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Dear Brothers,

Last week, we published an article entitled **Defending Our Living Hope**, which relates the experiences of the brothers in the Reno Nevada congregation who were recently visited by the four brothers you dispatched to investigate the high number of Memorial partakers in that congregation. By now, you may have received the report from your representatives and are deciding how to proceed. A look at the article might prove enlightening. You can find a link to the article on the **Update Page** of our site: www.AnointedJW.org.

We published the article, not to embarrass you, but to arouse your perceptive powers. We hope you see the parallel of your actions with the Jerusalem Sanhedrin, the Governing Body of the Jews in the first century, who mercilessly persecuted Christ's brothers and who reaped the terrible consequence. History indicates that the entire Sanhedrin, their supporters and their temple were destroyed by an advancing army that correspondingly showed no mercy to them. If you insist on imitating the Sanhedrin, you must also accept the same outcome. All will reap what they have sown, for our God is not one to be mocked.

If this is indeed your future, then it must be clearly understood that it is you who cast the first stone. You judge your brothers unjustly. You accuse your brothers falsely. You beat your own brothers. You trample upon the blood of the Christ by claiming to be his brothers, yet you prove false to its power. You slam the door and nail it shut so that none would be able to enter the kingdom of heaven, not even yourselves. And there are certainly many other oral and written 'traditions' that entangle and burden your brothers that you fail to remove.

If you cannot see that all of your brothers in all of the congregations are sons of God and heirs to the kingdom of heaven who deserve your honor and respect, it is you men who are the most to be pitied. Jesus said: "The measure that you have measured out, they will measure out to you." (*Matthew 7:2*) If you continue to make your mark in rejecting your brothers and rejecting the plain and open teachings of Christ, it will be about you whom the merchants cry "Too bad, too bad, you great city?"

But it is not too late to escape such an outcome. As in the case of Nineveh, you, too, can repent and turn to doing good to 'the least of Christ's brothers.' You can back away from your efforts to silence the sons of God, and align yourself and your message to the true good news as **Jesus taught**, not according to the assumptions and presumptions of the prophetic interpretations of your predecessors.

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It is our hope that by laying bare your error, you will voluntarily and swiftly self-correct and show yourselves worthy of the God whom you profess to worship, the One whose name you have emblazoned on your walls. The ‘sheep’ are waiting on you at the precipice of the pit. Where will you lead them?

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