

# 1. Fatima

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Amen. The morning classes I'll be taking over these next two weeks are structured a little differently. I have asked that they are not interactive. We have a lot of material to get through in a very short space of time, and I'm not sure how we're going to do with that. Probably better than I think. But there is half an hour time afterwards for questions and contributing thoughts, if that's okay. I do tend to phrase my sentences as questions, and I don't mind if there's shoutouts from the floor. But we do need to for two reasons. One is time, and the second also is to be able to continue the same train of thought through these studies. Our last four semester I was given the opportunity to teach two classes on Acts chapter 27, and I'm not going to repeat them over these two weeks. But there was a thread left hanging that I want to pick up and continue with. We're not going to start that today. We're going to go back into Acts chapter 27 and begin that study tomorrow. What I want to do in these two weeks is bookend that study with a study of the counterfeit.

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Today we're going to look at the counterfeit Church, the counterfeit movement. Tomorrow we'll start into Acts chapter 27. And then the last class that we will finish with, we will go back to the counterfeit and pull in everything that we've been able to glean over those two weeks and finish this today's study. When I talk of the counterfeit, what I'm considering is not when we talk about the counterfeit closer to home, how our doctrines are counterfeited by different movements. But I want to think in the context of the great controversy. If you turn to Revelation 12:7. Revelation 12:7 says, *"and there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels and prevailed not. Neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world. He was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him"*. This war began in heaven between Christ and Satan. This war came down to earth. And we have the account in the first few chapters of Genesis.

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What we see happening is this war morphs into a proxy war. We can see that in the Garden of Eden, and we can see that in the story of Cain and Abel and through the history of the world to our time. It began to be fought through human agencies. In Ctr 323.2, Ellen White says the following. *"The Lord said to Satan, that old serpent, it the seed of the woman, shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel. Christ in a special manner bruised to the head of the serpent. But the prophecy is far reaching. It is a declaration of an unwearied conflict between Christ and his followers and Satan and his angels and human agencies on*

*this earth to the close of time.*" So Christ and his followers versus Satan and his human agencies. This war developed into a proxy war. A proxy war is a war where two opposing countries or parties support armor combatants that serve their interests, instead of waging war directly. It became Christ vs. Satan, but also in one sense, Christ's Church versus Satan's Church. And we see this clearly in Revelation where we see two women. One is clothed with the sun and one is clothed with purple and scarlet.

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You see both of them in a time period of the wilderness. Revelation 12 and Revelation 17, the story of these two women. You see it in a different sense in Daniel chapter 2, where you see the stone kingdom versus the statue. That gives a different perspective where you see it as a king and a kingdom. But we also know that built into that model is also Church. I'm not suggesting that we fight this battle alone in a proxy war. You are armored and every piece of our weaponry, every piece of our armor comes from God. This is why he gives us an armor, because we are in a war. We understand that Satan works by counterfeiting. A counterfeit is an intentional and calculated reproduction of a genuine article for the purpose of misleading the recipient into believing that they are receiving the genuine article itself. All Satan has done from Garden of Eden down, all he has been able to do is counterfeit what he sees Christ do. It kind of gave me the thought. Why was there ever a move from paganism to Papalism? Why do you think there was this transition from paganism to Papalism?

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I'd like to suggest that after Christ dispensation, when he sees changes in Christ's Church, his Church also changes to reflect that. What are some of the things that Satan has counterfeited? I think one of the most obvious we talk about is Sabbath versus Sunday. I don't mind you shouting out if you can think of others. Communion versus Mass. The Catholic Mass. Baptism versus sprinkling. One that really drew my attention. What about prophets don't make mistakes. Can that be counterfeited? It challenged my idea of what we call Papal Infallibility. And particularly when I read possibly the best biography I've been able to find on Pope John Paul II and how Papal Infallibility works. It is shown in this book. Particularly after the fall of the Soviet Union. I just want to run through a little bit of history here, to show us how they can and cannot use Papal Infallibility. Carl Bernstein. After the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, which this book describes in the third part of this book as the fall of Communism. The title of the chapter. It goes into the next section, part four, titled The Angry Pope. Why was Pope John Paul so angry in the years following 1991? It describes his speeches and his tours after the fall of the Soviet Union. And his demeanor really changed that picture of a people loving, communal, joyful, Pope was really lost after 1991. Because it failed in more ways than one. That attempt to take down the Soviet Union failed, we know, because of Russia. But it failed from the very beginning. Because in Pope John Paul II's mind, communism was the very worst. But Western democracy didn't rank much better. When those Eastern European countries rejected communism, what Pope John Paul II was expecting was that they would embrace Romanism, that they would come under the authority of the Roman Catholic Church. Instead, they embraced consumerism Western democracy. And this is why the years afterwards are titled The Angry Pope. I'll read you a couple of paragraphs to highlight the point. It talks about his fourth trip to Poland directly after the fall of the Soviet Union. It says he never imagined that his fourth trip to his homeland would turn out this way. He knew it wouldn't be easy to speak to people in a society lapsing into what he saw as selfish

individualism. But he had somehow expected more Fidelity from his compatriots. After all, he had saved them from communism. With a lead of sharp eye and an actor's flair, he noticed that his charisma was waning.

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He was an actor before he became a priest. 1991 was a crucial year for the Church. The Soviet Union at this point had not yet collapsed but had already lost its superpower status. This is early 1991. And Pope John Paul II had to face the fact that the Church might also become less relevant politically and socially. And it describes how after 1991, President George Bush began to treat the Pope more as a second rate ally. And ignore him, particularly when it comes to Operation Desert Storm, and the Gulf War. It lists incidents where Pope John Paul II was calling on George Bush to take a particular line and essentially being ignored after the fall of the Soviet Union. What I find interesting about communism and Catholicism is there are actually two streams that run very close, and that's one of the reasons I believe that they cannot coexist. Because they have the same way of working, even down to how they want to train their young, how they want to indoctrinate. It's impossible for the two to work together. And so when the people rejected communism, what was happening in their countries where the priests were starting to stand up and have a voice in politics and take leadership. And what they're essentially giving the people was another form of communism, and it was widely rejected.

