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Special Episode – War Against Evil

Hi, and welcome to this special episode of *Growing in God*. I wanted to do this special episode surrounding the war in Israel with Hamas, so that I could clarify some things as well as get some information out to those who are following this podcast and following in our community. We have to remember and recognize that in the end time, the Bible portrays that there is a war that will take place against evil. The conclusion of that, of course, is the bringing forth of the Kingdom of God in the earth. I think that what we have to recognize at this time is that evil does exist. I wish that the world could open up and recognize it, and I believe that we as Christian believers should be part of the voice to the world so that they can recognize that fact. I think the struggle that many people are having is just the reality that there is evil in the world; and evil must be dealt with, and you cannot just hope it is going to go away. It is not just going to go away. It must be dealt with.

I want to read a few Scriptures before I get into the information part of this podcast – which is the primary reason for doing this, so that you understand some of the opportunities and avenues that are available to you to participate in assisting Israel during this time. I am beginning with Matthew the thirteenth chapter, starting at verses 36-39. This is Christ explaining to the disciples the parable of the sower and the field. It says,

Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” And He said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.”

Now, I love this parable, because I don't think it gets any simpler than this to really understand a basic biblical view of the world and what transpires at the end of this age, directly out of the mouth of our Lord. So these are words that can be trusted. This is a story that can be trusted. It is speaking to us in terms that are simple to understand, and we need to really believe and really grasp the fact that this is not some simplistic parable. This is direction, speaking to us about exactly what will happen.

We see that the story goes on in verses 40-43:

“So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

First of all, I would encourage you to go back into the earlier verses of Matthew and read the original portrayal of this parable as Christ gave it. This is merely His explanation of it, so don't let it confuse you. He is saying that the world He is speaking of is the field, and there was good seed sown in the field, and that good seed was sown by the Son of Man; and the result of that seed is the sons of the Kingdom. The tares are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; and the harvest is the

end of the age. So, angels are going to be sent into the world, and they are going to pull out the tares; and they are going to be bundled and they are going to be burned. Now this, again, is speaking very distinctly to us the fact that there is at the end of the age evil in the world. They were directed not to pull the tares out earlier, because it was seen that they would destroy the wheat, the sons of the Kingdom, as well as the tares. And so, He told them to wait, and He would send His angels. So I think this angelic harvest is something that we should be ready for, be prepared for and participating in, in our intercession, because I do not believe that we on a human level have the perception to distinguish between the wheat and the tares all the time. So He simplifies that by sending His angels, His ministries, into the field to do that.

Now I want to look at Ephesians the sixth chapter, verses 12-13. It says, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm."

This is what we are to do: we are to stand firm. We are to put on the full armor of God, because we must resist evil in this evil day, and we must recognize that we are fighting these forces of evil and wickedness. The seed in the world was planted by Satan himself; but it grows in the world, and it matures in the world, as evil ones in this earth that are taking whatever form they are taking. But the initiation of this is out of the world and realm of spirit; therefore, God begins to deal with it from a spiritual realm, and we also deal with it in a spiritual realm.

I want to read another few verses of Scripture. This is Paul when he was speaking with King Agrippa and telling his story about his meeting with the Lord. It is in Acts 26, and I will start reading with verse 17. "...rescuing you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you." This was God's direction to Paul. He said, "I am going to rescue you from the Jews and the Gentiles, because I am sending you to them." We know what happened – they all tried to come after him and end his life; but God's promise was that He would rescue Paul from that. But look at what Paul was to do. He says in verses 18-19, "'To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.' So, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision." Paul fulfilled what God sent him to do.

I want us to recognize this, because a lot of times when we relate to a salvation experience, we relate to it as this idea of forgiveness for our sins; but it is greater than that. It is that our eyes would be open, so that we would turn away from darkness, we would be freed from the dominion of Satan, and we would be freed ourselves from evil. It talks about the fact that Christ has come to translate us, or transfer us, from the dominion of darkness into the Kingdom of God, into the Kingdom of His beloved Son. See, being delivered from the forces of evil is a very real thing that we as believers must experience; and at some point, the world itself must have this release from evil. There is evil in this world, and we face evil. We confront evil on a daily basis. And as we get into the end time, these forces of evil and darkness grow until that is part of what initiates God's moving in the end time, to get rid of the evil that has so enrooted itself in this age.

