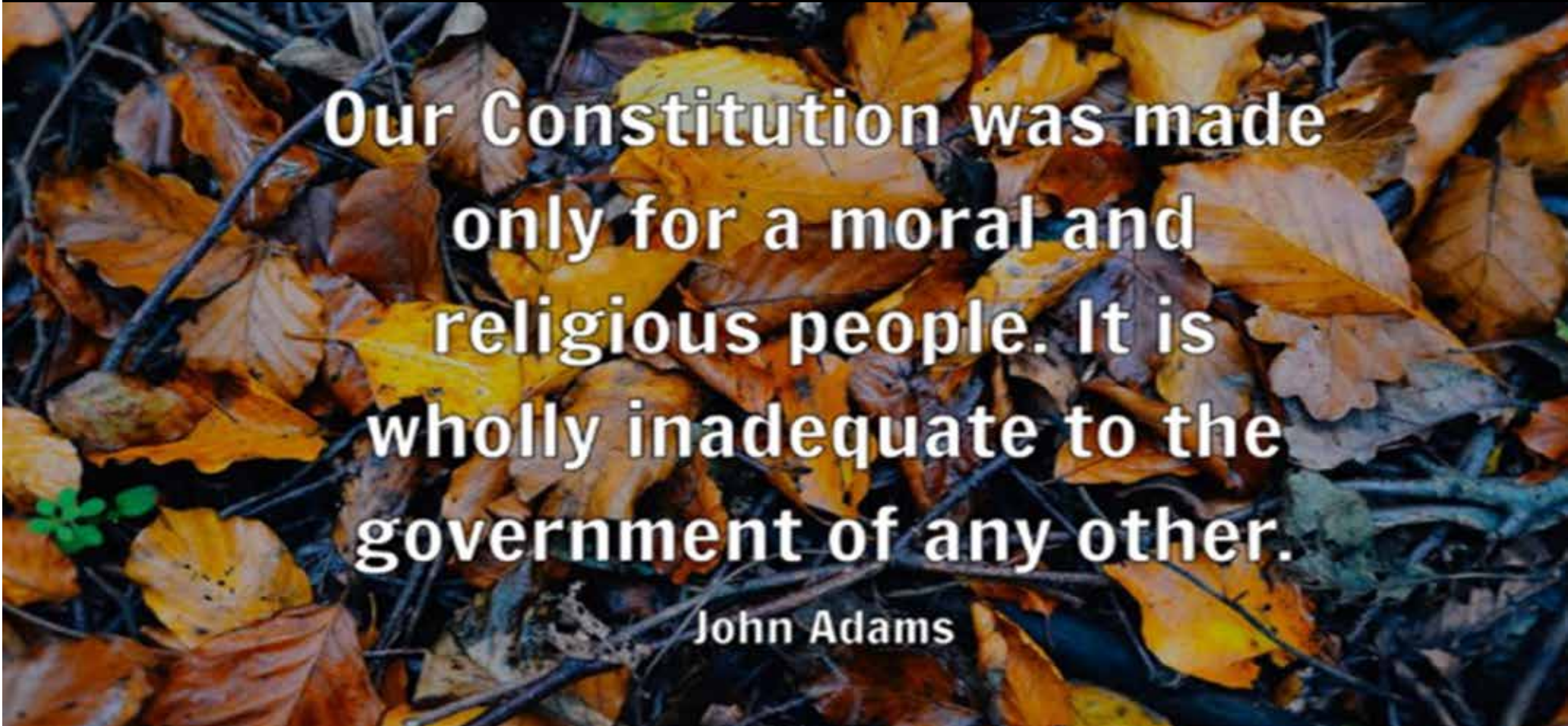
***UNITED WE STAND - DIVIDED WE FALL!!***

Take heed, America, our house is divided, and our land is in turmoil – *we have lost our God conscience!*

**Exit the True God, enter zeitgeist** (*the gods of the age; gods our forefathers did not know*)

**Zeitgeist America is walking lockstep with the globalist agenda, a one world government!**

**John Adam's warning: (2<sup>nd</sup> president and one of America's founding fathers)**



**Our Constitution was made  
only for a moral and  
religious people. It is  
wholly inadequate to the  
government of any other.**

**John Adams**

Jesus is being accused of working with Satan,  
casting out demons by Satan's power

Jesus said, *“If Satan casts out Satan, he is  
divided against himself”*

It's illogical nonsense!



**Verse 29 - 30**

**Satan must be bound for the  
Kingdom to come**

**Jesus is saying, for the kingdom to exist on earth, Satan must first be bound**

**This has nothing to do with spiritual warfare, binding Satan, or casting out demons**

**Satan will not be bound until Jesus' Kingdom is established – Revelation 20: 1-3**

**There is no neutral ground for someone to hide in – *“He who is not with Me is against Me”***



**STAND FIRM**  
**STAY FOCUSED**

Jesus expects this of the True Church – YOU!!

Verse 31 - 32

**Pharisees final rejection of Jesus -  
*Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit***

**Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit (Arnold Fruchtenbaum):**

*“The national sin of rejecting Messiah while He was with them on the grounds, He was demon possessed”*

**Today, when someone rejects the witness of the Holy Spirit, there is a final time when the Spirit will come and then no more chances!!**

*This person is confirmed in their unbelief!*

**God gives them over to the desires of their heart –**

**Romans 1: 24-32**

**This is termed “*Judicial Hardness*” = NO RETURN!**



## CLOSING THOUGHTS:

For the wages of sin is death;

but the *gift* of

*God* is  
*eternal life*

through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23



No other world religion has a ***“Kinsman Redeemer”***

**Kinsman Redeemer** = a blood relative, able to pay the price, and a desire to pay the price

There is no redeemer in Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, or any other ***“ism”***

# JUDICIAL HARDENING

*– Past the  
point of  
no return!*

## Isaiah 6:9-10

9 He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on listening, but do not perceive; keep on looking, but do not understand.’  
10 Render the hearts of this people insensitive, their ears dull, and their eyes dim, otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and return and be healed.”



**YOUR ETERNAL DESTINY DEPENDS ON  
GETTING SALVATION RIGHT!**



# Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	<u>Sanctification</u>	Glorification
Tense	Past	<u>Present</u>	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	<u>Power</u>	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	<u>Philip 2:12</u>	Rom 5:10

**All humans have a choice to make . . . . .**

**Choose Jesus' way or choose self-way**

**My encouragement to you is . . . . .**

***CHOOSE WISELY!!***