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They say Pope John Paul II's visit had been marked by a certain emotional discord between him and his audience. The great majority of polls were irritated by his sermons against consumerism at a time when families were wrapped by the problems of simply making do. After all, for 40 years, people are dreamt of escaping the endless shortages, and now they were crushed by the burden of 2 million unemployed. At this time, the Catholic Church is rejecting consumerism, rejecting all forms of contraception. They see the quantity of children they were having, as one of the reasons for their poverty. There was quite a few issues that created discord between the Catholic people and their priests. John Paul II had often to think back on his broken dream of a great spiritual renewal proceeding from the east. This is what he was hoping for at the end of the Soviet Union. He had said boldly, the light comes from the east. He had announced while flying over the Soviet Union in 1989, for the first time, en route to South Korea, that this is where the light would come. Both Catholic Poland and Orthodox Russia were to become an immense reserve of faith for the regeneration of the contemporary world.

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Lost, too, was the vision he had nurtured of Poland as a special sign for all the nations. This was to be the beginning of the regeneration of Catholicism world over, not just with Poland. It was the first step. One Bishop noted he wanted to make Poland the bridge between the west and the east. And for John Paul, this had suddenly turned into a showcase of defeat. I guess the numbers speak. When Pope John Paul visited Czechoslovakia before the fall of the Soviet Union, 1 million people turned out to hear his speeches. When he visited after the fall of the Soviet Union, 60,000 people turned out to hear him talk. That's a drop in 940,000 people. They didn't stop being Catholics, but they no longer wanted to hear what he had to say. What he was saying essentially was a very strict conservative interpretation of Catholic

faith. And after the Second Vatican Council, which created a bit of a split inside the Catholic Church, this strong conservative approach was no longer welcomed by some Cardinals and some bishops within the Catholic Church structure. As these people, who had Liberal tendencies, these leaders, saw the Pope take such a strong conservative stance.

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They also saw at the same time that he was raising up someone to take his place. And that was a Cardinal Ratzinger. What these Liberal Cardinals and bishops did, they decided to counteract his work by trying to turn the Church into another direction. They began this work in 1996. Sometimes it is argued it's 1995, but generally accepted it's 1996. What formed was the St. Gallen Group in the town of St. Gallen. And they had a nickname for themselves. They call themselves the Saint Gallen Mafia. And what this group of Cardinals and Archbishops did in top Secret, John Paul had them investigated, but he was never able to prove anything. What they were doing is recognizing that Pope John Paul II had failed, that he was raising up someone to take his place. He was essentially going to follow the exact same pattern. And that person he was raising up was Cardinal Ratzinger. They said, we don't want him. We're not happy with the way this is going. We want to bring in our own Liberal. And who they had in mind was Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio. 2005 comes and John Paul II dies. In that papal enclave, the St. Gallen Group went into overdrive. It's illegal within their own laws to practice politics inside these conclaves, when they elect a new Pope. It's meant to be this spiritual experience where you go into your little room and you pray and God tells you who to vote for. But it's not like that. It's all politics. And they went into overdrive trying to prevent Cardinal Ratzinger from becoming Pope in 2005, and they failed. Cardinal Ratzinger became Pope Benedict the 16th. It pretty much broke up this St. Gallen Group. What happened in 2009 is Pope Benedict employed a very interesting man, Archbishop Vegano, to become head of the Vatican Bank. Vegano is a fairly by the book kind of fellow. And over the years, the Vatican Bank has faced huge allegations of financial fraud, money laundering and corruption. And Archbishop Vegano headed the Vatican Bank from 2009 to 2011. He saw the corruption and decided to clean it up. And in one year, from 2009 through the end of his first year in 2010, he brought the Vatican Bank from ten and a half million dollars in the red to \$44 million in the black. A turnaround of \$54 million in one year.

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And what was generally accepted, what's commonly believed is that he brought in no new money. It wasn't by some great kind of economic enterprise that he was able to flood the Vatican Bank with this much money. What he did was clean up the money laundering and all the secret accounts. And all he did was bring all of that into one single account. In recognition of this, soon after he did this work, the Italian government sees \$23 million of that and charged the Vatican Bank with money laundering. But the Italian government has always been extremely cautious to step in into anything to do with Vatican politics or money. And they dropped the charges. But it was fairly well known that it was corrupt. Archbishop Vegano then in 2011 wrote to Pope Benedict to the 16th and outlined all the corruption, all the money laundering, everything that he could see that was corrupt inside not only the Vatican Bank, but also inside the Vatican itself. Also, I should note at this time, he had another important position. He was also in charge, responsible for every single nunsucher or Papal embassy world over. He headed every embassy, every ambassador that the papers he had.

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And you can imagine the enemies he made. And Pope Benedict responded to these letters by removing him from both positions. And he sent him as ambassador to America. So he was your ambassador from 2011, which was, while still an honorable position, a huge step down. He fought against this and tried to keep his position, but he wasn't permitted. But Pope Benedict didn't discount it. And after Vegano left, he charged three Cardinals with investigating Vegano's claims about the Vatican Bank. These three Cardinals who are independent to the bank, independent to as much as the politics as possible, conducted an internal investigation. And in 2012, they presented Pope Benedict with a red binder. A 300 page dossier outlining every single case they could find of not only financial fraud and corruption, but homosexual, drag parties, everything that is occurring inside the Vatican walls with proof. This was no longer just a claim by Vegano. It was substantiated. Those letters that have gone back and forth, the allegations, all of that had been kind of in secret. In 2012, Pope Benedict's Butler went to his desk. He took all of those letters and he leaked them to the press.

