

## **“We Must Protect This House”**

### **Introduction**

Here we are at the beginning of Sep, Hebrew month of Elul and one if not the most important months of the year. We have the Festival of Booths/Tabernacles, also known as Sukkot to remember how God provided during the time in the wilderness. We have the Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah for the “head of the new year”; and Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement and Repentance (holiest day of Jewish year) all in this month. The world is in complete chaos with the continued war in Ukraine and evil descending upon Israel from multiple fronts. Here at home, we are approximately 60 days from maybe the most pivotal U.S. election ever. Needless to say there’s a lot going on.

I know for me, this year 2024 has been a very strange one. Not bad, lots of good, but totally not what I expected. When things didn’t go according to my agenda this year, a little bit of doubt and fear crept in, not gonna lie. After a while though, I began to see what lesson God was trying to teach me. It came in two forms. #1 was definitely “his ways are not mine.” #2 was I cannot trust what I see around me, I have got to place my trust in Him!”

As we move into the last quarter of this year, I feel another lesson coming and it has to do with protection. Who but God knows what the rest of this year holds for us? We protect things that are of value to us. We defend our nation from enemies foreign and domestic, we protect our state/city, we protect our family members both immediate and distant. We even protect ourselves physically and spiritually from potential harm around us, seen and unseen. That’s why I have entitled this message **“We must protect this house!” (Title Slide)**. The house in this equation can be ourselves, our homes, our church, our city/state/ or nation. I am going to give you three points to sufficiently protect them all.

## **Scripture #1: 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 21:1-2 Naboth's Vineyard (AMP)**

**21** Sometime later there was an incident involving a vineyard belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite. The vineyard was in Jezreel, close to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. <sup>2</sup> Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth."

### **Point #1: Don't Sell the Vineyard**

The enemy wants us to **cast off our destiny** (The vineyard=Kingdom of God)

And he **wants to deceive us** with a trade for something that lacks true value

The enemy wants us to settle for **less than our birthright**

The eventual **wine produced from our vineyard**= Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts and fruit of the Spirit.

Ahab went and **whined/boo-hoed** to Jezebel, and Jezebel came up with a scheme to destroy Naboth so he could take the vineyard for himself.

**Elijah had other plans** and warned Ahab, "If you do this, dogs will lape up your blood.

Naboth wises up after talking with Elijah tearing his clothes and fasting, but Jezebel eventually got what she deserved.

**When the temptation comes, you must protect this house by meditating on the word of God, decrees and declarations and standing on his promises.**

## **Scripture #2: Joshua 1:8 (AMP)**

<sup>8</sup> Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; **meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

### **Scripture #3: Hebrews 10:23 (AMP)**

<sup>23</sup> So let us seize *and* hold fast *and* retain without wavering the [c]hope we cherish *and* confess *and* our acknowledgement of it, for **He Who promised is reliable (sure) *and* faithful to His word.**

This is another reason why concepts such as **Fire on the Family Altar** is so important, it protects the house, it's inhabitants and their spiritual inheritance/legacy

### **Scripture #4: Psalms 71:18 (AMP)**

<sup>18</sup> And even when I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not abandon me, **Until I declare Your [mighty] strength to this generation**, your power to all who are to come.

### **Scripture #5: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9**

<sup>9</sup> But you are **A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A CONSECRATED NATION, A [special] PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION**, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

### **Scripture #6: Psalms 78:4**

<sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children, **But [we will] tell to the generation to come the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD**, And [tell of] His great might *and* power and the wonderful works that He has done.

### **Point #2: Invest in What's Next**

All three of these scriptures speak to what I call Progeny and Legacy (spiritual inheritance). When I read these scriptures aloud, I can't help but think of our young people. The X-Change Youth, The EDGE, Children's church, etc. We have to protect this house and invest in them, they are what's next! The Esthers and Daniels, and Joshuas waiting for the time to be revealed. Again, Fire on the Family Altar becomes more and more important to invest in what's next and protect this house.

**Scripture #7: Colossians 2:15 (AMP)**

<sup>15</sup> When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating against us], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through <sup>the</sup> the cross.

**Scripture #8: Isaiah 10:20 (AMP)**

**A Remnant Will Return**

<sup>20</sup> Now in that day the remnant of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped, will never again rely on the one who struck them, but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.

**Scripture #9: Romans 11:5 (AMP)**

<sup>5</sup> So too then, at the present time there has come to be a remnant [a small believing minority] according to *God's* gracious choice

**Point #3: Shame the devil and provoke The Remnant**

**How to Protect This House: A Church Built for War (Slide 2)**



## The “Spiritual Warfighting Functions”

### Summary:

Remember the story of Naboth from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings, DO NOT SELL THE VINEYARD and give away your birthright! When the temptation comes, you must protect this house by **meditating on the word of God, decrees and declarations and standing on his promises.**

We have to **invest in what's next** with our young people to protect this house! Esthers, Daniels, Joshuas rise up and take your place in the Kingdom! The world is waiting for the sons and daughters of God to be revealed!

We must always remember that God always has a **Remnant**, and that remnant will eventually be made up of us, our children and our grandchildren, generation upon generation...Shame the devil, provoke the remnant and protect this house!

