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Female: And now for “How to Handle Plagues God’s Way”.

Nathaniel Bronner: Amen. I want to just read you the story of a gentleman by the name of Tom Chisholm. Thomas Obadiah Chisholm was born in the mid-1800s. At a very early age, he struggled with debilitating health concerns. His impaired health affected almost everything he did and it cost him to fail at almost everything he tried. Thomas was a Christian, but he loved to write poetry. And one day in the midst of the everchanging disappointments of his life, he sat down and wrote a poem. The poem was about the faithfulness of God. That poem was the song you just heard.

Sometimes the greatest things can come out of our toughest trials and our toughest tribulations and we wonder God why do I have to go through this?

As you know, I have been dealing with a series called The Plagues of Egypt. I started the series months ago long before the coronavirus appeared on the scene. And I did not know why God had me dealing with the Plagues of Egypt not realizing in a very short period of time, we were going to be in the midst of one of the greatest plagues most of you have ever experienced. So, I want to just deal with just even -- this is a modern-day plague. And Egypt is a modern-day America. Same stuff that Egyptians went through the same stuff we’re going through right now. So, we’re experiencing this plague and to be honest about it, there’s nothing new. It just has not experienced in our lifetime but plagues have been here since the dawn of man and not only have they’ve been here, this one even at its worst is mild.

A lot of times it’s not what it is, it’s how we frame it. It really is. When you travel a lot, you learn to frame some stuff differently. You see it where a lot of the little bitty stuff we complain about and fuss about, you know, they didn’t put the mint on my pillow. When you experience some other stuff and you see what people
are going through, your stuff does not seem quite as bad. The coronavirus at its worst will kill 3% to 5% of people who are infected with it at its worst. When you go back to history and you look at some of the great plagues through history, the bubonic plague is one of the most well-known -- commonly called the Black Death.

The Black Death killed 40% to 50% of the whole population, not just of who were infected with it, the whole population. So, when you go through and look at history and you understand some things, it was about 20 times worse, and that’s if this gets real bad.

So sometimes, when you look at things on a relative term and understand it, what I want to deal with you today is just I want you to understand plagues are not new and they’re not new to God and God gave us some guidelines for plagues. You don’t know it, but He did. Most of you don’t realize it, but He did. So, I want to go through some of the stuff because it isn’t like God didn’t know. You understand it? That’s why He’s got me preaching the Plagues of Egypt. It’s not like He didn’t know, He knew it was coming and I’m just not sure He didn’t send it. That’s why He told, “I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptian.” God put this stuff on the Egyptians, so I’m not sure He didn’t send it because I got to admit it, man can be some pretty rough creatures at times.

And sometimes God has had to send some stuff or we just won’t do right. And over and over, we won’t do right and we say we’re going do right and turn right around and look at -- we just won’t do right. So, sometimes God goes, “Look, I’m just tired of this stuff.” And He will send some stuff and it’s just not pleasant. So, when we understand some of this, it makes sense and it’s not scary to his people. C. Elijah passed out every one to little bookmarks with the 91st Psalms. When you get it, it talks about and the pestilence about that arrow that flying -- the arrow that fly by day of the pestilence by night. Pestilence is nothing but a plague. It’s nothing but a virus or a bacteria. It’s been here and it’s nothing for us to be afraid of.

I don’t want you to be foolish but I don’t want you to be fearful. And there’s two different extremes of some things and the world
would get you where you just fearful. And we’re fearful of some things but we’re not (00:05:14). I take my boys out and we have a lunch every Saturday. So we went to a restaurant yesterday, we couldn’t hardly get in the restaurant. It was just full. I mean, one, we couldn’t get in because it was closed, no, it was packed. And they had to sit us way in the back room because all of the tables were full. So, the coronavirus maybe raging but it isn’t stopping folks from getting not doing what they want to do. They may stop them from going to church but it sure won’t stop them from getting in that restaurant.

So sometimes even our fear is selective. But I want to just go through some things and just talk to you just a little bit about it just to kind of ease your mind. I don’t know how bad it’s going to get, but I know even if it gets to its worst, it’s still not the 5% of what the old day plagues used to be that wiped out a large percentage of whole populations. This one at its worst will take out 3% to 5%. And I what I want you to do is to kind of understand two things about that 3% to 5%. Number one, I don’t want you to be in the 3% to 5%. And number two, even if you are in the 3% to 5%, the worst that can happen to you is go to (00:06:24). So, when you understand this kind of things, it keeps us where we don’t live based on -- because the media has been playing this thing 24/7. It has you almost afraid to breathe. And the world just wants you cringing and tied up in fear and scared to move. And that’s not God’s way.