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And that became known as the Vatty leak scandal. And it's why we know so much about it today. All those letters between Benedict and Vegano all ended up in the hands of the media. He was charged and imprisoned for doing that. But after Pope Benedict received this dossier, he acquitted, pardoned his Butler. And two and a half months later, he stepped down as Pope. The Catholic Church has gone into overdrive to try and suggest that this corruption was not the reason that he stepped down as Pope. But I find that hard to believe, and most people do. I believe it at least had something to do with it. Two and a half months later, about ten weeks after he resigns his position and steps down, those still alive and remaining of the St. Gallen Group go into overdrive in 2013. They see their opportunity and they're successful. Jorge Bergoglio becomes Pope Francis. Now you have a Liberal Pope inside the Vatican. It has completely changed direction in 2013. About eight weeks ago, Archbishop Vegano wrote an eleven page letter and had it published attacking Pope Francis and calling for him to resign and step down as Pope.

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That was unprecedented. It's what they're calling an unprecedented civil war from inside the Vatican. Archbishop Vegano outlined the allegations of corruption, and he particularly dealt with sexual assault allegations and homosexuality inside the Vatican. And how Pope Francis has claimed to be cleaning it up, but failed to do that. Pope Francis is a dictator in every sense of the word. The media love him because of his Liberal stance. But for the Catholic Church, he is a dictator that they haven't seen in a very long time. And it's convenient when you step in as dictator and your Church is under attack with these allegations of corruption and abuse. Because what you're able to do is purge it of your own personal enemies. And that is essentially what he has been doing. If you look at the people that are getting charged with these claims versus the people he's protecting. He's been able to restructure the Catholic Church internally to only be loyalists remaining. You can see that clearly, particularly in Australia. We have a Cardinal George Powell, who is whatever bad things he may have done, and he's getting charged with them. He has been thrown to the wall, so to speak, by Pope Francis.

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He will not get any protection. And he is someone who has overseen the Vatican Bank, made powerful enemies and tried to clean it up. He's not loyal to Pope Francis, and those people are all getting cold. Archbishop Viganò eight weeks ago called him to task for that and called him for him to step down. And since then, it has kind of descended into what they are calling themselves a civil war. I kind of missed my point of why I wanted to go through that history. I wanted us to just understand where it is now. And because I wanted to show how the Pope can be challenged. When John Paul II was trying to enforce his conservative viewpoint, he wrote his *Veritatis splendor*. It's an encyclical. And it included a lot of the reforms that he wanted to see occur through Eastern Europe and Catholic countries. But what he tried to do in this document was claim Papal Infallibility. He thought if he said how he wanted the Catholics to behave inside those countries and he stamped it with Papal Infallibility, then it's just Church law. You cannot disobey. And what the Cardinals and bishops did was they stepped up and said, we don't buy it, we don't believe what you're saying, and we're not going to let you claim Papal infallibility for that document, because what the Pope has to do is he has to actually claim Papal Infallibility for that.

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It doesn't apply to his personal life, other decisions, everything he writes, everything he says. He has to lay claim to Papal Infallibility. And he had to cut all of those claims out of his encyclical or they wouldn't publish it. It doesn't necessarily make him as infallible as we think. They say that when he puts on his three tiered hat, does a specific work and claims Papal Infallibility, then yes, that's infallible, but it doesn't apply to the pope himself. And I think this is another counterfeit. Profits don't make mistakes. I think it's important to note that a counterfeit is not necessarily the truth. Sabbath is never Sunday. Communion is never Mass. And baptism never looks like sprinkling. We do not claim to be infallible. We do not claim to be God on earth, but we do claim to be able to eat his little book. What I want to discuss today is Satan's Church. If it gets into such a mess as it is in it at the moment, how does Satan control it. How does he repair his own temple? And I want to suggest that it's awfully similar to how God works with his Church.

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If we think of 538 to 1798. Where are we in? We're in a scattering time. What is the papal Church in those 1260 years? I'd like to suggest they're in a gathering time. And what is their job function? We looked at this about a week ago in class. What was their job function during the 1260? They have two tasks. Number one, to control the kings of Europe, to ride the beast. Number two is to destroy God's people. And whose work are they doing? Who are they taking their instructions from? Whose bidding are they doing? I'd like to suggest Satan's. I know in some context to make one application we say God's. But when we're discussing a proxy war in this context, Satan's Church, they're doing Satan's work. When do they cease to do this work? We read this quote GC 306.1 a few weeks ago. We will reread it. GC 306.1. *"25 years later appeared the next sign mentioned in the prophecy, the darkening of the sun and moon. What rendered this more striking was the fact that the time of its fulfillment had been definitely pointed out. In the Savior's conversation with his disciples upon Olivette, after describing the long period of trial for the Church, the 1260 years of papal persecution, concerning which he had promised that the tribulation should be shortened, he thus mentioned certain events to precede his coming and fixed the*

*time when the first of these should be witnessed. In those days after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light. The 1260 days or years terminated in 1798. A quarter of a century earlier, persecution had almost wholly ceased." This is in 1773. Why did persecution ceased in 1773? "Ever since Ignatius Lyola founded the society in 1540, at the height of the Reformation, his company committed itself publicly to defend the Pope and pledged to go wherever he sent them. At their peak, the Jesuits advanced the cause of the Church of Rome. Defended it from its aggressors. The reformers first, the nation States of Europe later. In this sense, they were used by the Roman system to promote its own agenda and were left in the lurch when that agenda collapsed. This happened when a weak papacy capitulated to the monarchies of Europe. They expelled the Jesuit order." That is a quote from Union of Catholic Asian News Limited.*