I want to give us another example out of Genesis the sixth chapter, starting with verses 3-4. This is the Lord speaking. He says, "Then the Lord said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.' The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore

children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.” So we see this story, and we know this is just prior to God destroying the earth with a flood; and He destroys the earth because of this wickedness.

We see a very similar pattern, coming to the parable that Christ was talking about in Matthew the thirteenth chapter, where the seed of satan had been sown into the field of the earth. This can happen either in a spiritual sense, where demonic forces are actually brought and rooted into the earth and manifest on the earth; we can also see it in this ability to produce offspring through the daughters of man, so that you have this wicked generation of beings that were manifested on the earth called the Nephilim. And this is what God came and saw, and witnessed, and therefore said that He was not going to strive with man forever, but there was going to be a destruction that would come.

Verses 5-8 say,

Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. The Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

This wickedness had so overtaken the earth that God Himself comes down and says, “I have to deal with this. I have to root out this evil from the earth so that there is a fresh start.” And He finds Noah, who was a righteous man, and He will begin again to repopulate the world out of his seed. This is very much like the parable that we read about in Matthew 13. God is going to look and see the wickedness of the earth, that it has been overtaken by these tares, the seed of satan that has been planted into the world; and He is going to send His angels to deal with it and to root that out.

I am saying this because I know it is so necessary. People right now are having a hard time. The liberals, the world at large, the woke mentality, the college students – there is this aversion to the concept that evil exists. But there has to be within the body of Christ right now a moral clarity. There is evil, there is wickedness; there is that which comes to the point of wickedness that God Himself will root it out and do away with it, bundle it, cast it into the fire. And it is because of the growth and the overtaking of that wickedness into the earth that God Himself begins to move.

Now, I believe we are in those times which we call the end of the age; and I believe we are witnessing before our very eyes the growth of wickedness in the earth. I think that what we are seeing right now in Israel, the war that they are fighting against Hamas, is a war against evil and wickedness that is in the earth. And I want to say it very clearly, as we come to the end of the biblical part of this message, to say that the war against Hamas, and all Islamic cults which are dedicated to a doctrine of annihilation, is in fact a war against pure evil. What transpired on October the seventh, 2023, in Israel along the Gazan border, was absolutely evil – wickedness beyond words, beyond human emotion, beyond what could be done by normal people. And the fact that some are now taking the side of Hamas and the actions that they brought, for whatever reason you think you are siding with them or trying to justify the actions of decapitating babies and burning people alive, and the horrible events that transpired during those days, it goes beyond things that have transpired on this earth. It is not human; it is pure, unadulterated wickedness. If you try to call it something else, you are just veiled by this demonic cloud. This is what Paul was to speak against. He was to come and try to open eyes so that people would turn from darkness, turn from the dominion of satan, turn from evil and wickedness; and we need that same kind

of clarity. We need eyes to be open, so that people will stop trying to call evil good and good evil. But that is what the Scripture prophesied would take place in these end times.

I bless those who are listening. I pray that you have an ear to hear. I pray that you have eyes to see that there must be in this time a moral clarity of what is happening. And any cult, especially that Islamic religion that is dedicated to the annihilation of Israel, to the Jewish people globally, and later to America, the Western world, and Christianity, that is pure evil; and it must be spoken to as pure evil, and it must be dealt with as pure evil.

In this, we must understand that our prayer and intercession is to release God's divine intervention to remove evil from the earth in this generation, just as Christ taught would happen in Matthew 13, starting with verse 36. We should be believing and contending for the divine intervention that He spoke of, with the angelic forces, the hosts of heaven, being turned loose on the earth to come and bundle the tares and root them out of the earth; so that righteousness might manifest itself, and the sons of God might be manifest in the earth, and those who are giving themselves to the will of God and the Kingdom of God might be clearly manifest in the world at this time.