God says, “There’s only one thing you need to fear: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” And the very thing we need to fear but not afraid of and the very thing we all not to be that afraid of was scared to (00:06:59). God says the only thing you need to fear is Him because He cannot only destroy your physical body but your eternal soul. The only thing you need to fear is God. And if you don’t fear the stuff of man and if you fear God, God will protect you through the stuff regardless of what happens. Someone asked C.S. Lewis once, they said, “Why do the righteous suffer?” And he said, “Why not? They’re the only ones who can take it.” Yeah, the unrighteous is (00:07:28). So, he said, “They’re the only ones who can take it.”

So when we understand some things about the plague, do you know plagues was one of the reasons Christianity became so widespread? How did that happen? When we go back through and see, it was actually the Roman emperor, Constantine, who really
gave Christianity a tremendous boost. But when you go back and look at the Roman empire and you go back and look at some things, you notice the plagues were central in that. What’s called the Antonine Plague of the second century, it called off 25% of the Roman empire which is almost 10 times the death rate of those just infected with the coronavirus. It killed off 25% of the whole population. But what happened, the Christians moved in and took care of the folks in the midst of the plague. And what the Roman people were seeing, these Christians are stepping in when everyone else is fleeing and they’re taking care of the sick and they couldn’t understand why the Christians were not afraid to die. It made no sense to them.

And if there were three major plagues that went through the Roman empire, each time the plagues went through, it was the Christians who stepped in and provided the medical care. If the Christians had not stepped in, the death rate would have doubled. But because the Christians stepped and were not afraid -- see, we’re not quite being talked like that, no, we’re not in the medical profession. The church is not in the medical profession, but I’m not sure even it was, we’d just be scared to death based on the way things are now. But back in the day where it meant something that you would really die for Christ. They stepped in and they faced viruses and they faced disease and they gave their lives and the people noticed.

In 1527, when the bubonic plague, this is the one that nearly took half of the European population. Martin Luther refused calls to flee the city and protect themselves. Rather, he stayed, administered to the sick. Now, Martin Luther, he is the founder fundamentally of the protestant religions. The refusal to flee caused his daughter Elizabeth her life. But it produced a tract called Whether Christians Should Flee the Plague where Luther provided a clear articulation of the Christian epidemic response. And this is what he said, “We die at our post.

Christian doctors cannot abandon their hospitals. Christian governors cannot flee their districts. Christian pastors cannot abandon their congregations. The plague does not dissolve our duties. It turns them into crosses, and we must be prepared to die.” Now that’s a little different from the modern day thing.
But this is what non-Christians saw. And when they saw the bravery and the dedication of the Christians, it converted them because they said, “Whatever this is folk, believe me, they’re willing to die for it. And they’re not just willing to die for it, they’re willing to die in service to others.” In service to even people who are not Christians. What kind of faith is this? This is the way we need to live where people can see our lives there. What kind of faith is this? And this is the way we need to live where people can see our lives. What kind of faith is this? Not that we run and scared of every little thing and see, I don’t want to promote foolishness, I want to promote faithfulness. And there’s a difference.

See, God told you how to handle plagues. So, pastor, I didn’t see no coronavirus in the Bible. God told you how to handle plagues. He told you on a spiritual level and He told you on a practical level. First, let me start with just the spiritual level. Jesus in Matthew 6:25, “Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?”

Now, he goes on to talk about the lilies of the field and how God closed him. We have two birds at our house, two sun conure birds. We’ve got two birds, three cats and a stray dog. Now, we care for the birds. Feed them, water them, clean up after them, just as God care for all of the birds out in nature. We have a large yard and we have it landscaped and the grass manicured and the hedges are trimmed and all of the flowers taken care of, just as God takes care of the lilies of the field. But those birds and those cats and that stray dog and those hedges are nothing compared to our children. That’s what Jesus is saying.