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*It's an article. Father Myron Pereira. July 30, 2013. The kings of Europe had already started to expel the Jesuit orders from their territories in 1773. This work beginning in Portugal in 1759. But what they desired was the total suppression of the Jesuits by the order of the Pope himself. "Pope Clement 13th died in 1769, and in the conclave that gathered to elect a new Pope, a battle raged between representatives of the monarchies and the Jesuit order. Both wanted to elect the Pope who was favorable to their agenda. The monarchies were sufficiently satisfied to allow the choosing of Ganganelli Pope, Clement the 14th. This is an interesting passage I will read. It's a book called 'The Triple Crown, An account of Papal conclaves' by Valérie Pirie. And it describes how they did this. "It was the work of choicelle who was the diplomat of Louis XV. Choicel, the able and tireless antagonist of the Jesuits, had been entrusted by the allied sovereigns long before Clement's death. With the devising of the plan of campaign to be adopted at the next conclave, they could not have placed their interests in better hands for being the wildest diplomat in Europe.*

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*Louis XV's minister had when ambassador in Rome ample opportunity to study ecclesiastical psychology and no experience was wasted on him. The opinion of his foreign colleagues had been that a species of ultimatum should be presented to the new Pope requesting the immediate dissolution of the Society of Jesus. But to this he would not agree. Pressure should certainly be brought to bear on the Holy See. But the Pope could not be actually coerced into signing a decree which, if it was to have a permanent effect, must be prompted by its own conviction and proclaimed as such to war Christendom. Troicelle therefore, repudiated all idea of brutal intimidation. When one has a favor to ask of a Pope, he wrote, and one is determined to obtain it, one must ask for two. The irresolution which resulted from the possibility of a choice lessens the vigor of resistance. Half is granted as an escape from granting the hole. His suggestion, therefore, was that together with the suppression of a society, France should request the succession of Avignon, Spain and of Benevento and it goes down. The new Pope would therefore find himself confronted either with a concession for which it could not but be prepared.*

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*The abolishing of the Jesuit order, or with a serious mutilation of the patrimony of the Holy See. There seemed little doubt which of the two alternatives the pontiff would decide on. But if by an incredible*

*chance he chose the latter, the material advantages gained by the power would be more than sufficient compensation for their wounded pride."* They have a choice. They didn't have to abolish the Jesuit order. What is their choice? Surrender temporal prosperity and continue to obey your boss. Or maintain their territories and abolish the Jesuit order. Disobey? Do they choose to obey or disobey? Temporal prosperity or abolish the Jesuits? I would mark that as apostasy. God's people have a tendency to forget why we're here on earth. What our job function is. And I'd like to suggest that in 1773 the Catholic Church did the exact same thing. They decided to maintain their temporal prosperity. They would abolish the Jesuit order, they would cease to control the kings and they would stop destroying God's people. After apostasy, if you think of ancient Israel, what tends to follow? If this is a gathering, what follows? Scattering. The Papacy is scattered from 1798.

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It didn't end in 1798. In 1799 Pius VI, who was taken captive from Rome, died in captivity. In 1809, ten years later, Napoleon, frustrated by the next Pope's neutral stance during his war with Britain, annexed the Papal States and declared Rome a free Imperial city. They ended up losing everything anyway. The Pope excommunicated Napoleon himself and everyone who had worked with him to do that. In 1809 French troops seized Pope Pius VII and imprisoned him. Another Pope is taken from Roman imprisoned. Bonaparte later reinstated him. 1849, a Roman Republic is declared amid revolution. And Pope Pius flees Rome. That's when Bonaparte reinstates him. 1849, Bonaparte is able to reinstate the Pope. 1869, the First Vatican Council is convened and they're trying to sort out these problems. But in 1870, the kingdom of Italy captures Rome and annexes it. And the First Vatican Council is suspended. It doesn't end in 1798. This continues through much of the following history. There's an interesting quote by Westminster's Archbishop Manning in 1876, and he describes the Church's condition as darkness, confusion, depression, inactivity and illness. What are they in a period of darkness?

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What is required to bring you out of a scattering? What must come to God's people to bring us out of a scattering? A three step prophetic testing message. When did the Catholic Church receive their three step prophetic testing message? I want to mark this as 1916. And hopefully you'll see why. You'll understand 1917 is the year of Fatima. But they have visits from an angel in 1916, and that's where I would like to start. Their counterfeit, a three step prophetic testing message. This is the story of three children in Portugal. In 1916 they are the ages nine, seven and six years old. Why would this important three step, prophetic testing message be sent, first of all, to Portugal, when for about 400 years, they couldn't even have a Pope who was an Italian? Why Portugal? Why not Rome? I'd like to suggest the leadership's bypassed. If this message could have gone into the papacy, into the Vatican itself, it would have, but it couldn't. They had to be bypassed. And the message there to receive goes through three children in Portugal. Those three children are Lucia, who you'll hear of the most, Jacinta next.

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And Francisco. In 1916, these children receive three visits from an angel. I'd also like to start with a Disclaimer that a counterfeit copy is not necessarily of the same material or quality as the original. They aren't identical. And when we see Satan's counterfeit, we're going to see mistakes. It's not an identical



replica. But hopefully you'll be able to see the very strong resemblance. How many components does the first angel's message have? How many components does the first angel's message have? Three. And they received three visits from this angel in 1916. We have an angel come down and that angel always comes for them from the east. And ascends to the east. What is their job function? Shepherds. Three children. Yeah. It's interesting through when you read this story, you find splatterings of Millerite history language. Even though they look out of place, even though it's in a different location or a different frame, there's just splatterings of Millerite history everywhere. And Lucia describes these three visits of the angel as being in April, the second in summer and the third in autumn. And we understand that language Ellen White uses to describe 1844, April, summer and autumn, and that's the three visits of their first angel.