I want to make one other point, and that is that we at Hargrave ministries – and I know many other Christians and organizations right now – are dedicated to comfort God's people during this tremendous time of war and devastation that they have faced. This is according to the directions of Isaiah chapter 40, verse 1: “Comfort, O comfort My people.” I believe this is something that the Church and the Gentiles are to be doing for and with Israel now, and during this time. There are also many ways I believe we are supposed to stand with Israel; and I want to make some of these ways that we at Hargrave ministries are participating in this very clear, so that you can participate with us, or you can find ways yourself to participate in what God wants us to do in supporting Israel and supporting the Jewish people, not only in the State of Israel but also within the Diaspora.

What we are doing personally here at Hargrave ministries is several things at this time. One is our normal, monthly donations that we give to organizations in Israel. The first is the AMI Jerusalem Center for Biblical Study and Research. We donate to these organizations every month, whether anyone donates money to us for that purpose or not. We consider it a tithe of our ministry to these places, and we give them each a consistent amount every month, month after month. We have done it for years and we continue to do it during this time.

We give to the Shiloh Israel Children's Fund. This is the organization that works with the trauma of children from the events of war and the events of terrorism. We also give to the IDF Widows and Orphans Organization. They are facing many things right now because there are many children who have been orphaned by not only the war effort itself, but also the atrocities of October the seventh. We are giving, as we always do, to Yad Eliezer, who is taking care of much of the natural needs of food and clothing, and jackets, blankets, helping people in this transition. There have been so many people in Israel that have been uprooted from their homes during this time. They have been moved away from the border; I think it is a million people or more that have been moved away from their homes, moved to other places. And so, the need here to take care of these people is tremendous.

We continually give through the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem to the Aliyah program. That is still moving forward now, because of the war in Ukraine and other things. We are giving also through the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem to the Haifa House for the Holocaust Survivors. They must be taken care of continually during this time, and their number is being added to

because of the events which are taking place. They need a lot of help, and they need counseling now because these events are bringing back horrible memories of the Holocaust. We are still giving to the City of David Foundation and to what their activities are in archeology and unearthing the prophecies and their fulfillments. During this time, we are also giving to the Jewish National Fund and to the planting of trees that is taking place.

As I said, we give to these organizations on a monthly basis, month after month to each of them. But also, during these days, we are putting out special ads and special cries for help for further donations to come in so that we can help what is going on. One of the organizations that we do not normally give to, but we are now, is United Hatzalah, which is an organization of EMS people helping right on the front lines, taking care of the wounded, taking care of the injured. This is something that we are doing now because they are on the front lines, helping with people. This is a totally volunteer organization of trained people who 24/7 are available to be called up and rushed to any area of need. They are there, and some of them have lost their lives in this war effort with Hamas. So we are giving special offerings to them, donations that are coming in.

As I said about these four organizations that I am talking about right now, we are putting out ads through Facebook, through social media, through email, whatever we can do to get the word out and have people donate to these. You can go to the website at hargraveministries.org and you can give through the website to these organizations. One of the four organizations is the Shiloh Israel Children's Fund that we are giving to specially during this time, trying to raise extra funds for them, because the government of Israel called to them because of the trauma of what happened on October the seventh that people faced on the Gazan border. They are now sending therapists out from Shiloh, their normal facilities, to help everywhere through the country with people who are being traumatized. And so, the workload for them is just overbearing. I just had an interview with David Ruben, the head of Shiloh Israel Children's Fund. You can find it on our website under the *Interviews from Israel* section that we have. I encourage you to go to that page. You can hear from David Reuben yourself about what they are doing and how they are engaged in the activities.