He said, look, God takes care of the birds, He takes care of the lilies of the field and you are his children. Don’t you know He cares way more about you than birds? Now, we can take care of the birds but don’t you know I would literally lay down my life to protect my family. Somebody came in and get the bird, they can have them. They can have the cats and they sure can have the stray dog. So, don’t you understand the level?
And Jesus said, “Don’t worry, your daddy got you.” So, when you looking at stuff out in the world, and that’s why C. Elijah just got through preaching on Psalms 91, a thousand will fall at your left hand and 10,000 at your right hand but if you’re not calm, not you, nor you, not anybody in your household, you have to stand on that faith. And this is the power of understanding who we are and whose we are.

And when we understand that, it just changes the way you walk. Now, I’m not saying for you to be foolish, I am saying for you to be faithful and there’s a difference between faith and fear and allowing fear to just control and to rule your life. People has got us doing some crazy stuff. We’re flooding stores for toilet paper. Now, what kind of feast(ph) does that make? I mean, it just makes no sense. So, this is how man hysteria and man’s fear. Do you know where it came from? It came from a rumor that face masks were made out of the same material that toilet paper was made out of and because there was going to be a huge demand of face masks, it was going to reduce the supply of toilet tissue and toilet tissue was going to run short. Most people out buying toilet tissue got no idea why they’re buying. They’re just following the crowd. Lot of folks even constipated are still buying a whole lot of toilet tissue. They got no idea why they’re buying all this toilet tissue, they’re just following the crowd, blindly following a fool following a fool following a fool and they got no idea.

We fired an employee last week. The employee had a very high-paying job in our manufacturing plant. It was a supervisor level, making a whole lot of money. Caught the employee on video camera going out of the door with a big sack. In the sack, they had a bag full of toilet paper. They lost a high-paying job stealing toilet paper. See, people, this is what I’m telling. Sometimes the world can get us so out of balance. So, fear with fear that we’re hoarding toilet paper and we don’t even know why. We’re stealing it -- and this is the way we are when we steal and do wrong stuff. We risk something that’s far more valuable. But this fella lost a super valuable job, I don’t even want to use it, but do you understand my point? Sometimes we lose something of ultimate value for trash, for paper, and we don’t even understand what we’re doing and how the world has manipulated us. Jesus says, “Don’t worry about this stuff, your
daddy got you. You do what you’re supposed to do and God got the rest.”

So, I’m not telling you to be foolish, but God even gave us provisions and instructions for plagues. Yes, He did. Let me tell you some of the things that he did and what he told us. It’s over in Leviticus starting at the 15th Chapter in the second verse. You see, the medical world is telling us to do two primary things. Sanitize and separate. When you get through all of the stuff, it boils down to those two things, sanitize and separate. Basically, clean up stuff, sterilize, wash and then separate yourself so that you don’t get in contact with somebody who’s sick.

In Leviticus 15:2, it says, “Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, “When any man has a discharge from his body, his discharge is unclean.” That means if you’re blowing snot, that’s a discharge. So, if you have a discharge from your body, basically, it says look, if this man shoots up all his body, he’s sick. So, God is saying in his law, “Every bed on which the person with the discharge lies became unclean, and everything on which he sits becomes unclean. Anyone, moreover, who touches his bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until the evening and whoever sits on the thing on which the man with the discharge has been sitting, shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. And whoever touches the person with the discharge shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until the evening. Or if the man with the discharge spits.” See, (00:17:41) that spitted on you.

So, God had all these plagues covered long time ago. God says, “Look, if the man, “ and this includes women too, “if the man or woman spits on you, whoever touches the person with the discharge shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until the evening or if the man with the discharge spits on one whose clean, he too shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until every saddle on which the person with the discharge rides become unclean.” Let me put this in modern term. If a person is sick get in your car, wipe your seat. That’s what the Bible here says, “When the man with the discharge becomes cleansed from his discharge, then he shall count off for himself seven days for his cleansing; he shall then wash his clothes and bathe his body in running water and will become clean.”
The Bible didn’t just tell you to wash your hands, it said take a whole bath. So, God had this sanitize thing that I didn’t have time to just read all of the details. It says, “If the man drinks out of an earth and pot.” It didn’t say, “Wash the pot.” It said, “Break the pot.” Break the pot. (00:18:53) sterile. If the man drinks because the earth and there was a reason for that.