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*"The children were tending a flock of sheep outside the tiny village of Fatima, Portugal, when they first saw the angel." I'm just going to quote their words. He said, "do not be afraid. I'm the angel of peace. Pray with me." Lucia speaks later that their first reaction was fear. It's not something they felt later on when they receive apparitions of Mary. But under this first angel, the first thing she remembers is being very afraid. And it's the first thing he says to them is, do not be afraid. I'm the angel of peace. I won't read there's detailed descriptions of what both the angels and Mary does. You can find all that account online. I'm just going to pick out highlights. So I'm not necessarily covering everything because it is extensive and not necessarily helpful to do that. She says, *they were playing a game of pebbles. A strong wind began to shake the trees. It was a calm day, so in surprise, they looked up and from the east, a light wider than snow, in the form of a young man, quite transparent and as brilliant as Crystal in the rays of the sun.**

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*He knelt, bending his forehead to the ground. With a supernatural impulse. We did the same, repeating the words we heard him say, My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love you. After repeating this prayer three times, the angel rose and said to us, Pray in this way. The hearts of Jesus and Mary are ready to listen to you. And he disappeared. He left us in an atmosphere of the supernatural that was so intense we were for a long time unaware of our own existence. The presence of God was so powerful and intimate that even among ourselves we could not speak. On the next day, too, this same atmosphere held us bound and it lessened and disappeared only gradually. None of us thought of talking about this apparition or any pledge of secrecy. We were locked in silence without having willed it." A couple of things I want to note is, first of all, the fear. Second of all, the fact that he gives them words to speak. And the third, that they are at this time locked in silence.*

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This isn't something they share with their parents. In fact, these three visits in 1916, they do not share. The second visit of the angel, he comes down and he finds the children at play. He says, what are you doing? You must pray, pray. He'd given them a prayer to repeat. And when he comes down, they're playing. This for him is a rebuke. He's saying, you failed. You didn't give glory. And they're rebuked for that. He tells them how to offer sacrifices, to offer reparation. When they say offer reparation in the Catholic sense, that is to afflict themselves, to beat themselves, to tie ropes around themselves. And

these children pretty much start abusing their bodies to where they're in agony. You have children nine. It's awful what they would do to themselves. At one stage, Mary actually tells them to stop because they're going too far. But these children are physically damaging themselves. Under these instructions. She says, the apparition renewed the same profound effect which the first one had on them. It's interesting to note that through these apparitions, experience is different for the three children. Lucia can see, hear and speak.

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She's the one that interacts with Mary and the angel. Jacinta can see and hear, but she can never speak. Francisco can see, he can't hear and he can't speak. Anything he knows about what is being said. Lucia and Jacinta have to repeat to him afterwards. These three children are going through a different experience. After this rebuke, he comes a third time. And this time they're faithfully repeating the prayer he gave them. In the first visit. She says, *after we had repeated our prayer, we saw shining over us a strange light. We lifted our heads to see what was happening. And the angel was holding in his lefthanded chalice. And over it in the air was a host from which drops of blood fell into the chalice.* What comes down is he is giving them the Catholic Mass. And to Jacinta and Francisco he gives the chalice of blood. They drink the wine or for them it's blood. And that chalice goes to Francisco and Jacinta. And the host, which is the bread, but they say it's the body of Christ, only is given to Lucia. She's the only one that eats. Yes. The second is it? Third. First one is fear.

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The second, the rebuke. The third, they're given this host. So Lucia is given bread to eat. And she's the one that survives past 1920 to ever speak about it, publicly. Write about it. And she's the one that does the work. And she's the one that is given the host, the bread. This whole year is described as preparation. This is all preparation for the next step. And the next step is Mary. And this is what is generally thought of when we say Fatima. It's the 13th of May. Yes, sorry, I should record that 13th of May 1917. Lucia writes that they were *leading their flock from Al Jastral on the morning of the 13 May, the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. They passed Fatima, where the Parish Church and Cemetery could be found, and proceeded a kilometer or so north to the slopes of the Cove. Here they allowed their sheep to graze as they played in the pasture.* They were praying the Rosary. Shortly after they began praying the Rosary, they were startled by what they described as lightning in a clear sky. Thinking that a storm might be approaching, they debated whether they should take the sheep and go home.

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*"And suddenly they were surprised by a strange light. As they were halfway down the Hill near an holm oak there, the large tree, which today is encircled with an iron fence. They saw another flash of lightning, and after a few steps we saw on a holm oak a lady dressed in white. Shining brighter than the sun, giving out rays of clear and intense light. Just like a Crystal Goblet full of pure water, when the fiery sun passes through it. We stopped astounded by the apparition. We were so near that we were in the light that encircled her or which she radiated perhaps a meter and a half away." Four to five feet. "She said, please don't be afraid of me. I'm not going to harm you. Lucia responded. For all three, as she would throughout the apparitions. She's the only one that can speak. And Lucia asks her, Where are you from? She says, I*

come from heaven. The lady wore a pure white mantle edged with gold. In her hands the beads of a Rosary. Lucia felt no fear. What do you want of me? Lucia asked. I want you to return here on the 13th of each month for the next six months.