Also, we are giving extra support as we can raise it to the IDF Widows and Orphans Organization. You realize there are many orphans now because of the soldiers dying in the war. And I remind you that in Israel, both men and women are on the front line, so some of these children are losing their mother; some of these children are losing a father. But they are losing parents, and there are orphans now that are being created by the event of this war, and certainly that were created by the atrocities of October the seventh, where whole families were killed; but at times mothers and fathers were killed right in front of their children, and the children had to witness this. It is part of the trauma that Shiloh Israel Children's Fund is dealing with. But also, the IDF Widows and Orphans are dealing with the children, trying to rehouse them, helping them get through this transition any way that they can.

The fourth organization that we are taking up special offerings for is Yad Eliezer. During this time, they are facing so many needs, so many requests for help by those who have been moved out – they are literally refugees in their own country because they cannot go to their homes along the Lebanese or the Gazan border. And so, they had to leave their homes with nothing but what was on their back, many times, and so they are in need of everything. This is a tremendous, tremendous time, and I know that we are moved to comfort God's people, and we are moved to pray and intercede; but I also know that that prayer and that intercession needs arms and legs to it. And we can only do that as we donate and give to

these organizations that are right there on the ground, on the front line, helping these people in everything that they are going through.

I talked to Michael Ben Abu, who is the one who works with the planting of the Gospel Trail. He was telling me how he is going to the front line and giving therapy to the soldiers coming in. I have talked to many others that are doing that, too. Mickey Medzini, who was going into the farms because the farmers had all been relocated, and they were picking tomatoes and trying to help harvest the crops. Rabbi Mordecai Weiss, going out and doing a barbecue at the Gazan border, at the front lines, just to help encourage the soldiers. They took a group of Americans so that they could say, "America is with you! Whatever you hear on the news, in the media, America is with you."

That brings up the last part of what I want to talk about, the fact that this is a media battle. If you are in the United States or other countries, you are hearing so much on the news, and much of it is disinformation. That is the last thing that Hargrave Ministries is trying to do during this time: we are posting on our website information in our interview section, trying to help educate people with educational, truthful information from sources about the history of the land of Israel, the history about the Jewish people, the history about radical Islam and the Palestinians, that people need to know. You need to be educated. So besides donating, I encourage you, educate yourself on the true history of Israel, the State of Israel, the Jewish people; how they were removed out of the Islamic nations and forced out of their homes. That is how many of them ended up in Israel: they were removed from their homes. We don't hear about that. We just hear that Palestinians are being relocated and there is no place for them to go. Well, there are places for them to go. In the United Nations, there are 22 Arab nations, most of them under an Islamic government. Why aren't the doors being opened for these people to go and find refuge from the war in other places? why are they blocking them in? See, there is a lot that is not being told of the story that you are hearing on TV. So I am hoping that we can help educate people with the truth of what is going on.

Also, besides posting information that we find and other shows or interviews that we find, we are doing our own interviews. I have been interviewing people on the ground, people who are reliable, educated, and who understand the dynamic of what is really happening. We are trying to keep those people interviewed. I am trying to get interviews with these special organizations that we are helping to finance right now and giving donations to so that they can tell their story. You can hear it directly from them, of what they are engaged in. So go to this interview section of the Hargrave Ministries website. Be informed, educate yourself, speak up; speak up to your neighbors, to your school board, to whoever you can, whoever will listen that wants to hear the truth. Just like the ministry of Paul, he was to open the eyes, open the ears, so that people would turn away from the evil, turn away from the wickedness, turn away from satan's plot against this age. We need to be a part of that; and we need to donate. So I encourage you, again, go to www.hargraveministries.org. Go to either the project section or go to the special giving section that you will find there, and donate to one of these organizations of your choice, and help them deal with this unbearable need that they have.

Let us continue to pray. Let us continue to have faith. Let us continue to release into the field the angels of God that are going to root out the wickedness. But also, let us help comfort God's people, and help give to the needs that they have right now during this time. Find a way to be a part. This is a war against evil, and this is part of the end time Biblical reality.

I bless you, and we believe together for God's Kingdom to come and manifest on this earth. Amen.