

# (Europe 2008) Session 8 - When Truth Is in the House

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*The sermon calls for a deep, transformative engagement with the truth of Jesus Christ in our lives.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher describes a powerful moment when Jesus, usually meek and dignified, cried out with emotional authority. The preacher emphasizes that Jesus had the power to consume any sacrifice offered to God during this moment. The sermon is based on John chapter 7, where Jesus comes to the temple during a feast and stands up to cry out with divine inspiration. The preacher highlights that Jesus refused to flaunt Himself before man and instead moved with the functioning authority of God.

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## Transcript

It has been our great privilege to be here. We have all been blessed with the Lord. I want to thank Dr. Presidio for making this opportunity for us to be here.

We've come and we've met some great people in our family, my family, and it's been a good sight to be able to be here and walk to the floor and pray and be able to pray, just being present. Again, I gave that petition nine months ago, and the Lord spoke the same thing to my heart at the convention in Beaumont about Europe, and a lot of things have transpired in prayer. Again, just to be here this morning, this week, and to be in England.

I've never been to England before, but to be here, and if I never had to preach, just to be here and be in the presence of God with these people. Thank you so much. You've loved us, and we appreciate it so much, the opportunity.

I want to talk to you this morning, just for a few minutes. One of the most precious things I've found in my walk with God, beyond ministry, is to be able to come to the house of God and sit where you're sitting and have an ear to hear the Word of God. But it's not just enough to hear.

That Word must get into your heart and into your life that you become the very truth that you hear. We hear that all the time, that you must become the truth that you hear. John said the thing that touches my heart the most is that you become the truth that I preach.

We must become that living epistle. We must apprehend that for which we are being apprehended for. It's not enough for me to come, and then when my wife has been through at home, and on a Sunday night, and sometimes on Wednesday nights, and I sit in that seat over there, and I hear her preach, and there's a hunger for the Word of God, and that's good.

And I sit, and I hear, and I say, Amen. I lift my hand. But I must allow that Word to affect my daily life.

It must get into my daily walk where it changes me day by day, that I'm truly, truly, truly being molded into the image of Jesus Christ. One of the greatest traps of the ministry I've ever seen is that many times when you go to meetings, conventions, etc., that you hear a lot about ministry and places people are going and things they're doing. But there must be a work of grace done in our hearts.

There must be that we're being changed into the very image of Jesus Christ. I'm reminded when we hear the story of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, and we were talking on the way over Sunday night, and you hear the story of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. It's a tremendous story.

You always want to be like those three people where Christ is able to walk in that house and sit down and commune in fellowship. But that house had to go through death. It had to carry over into death.

Christ came to that house many times. He would come on one occasion. He wouldn't come to that house.

He would stay at a distance. He wouldn't come and walk through the door as usual. He would pull them out.

He would draw them out of that house. And before he came, we know that Mary had sit at the feet of Christ. She had chosen the best part.

Martha was in common with many things. We talk about Martha like she was a little bit wearisome and a little bit fretful. She wasn't really thankful for being a servant.

Mary had the best part. Martha is there working, kind of complaining. Lazarus, he's just there.

Just there. Can't hurt a thing from him. But in John chapter 11, Jesus came to change all that.

He came to change all that. He stayed away. He stayed at a distance.

He didn't go into the house that day. He called them out. Lazarus died.

He raised him from the dead. You know the story that John chapter 12 is right after John chapter 11. In John chapter 12, they went to Simon's house, I believe.

There was not four or five people there now eating. Martha was preparing supper for 17 people. Lazarus had died, had been raised from the dead, resurrection life.

Now fill that house. Martha in John chapter 12 never complains one time about feeding 17 people. Mary's not at his feet anymore.

She takes that box. She pours it out. The whole house is filled with the odor of worship.

The whole house. Everybody down the street knew something was going on in their house. And Lazarus never heard a word out of him.

The man died. He raised from the dead. Now the Pharisees said we've got to kill this man.

This man must die. Amen. Something had happened in that house.

Christ had visited that house and something supernatural had taken place. That's what must happen this week. We cannot afford to leave another convention, another meeting the same.

We cannot afford having heard the word of God. We've heard this man of God and leave the same with more intellect and more ability and more understanding possibly of some of the word of God. It must be affecting our daily life and our daily walk.

He has come for a reason this week. He has come for a divine purpose. He's been on a mission this week to prepare and mold we that are in this house.

These few that are here are enough here to affect this nation and this continent. We are enough here to affect your world. But we must allow that word to change us first.

He must take us down paths we've never walked before. We just can't look that way. We must walk on paths that we've never walked before.

Not just ministry, but in our daily lives. That we know this man like we've never known him before. He's come to this house this week.

Much like he did in John chapter 11. He's come to this house this week to affect the difference in your heart and in your life. I want to preach just a few minutes this morning.

When truth is in the house. When truth is in the house. And that's what's taking place this week.

Truth has come here. Truth has come to this house. Father, I thank you for your word.

Before we read this word, God, I pray God you stir our hearts and our lives. God, give us an ear this morning. God, to hear what the spirit of God will speak again to the church, the body of Christ.

God, give us those words, God, that will lift up your name. That will touch the hearts of your people, Father. We give you all the praise in Jesus' name.

Amen. Did you have your Bibles turned to Hebrews chapter 1? Hebrews chapter 1. When truth is in the house. I want you to look at these scriptures this morning.

We'll read several scriptures. I want you to look at them very carefully. Most of them you're very familiar with.

Let God speak to you in these scriptures as we read. Let's see what God will speak to us here today. Hebrews chapter 1, verse 1. God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, who is appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds, who be in the brightness of his glory, in the express image of

his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power.