### **[00:53:12.640] - Tess**

*At the very same hour. Later, I shall tell you who I am and what it is that I most desire. I shall return here yet a 7th time. They then ask about their futures. She asks, Will I go to heaven? And she says, yes. And Jacinta? She will go too. Francisco? Too my dear. But you will have many rosaries to say first. They ask about their childhood friends, if they are in heaven. She says, one is Amelia, she's in Purgatory. Mary says, Will you offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings he sends you in atonement for all the sins that offend him and for the conversion of sinners. They say, we will, we will. Then you will have a great deal to suffer, but the Grace of God will be with you and will strengthen you. Lucia relates that as the lady pronounced these words. She opened her hands and we were bathed in a heavenly light that appeared to come directly from her hands. The Light's reality cut into our hearts and our souls. And we knew somehow that this light was God. The children remained kneeling in the flood of this wondrous light.*

### **[00:54:21.870] - Tess**

*She began to rise slowly in the direction of the east. And she disappeared. In the immense distance. The light that encircled her seemed to make a way amidst the stars. And that is why we sometimes said we had seen the heavens opened." What you have is increasing light. I would mark this as The Time of the End. And this is an increase of knowledge. In this one apparition, Mary lays out the future. She gives them the whole history of Fatima of what's to come. This is the first of six visits. I'm going to see you six times on the 13th of every month. And then I'm going to come and visit you a 7th time. And on the 6th visit, there will be a sign for all to believe. Something's going to happen. At this point, the children start to share with their parents. Jacinta and Francisco's father believe them. He's about the only person who does. But this is an increase of knowledge not just for the children, but for Portugal itself. It begins to spread. The next visit is the 13th of June. In Portugal, the 13 June is a great feast. And that is the feast of Saint Anthony of Lisbon.*

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What is he the saint of for Catholics? He's the saint of preaching and teaching. What did Miller receive at the formalization of the message? He received his credentials to preach and teach. And this is what Anthony of Lisbon was known for. They call him the Franciscan miracle worker, who was born in Lisbon and entered religious life as a canon regular of the Holy Cross. He's also known as the saint of lost things. And what did we lose after Millerite history? Miller's jewels. And he's a saint you would pray to when you lost something, he would help you find it. It is claimed in their law that when they dug up Anthony's body, they found that his whole body had decomposed except for his tongue. However fanciful we know that is, it shows how they view him. It was for his gift of speaking. By this stage, a small crowd has begun to come. A small crowd develops at the site. Mary says to them in this apparition that she would take Jacinta and Francisco soon. They died 1919 and 1920. But she says to Lucia, you will remain a little longer since Jesus wishes you to make me known and loved on earth.

### **[00:58:14.630] - Tess**

Lucia didn't die till 2005. She continued to speak, write, have apparitions through that whole period. The moment she said the last word, speaking of Mary, opening her hands, she transmitted to us for the second time the reflection of that intense light. In it, we felt we were submerged in God. Jacinta and Francisco seemed to be in that part of the light which was rising to heaven. And I in the part spreading over the earth. So now the light isn't just for them. This light starts to spread. And here Lucia is given her Commission. She's told that she's to stay on earth, Jacinta and Francisco will die, and make Mary known and loved. When you speak of Fatima, the date is generally the 13 May. But the controversial aspect of Fatima is the 13 July. And the 13 July gives us a vision of what this whole thing was about. This is a Catholic website. I'm quoting. *"The apparition of July 13 would prove to be in many ways the most controversial aspect of the message of Fatima. Providing a secret in three parts which the children guarded zealously."* It was sealed up. The first two parts.

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I will read them to you. "The children arrived at the holm oak on the 13 July at noon. Every apparition except one, which we will see, was at noon. Where they see a flash of light. And a moment later Mary appeared. There's dialogue. And then she shows them these three secrets. This first secret is a vision of hell. In the Catholic idea of hell. They see a pit of fire, blackened and charred bodies, screaming agony. All of that passes before the eyes of the children. *"Mary says, you have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. It is to save them that God wants to establish in the world. Devotion to my Immaculate Heart. Devotion to Mary. If you do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. This war will end."* Remember, the First World War is raging over this history. *"But if men do not refrain from offending God, another and more terrible war will begin during the Pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a Night that is lit by a strange and unknown light,"* which happened in 1938, *"you will know it is the sign God gives you that he is about to punish the world with war and with hunger and by the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father."*

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She's saying, World War I will end. But if you don't refrain from offending me, there's going to be World War II. And this brings us to what I believe to be the point of this whole experience. Finally, she gets to what she wants. *"She says, to prevent this, I shall come to the world to ask that Russia be consecrated to my Immaculate Heart. And I shall ask that on the first Saturday of every month, communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world. If my wishes are fulfilled, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, then Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, bringing new wars and persecution of the Church. The good will be martyred and the Holy Father will have much to suffer. Certain nations will be annihilated. But in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me and she will be converted and the world will enjoy a period of peace. In Portugal, the faith will always be preserved."* And this is the point of the whole experience. Bringing them back to their duty. What was their job function in 1773? Control the kings, persecute God's people. Their job function has changed and in the second secret they're given it. Their job function is to take down Russia. It has to be dedicated to Mary and become a Catholic country. July 1917, the Tsar has fallen, but Communism hasn't risen yet. Lennon hasn't risen yet. This is in the process of happening. If you listen to

Walter Veith and others, who say that all of this is a made up story, maybe the Catholic Church embellished some points to make it more useful to them. But whether it is or it isn't, for me it doesn't matter. Because this is still what they used from 1917 forward. This has been their propaganda machine. It has been Mary versus Communism since 1917. It was that way during the Spanish Civil War. It was that way in World War II. It was that way for John Paul II. Mary versus Communism, Fatima versus Communism. The third part of the secret. What happens if we don't fulfill our part of the second message? She says, "*after the two parts,*" which I've already explained, the vision of Hell and of Russia, the need to take Russia, she says.