See, with modern porcelain, it’s non-porous but clay was porous. So, when something is porous, you can’t get microbial stuff out of it easy, so God says, “Do not use it.” See, there’s a scientific reason for all of this stuff. But God gave us criteria for how to handle the plague and how to handle sickness. He gave us the sanitize and he gave us the separate. We’ll path away to separate, let me show you this again. The quarantine is also in the scriptures. And this is what God says, “Tell the children of Israel what to do if a man has leprosy. All the days wherein the plague shall be in him, he shall be defiled; he is unclean. He shall dwell alone without the camp shall his habitation be.” God tells, look, if the man is sick with a certain disease, put him out and quarantine him. Modern medicine did not begin quarantine until the 1700s and 1800s. God began it back in the B.C. dates.

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God said, “If a man got a plague, if a man is sick --” and see, if the people in Europe had followed God’s laws with the bubonic plague, it would’ve cut the death rate way down. They didn’t do that. Folks would be sick and they all piled in the same room. The sick person, anywhere folks. God said, “No, if the man is sick, don’t just put him outside the house, you put him outside the camp. He has to be in another whole area outside of the camp.” God says, “Quarantine sick folks.”

See, all of this stuff was in the Bible if you know God’s laws and if you just followed his laws, it would cut down this sickness a whole, whole, whole lot. But a lot of times, we don’t know what God says and we think this stuff is new plague is nothing new. This stuff had been around -- God gave you the terms on wash and separate, and you still do that today. So, you make sure you wash and you make sure you stay away from folks who is sick. Just simple as that.

Now, sometimes it’s not so simple because some of the folks who is sick is close to you. And I have a feeling this particular virus is
way more prevalent than medial issue. No, it’s a whole lot of folk
got this stuff because when you look at a week ago, it was only
1,100 tests that had been done in the U.S. and out of the 1,100,
300 of them was positive. So, I said that’s 30%, it’s a whole lot of
folk got this virus. And it’s going to get a whole lot worse, but you
ought not to be afraid. So, you sanitize, you separate and then
you strengthen.

Now, I told you before that the stats say that 80% of the people
who get or who is infected with coronavirus will have no or mild
symptoms. 15% will have severe symptoms and 5% will have
critical care, meaning they will need to be hospitalized and at the
current death rate, 60% of the ones hospitalized are not going to
make it out of the hospital, that’s just the way the stats are.

So, my goal is to be in the 80% and then to be in the part of the
80% that has absolutely no symptoms. Now, what’s your goal?
To be in the 80%, the 15% or the 5% and if you’re in the 5%, 3% of
them is going down, so that’s 60% of the 5% going to die. I don’t
want that percent. I don’t even want to be in the 15% and just
get real sick. They’re real sick, they’re not sick enough to go to
the hospital, but you’re real sick. I don’t want to to be in that
percent, I want to be in the half of the 80% that never even noticed
they even got it.

See, the disease or the virus can be in you, but it doesn’t affect
you because your body will fight it off and kill it. Well, how do
you do that? We even have a product that we’re introducing here
to the church that you will going to get absolutely free today, it’s
called 7 Shields. It’s an immune-based product. Now many of
you know the company that James and I work in, we manufacture
nutraceutical products here. In thousands of health food stores
all across the country, we got the number one detox product, the
cleaner in the market. So, we’ve been in this business for a long
time.

And I was sitting in one of our company meetings and I was
thinking this virus is getting big, we need an immune product.
We used to make one years ago but we discontinued it. And I
heard God speak a name and the name was simply 7 Shields. And
then I heard later in my prayer, God spoke and he said, “Contact
your brother C. Elijah and ask him what seven ingredients would
he put in an immune product.” And I said, “Why C. Elijah?” I
said, “I know a whole lot of stuff and Pastor James know a whole
lot of stuff, why do you want me to call C. Elijah? He isn’t even in the business, why do you want me to call C. Elijah?” But C. Elijah studies nutraceuticals and health and he lives and breathes it. Sometimes he’ll email me a lot of stuff about what he has found, so I called him and I followed what God said. I said, “C. Elijah --” I didn’t tell him what I wanted. I said, “C. Elijah --” and normally, when you call C. Elijah, a lot of times C. Elijah would give you his cell phone number. He just won’t answer it.

So, a lot of times, you call C. Elijah, he just won’t answer, but he’ll pick right up. And I said, “C. Elijah, look,” I said, “If you had to make an immune product, what seven ingredients would you use?” And he began writing them off one by one until he got to all seven. And when he gave me all seven of them, I told him why I was calling him and what I wanted it for. And then God began to speak on how to process this, the order to put them in, what amounts to use. And later, C. Elijah was telling me about some of the ingredients. He said, “One of those ingredients I had just read a study about, it activates all the of the others and it makes them 10 times stronger.” That was ingredient I would’ve never put in to product and I would’ve never put it in on that level and then C. Elijah told him about I would’ve put maybe four over seven but it was three of them I would’ve chosen.