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*"To the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an angel with a flaming sword in his hand flashing. It gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire, but they died out in contact with the splendor that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand. Pointing to the earth with his right hand, the angel cried out in a loud voice, penance, penance, penance. And we saw in an immense light that is God, something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it, a Bishop dressed in white. Where they had the impression that it was the Pope. Other bishops, priests, men and women, religious, going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big cross of rough hewn trunks as of a Cork tree with the bark. Before reaching there, the Holy Father passed through a big city, half in ruins and half trembling with halting step. Afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way. Having reached the top of the mountain on his knees at the foot of the big cross, he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him.*

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*And in the same way they died one after another, the other bishops, priests, men and women, religious, and various laypeople of different ranks and positions."* What are they being told here? How it was interpreted, and I think they've interpreted correctly. If you don't do step number two, the third is judgment. What drives the papacy to take down the king of the south? I always kind of had this childish idea that somehow it was demon possession. Somehow they were being guided and knew what their role was. But it's much more real than that. They have a message. So when you're Pope John Paul II. And on the 13 May 1981 you're shot in the chest and you nearly die and you're rushed to hospital. They barely save your life. The first thing he wanted was to get his hands on that third secret. He hadn't read it. He wanted to read that secret of judgment. He already knew what the second one said. Because behind his assassination attempt was the Soviet Union. And Russia was never dedicated properly. He knew that they had failed number two. When he was shot on the 13 May, he knows that all of this is going into effect.

**[01:06:57.750] - Tess**

And if he does not take down the Soviet Union, the third step following is judgment. This is what drove Pope John Paul II to fight the way he did against the Soviet Union. And that bullet that hit him now resides in the Crown of Mary, the statue in Fatima itself. He did a special pilgrimage to Fatima to place that bullet in her Crown. And this is what I want to suggest is our counterfeit three step prophetic testing message. I would mark this as 911. We come to August. Here the children start to encounter problems. There's been people who don't believe them, particularly the mothers of the children, all the way along from May 1917

forward. But this is when they really start to see the work of enemies. Under the pretext of providing his personal automobile so that the children could travel safely through the crowds pressing around their homes. The civil administrator or Mayor of the district of Fatima in which Fatima was located, arrived in the town on the morning of August 13. A previous attempt on August 11 to obtain the truth from the children had been unsuccessful. This man named Arthur Santos had devised a scheme by which he would take them into custody and force them to reveal all. With a show of good will he now offered to take the three children and their parents to see the Parish priest, whom he claimed wished to see them. And then onto the Cove. At the Parish house. He abandoned this ruse and the parents, taking the children alone from there to the district headquarters of Villanova Urum, some 9 miles away. Here he tried bribes, threats of death, and locking them in a cell with other criminals in order to get them to recant their story. It was to no avail. Despite their ages, their belief in the lady and their courage was unshakable. It's the morning of the 13 August. The children are making preparation to go down to the Cove and this man takes them under pretext of giving them assistance through the crowds. By this stage, a large number of people are coming to the Cove on the 13th just to be there with them. At noon the characteristic external signs of the apparition appeared for the benefit of the crowd, the greatest crowd to gather to that time. But the crowd dispersed as the children didn't show up. They were imprisoned from the 13th through to I think it was the 15th.

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So from the 13th to the 15th he kept them imprisoned and this delayed the apparition. Finally, on August the 15th, which is the feast of the Assumption of Mary, the administrator drove them back to Fatima and deposited them on the steps of the Rectory. But the ladies plans were only slightly delayed, they say. And on Sunday the 19th, they again see Mary. What do you see here is the work of enemies. At this stage they've started to collect funds. The crowds that are gathering with them at the Cove are giving them money. And they don't know what to do with it. They approach Mary about what to do with this money that's coming in. And she instructs them on things she wants them to purchase, like litters, that they would carry statues on their shoulders and also the construction of a chapel. So she says that on this site she wants a chapel built. I would suggest this is a work of organization. And I would mark this as 2014. On the 13 September they have another apparition. We mark this as the midnight cry. The 13 September. And by this stage the crowd that has been growing steadily since May, has reached, they estimate, 30,000 people that have gathered at the Cove.

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What Mary tells them in this apparition is a prediction of October. She says in October Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, various of their saints, St. Joseph will appear so Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus. And I won't read the rest of that time. But what they're given is their prediction. Approaching October. During the night of the October 12 to 13, it rained throughout. Torrential rain soaked the ground and the pilgrims who made their way to Fatima. It's estimated in October it was 70,000. And there are photos of the event. There was a fair bit of mocking this day because there was a delay. The time of noon arrived 12:00 p.m. And Mary didn't come. There was a delay here and a disappointment. But what people didn't realize was that Mary was not timing her apparition by the clock. She was timing it by the sun. And when the sun appeared at it's zenith, Mary did come. And here there

was the signs in the sun. In her memoirs, Lucia says, "*as the lady of the Rosary rises toward the east, she turns the palms of her hands towards the dark sky.*"

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While the rain had stopped, dark clouds continued to obscure the sun, which suddenly burst through them, and it seemed to be a soft spinning disk of silver. Everyone looks at the sun. From this point two distinct apparitions were seen. That of the phenomenon of the sun seen by the 70,000 or so spectators, and that beheld by the children alone. Lucia describes the latter in her memories. And it really is this vision of a couple of their saints, particularly the Lords, the lady of sorrows, and then Mary, Joseph and a baby Jesus. And they bless the world. She also claims to see the Lady of Carmel. Which prestige her entrance. Later in her life, she became a Carmelite nun. This apparition on the 13 October was the last vision for Jacinta and Francisco. A lot of eyewitness accounts do exist of this reported sign in October in the sun. And it was helpful. 2017 was a 100 year anniversary. The Catholic Church made a big deal about it, and released a lot of their papers, summarized it a lot into one website. It's quite easy to access. And on their hundredth anniversary website, they go into detail of each apparition and also list all the eyewitness accounts or statements they could find.

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The history following Fatima. Remember, Lucia was told right back here, there'll be six apparitions, and then I will come back to you a 7th time. That occurred in 1920. In 1919, Francisco had died a horrible death of the Spanish flu. Jacinta lasted a little longer, dying of the same illness in 1920. Neither of the children would accept medical attention, drugs, or help. Both of them believed that they were destined to die. It's an awful story to read. 1921, Mary appeared to Lucia the 7th time. And this was a call to dedicate her life. She's told, to follow the path. By this stage all of this was treated with a great deal of skepticism by the Catholic hierarchy as much as they try to deny it now. At the time, it was not that widely accepted. And what they started to face after Fatima was this influx of pilgrims going to Fatima to visit the site, to visit Lucia. At this time, still a very young girl. Barely in her teens. And for the Catholic Church, this was something that was entirely out of their control. What they decided to do was remove Lucia from Fatima and see if that could calm the people down and stop the pilgrimages.

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They wanted to take her to a private boarding school. And she didn't want to go. But that was the point of this 7th apparition. It told her that she was to dedicate her life, becoming nun and follow the path that the Bishop had laid out for her to take. And she claims to see everything again that she'd seen before in this history. It's a repetition of this history. She says that she saw it before her eyes again. She lists visions that she sees. It's 1929 that I want to talk about. Because this is an interesting one that she writes. She says she was in a chapel and then the only light was that of the lamp. Suddenly the whole chapel lit up with a supernatural light. And on the altar appeared a cross of light which reached the ceiling. She claims to see Jesus on the cross. And there's a host in the air, suspended in the air from which drops of blood fall into a chalice underneath. She can see Our Lady of Fatima. She's just describing the visual picture. And then this lady said to her, "the moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father to make in union with all the bishops of the world the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart. Promising to save it by

this means. So numerous are the souls which the justice of God condemns for sins committed against me that I come to ask for reparation. Sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray. Later, in an intimate communication, she claimed that Mary said to her, they do not wish to heed my request. The 'they' is the Papal hierarchy. It's the Pope. He does not wish to heed my request. Like the king of France, they will repent and do it, but it will be too late. Russia will have already spread her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church. The Holy Father will have much to suffer. She rendered an account of this to her confessor. She recorded all of this. And they also started asking that she record these secrets. They knew they existed. But at this stage, the Catholic Church didn't know what they were. They didn't know what they were. So she also starts writing down these first two. This third one she refuses to write. Mary told her the third is not to be written or shared with anyone.

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In 1937, Lucia wrote to Pope Pius XI and requested him to conduct this consecration of Russia to Mary. We don't understand fully when he received the letter or when he read it. This is the only documented correspondence that they have. But we do know that he never openly recognized Fatima. Never responded to Lucia or any of her superiors. And never conducted the consecration that she'd asked for. On April 8, the Papacy said that the Vatican did acknowledge receiving the letter, but the Pope never did. This letter from her Bishop is very interesting. It's not just her, there's a large community calling for the dedication of Russia. In 1929 instructions are given of how this must be done. It must be done in Communion with all the bishops of the world. All the world's bishops that have to come together for this. There is a list of what is required to conduct this dedication. In 1940 Lucia wrote insistently to Pope Pius XII, the next Pope, requesting the dedication of Russia. She says in 1929, through another apparition, Our Lady asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart, promising its conversion through this means and the hindering of the propagation of its errors. She says,

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sometimes after this I told my confessor of the request of Our Lady. He tried to fulfill it by making it known to Pius XI in several intimate communications. Our Lord has not stopped insisting on this request. Promising lately to shorten the days of tribulation, which he has determined to punish the nations for their crimes, through war, famine, and several persecutions of the Holy Church, and Your Holiness. If you will consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with a special mention for Russia, in order that all the bishops of the world do the same in union with Your Holiness. In 1942 Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary. I will stop now and we'll pick it up tomorrow. We haven't had time to finish this subject today. If it's all right, we'll spend the first half of tomorrow finishing this off. Any other thoughts or questions? I think we have about a minute.

### **[01:24:11.750] - Audience**

Did the crowd also see the apparitions?

### **[01:24:21.460] - Tess**



Different apparition to the children? The children claimed to see Joseph, Mary, baby Jesus, all of those. They just saw signs in the sun.

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Okay. But they didn't see, like characters of the Bible or saints.

**[01:24:54.660] - Audience**

I'm understanding it correctly that you find Lucia as Ellen White.

**[01:24:59.430] - Tess**

Yes.

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So I would say J and F would be Hazen Foss and William Foy.

**[01:25:13.370] - Tess**

What I want to note. One period that I want to look at is, she's not the only 'prophet' raised up in this history. Ellen White wasn't the only one. There's also William Miller. And when we go into this history, there is an Ellen White, but there's also a William Miller. We might address that tomorrow. Oh, yes. Sorry, sister Cathy.

**[01:25:39.570] - Audience**

I think it's interesting. I looked up Bush's name and it means light. And then, of course, we have Lucifer.

**[01:25:49.050] - Tess**

Thank you. Dear Father in heaven. Thank you, Lord, for your blessings. Thank you, Lord, for that three step prophetic testing message. Lord, how beautiful it looks in the light of the counterfeit. When we see what the alternative offer is. Father, there is no sweet love, joy and peace. Thank you for what you offer us. Thank you, Lord, for your armor. That you give us this incredible privilege to fight for you in this great controversy. To see our loved ones saved. To see your name glorified. I pray that you will go forward with us into today. That you'll give us direction. Personally, Lord and also as you've continued to bless this movement that we will do the work that you have set us apart to do. I pray this in Jesus name. Amen.