C. Elijah had a reason. And that one in particular that made everything 10 times more powerful I would’ve never known about and I would’ve never used. God knew. So. We’re making the product for every one here today. You’d be able to get a bottle of 7 Shields. It’s $19.95, it has a 45-day supply.

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First of all, the weather is warming up, so in 45 days, it ought to be warm, the flu crisis should be over. So by the time you end your bottle it ought to be over. But you’d get a free bottle a day, you take two capsules a day. Now, this helps to strengthen your immune system so that you’d become part of the 80% who never even notices they even have anything because that’s where I want you to be where you’re shielded from this stuff or even if you do encounter it, it just doesn’t affect you.

And even C. Elijah was telling me some of the things about the other, it’s got a whole lot of benefits beyond just immune strengthening but if you ever need your immune system
strengthened, you need it now. So, we’re making this available to you at absolutely no charge. Now, if you want to get additional bottles, we will have it here that you can buy those for half price of $10.00. That’s 7 Shields. You can go 7shields.com and read all about it, read all about the ingredients or what’s in it, but it was not me who formulated it. And even though C. Elijah came up with the seven ingredients, it was God who knew he would have the exact thins that your body is going to need.

So, I want you to be unafraid as we move through this. Be wise. Sanitize and separate and strengthen. And you want your body strengthened. See, I want to have a strong faith and a strong body. I don’t want either one of them weak because you need both of them. You need strong faith and a strong body. So, 7 Shields will at least provide you some nutritional support to help strengthen -- it doesn’t kill coronavirus, it doesn’t stop coronavirus, it doesn’t cure coronavirus, it just helps you to strengthen your immune system, so you can fight off this stuff and it will not come nigh you.

A lot of stuff we can sanitize, some stuff we can’t. Do you know the dirtiest thing that you got and the dirtiest thing you’re going to come in contact with? Money. So, yeah, money. Do you know all of the money, all of the hands that it has passed through? Money is one of the germiest, most microbially contaminated thing, but none of you all thrown away your money. You are not going home, (00:27:20). I’m going to throw this money way. None of you are going to throw away your money. So, we pick and we choose what risk we will take.

Now, some of you may just put some gloves on when you hold your money, but you’re not going to throw it and passes through all of this multitude of hand and folks got all kind of stuff and then come out of the bathroom, have washed their hand, they’re handling money, all -- money got all kind of germs on it. But none of you are going to get rid of your money because your money is germy. So, we faced microbial contamination from all kinds of those, you can run in your purse and your wallet right now some of the germiest stuff on the planet you got on your body right now. So, you need to be internally strong so you can have -- anybody who -- we need to get a (00:28:14) for anybody who wants to get rid of dirty money. We will take it and sanitize. For anybody who just can’t stand another minute you want to get rid of your dirty
money, bring it up here, we'll get a can of (00:28:26) and put it in and we'll handle that dirty money for you.

But I don't want you to live in fear. I want you to live in faith, but I also want you to live in health. I was mistaken when I thought it was just a regular flu. It's not the regular flu, it is stronger than the regular flu. It's stronger because it has a higher mortality rate than the regular flu and it has a higher contagion rate than the regular flu. But the regular flu is still rough. Regular flu kills about an average of 50,000 to 60,000 folks every year in the U.S. alone. So, the regular flu is still rough, but the coronavirus is another level up. So that's why the government is taking the proper precautions of trying to isolate and separate. But in my opinion, this is already pretty heavy. So, you need to get the fear out of you. You need to get the faith in you and you need to get your immune system strengthened so that when it does come near you, it shall not come nigh you.

See, Psalms 91 didn’t say it won’t come near you, it just says when it is going to come nigh you. It wouldn’t go kill you. It wasn’t going to affect you, but you're going to see all this stuff on your left and on your right and you see, folks, falling right and left. But if in faith and in God’s will, it will not come nigh you. So, I wish all of you health and I wish you wellness. This a plague without question but God is in control of it all. Now, man fiddles with some stuff and I had some questions about the origin of this coronavirus, man fiddles with some stuff. There's no question about that.

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But God is in control of it all. And when you understand and when you know that you will walk through this life with only one fear, fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

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