When he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Maxwell Hill house. And we know here that Paul, the writer of Hebrews, we believe, says that in this hour God speaks to us through his Son. And that Son comes to us with a word, the word of his power.

The word of his power. When we come and we hear the word of God preached, it is Jesus Christ speaking through the frail, flawed vessels. It is the voice of God, the voice of the Son, speaking through that minister.

The word of his power. Amen. Turn to John chapter 1. John chapter 1, verse 1. John chapter 1, verse 1. In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God. I'm going to read that again. I know you know it by the back of your hand, but let the Holy Ghost just make it allowed to you.

In the beginning was the word, the word was with God, the word was God. Verse 14. And the word was made flesh, the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Full of grace and truth. John chapter 7, verse 1. Jesus here going to the temple. The word was with God, the word was God, the word became flesh and dwelt among us.

There's a man in heaven today. I said there's a man in heaven today. Hallelujah.

A man just like we are is in heaven today. The word of God made flesh. That dwelt among us is in heaven today.

By the right hand of the Father. John chapter 7, verse 1. Jesus going to the temple. After these things, Jesus walked in Galilee.

He would not walk in Jerusalem because the Jews thought to kill him. Now the Jews' feast of Tabernacle was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto him, his brethren, talking to Jesus, Depart hence, go into Judea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.

Sounds very admirable that they want him to go to see the works, their brothers may see the works that he's done. For there is no man that doeth anything in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, show thyself to the world.

But neither did his brethren believe in him. They wanted him to go to the temple, go to Jerusalem, go there, preach the word, show what he can do. Verse 6, Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come, but your time is always ready.

The world cannot hate you, but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go you up into the feast. I go not up yet unto this feast, for my time is not yet full come.

When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up into the feast, not openly, but as it were, in secret. Then the Jews saw him at the feast and said, Where is he? There was much murmuring among the people concerning him.

For some said, He's a good man. Others said, Nay, but he deceiveth the people. Howbeit, no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

Verse 14, Now about the midst of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and taught. He went into the temple. He's there in the temple now.

And he begins to teach. Verse 15, And the Jews marveled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned, as a response to the word that he brings? That's the first time that he speaks in the temple. Verse 28, Second time, Then cried Jesus in the temple, as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am, and I am not come of myself.

But he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. But I know him, for I am from him, and he has sent me. And then once again in the temple, same place, verse 37, In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If ye demand thirst, let him come unto me and drink.

He that believeth on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. I believe one of the greatest challenges of this generation is the ability to hear the truth of the word of God. It's no problem to come to a house like this to hear a great sermon.

As our pastor tells us, the only thing you need to make a preacher is a sermon. But to make a man of God, you need an altar. When that man of God stays around that altar, then God is able to affect his life in and through that man.

Just a sermon makes a preacher. Well, the same is true about that pew dweller. The only thing that makes a pew dweller is somebody that can come and lift their hands, say amen, hear a message, go, and really not ever be truly affected by that message where it truly changes your life.

And one of the greatest challenges of this generation, the cause of the deception, the cause of the apostasy, is the ability to hear the truth of the word of God. But thank God, if you have a hunger and a thirst for God's word, it is impossible for the powers of darkness to stop Jesus Christ from getting to you with the word that is designed to affect your life for this day and eternity. But you must come hungry and thirsty.

You just can't come and sit and hear. You must come hungry and thirsty for the word of God. Now, the truth, the word of God, the truth being the person, the ability to hear the truth, the truth being the person of Jesus Christ.

Now, the next few minutes is very, very elementary of what I'm about to say, but you've got to get it in your spirit this morning. The truth that you must hear is not a mere word. It is the person of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 1 tells us that in these last days, God speaks to us by his son. And those words spoke by his son is the word of his power which upholds all things. We didn't come with a message.

We didn't come with a plan. We came with a word from God, a word from his son that's full of power, that's able to uphold all things that he has designed to do in our lives this week. He has come on a mission and a purpose to do a work in our lives that we can affect those out there.

And the power that's in the word that you will embrace with all your heart has the ability to uphold all things that he will do in this house this week. Now, in John 7, verse 1, I just read to you that after these things,

once again, the truth is a person, a person of Jesus Christ. In John 7, verse 1, I just read, he said, after these things, Jesus would go forth eventually to the temple.

What things happened that Jesus, or the words are here that John recorded after these things? Well, Jesus had just shed the 5,000 with five loaves and two fishes. He'd walked on the water to get to his disciples. He declared that he was the bread of life.

You go find that in John chapter 6, all that was there. He fed the 5,000 with five loaves and two fishes. He'd walked on the water to get to his disciples.

He had declared. He declared that I am the bread of life that will quench a man's hunger and thirst. He stood up.

He declared it. No ifs, ands, in-betweens, nowhere else to go. I am your bread.

I am your source. You're all that I need. As a result of these things that John chapter 7, verse 1 speaks about, as a result of these things, we find in John chapter 6, verse 66, it says from that time many of his disciples, not all, but many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him.

Many of them. What does that mean? They quit going to church? I don't think so. No, it simply means they began to walk at a distance, not in communion.

They began to walk at a distance. I've been preaching, trying to endeavor by the grace of God to be a minister for 24 years. I've seen a lot of people coming out the front doors and leave.

I've seen a lot of people sit in the pew. But a lot will come and they will stay at a distance from this man because this man desires to get very personal with your life. And it's easy to stay at a distance and hear the word and hear it in the natural, hear it in the intellect, but this man came to affect their lives.

And when he did, when he demanded that he was the bread, he was the only source they could run to, he was their source, many left him and followed at a distance. They could go to church. They could sit in the pew.

They could give their tithe, their offering. They could do all the things of ministry, talk about the lost being saved, that Christ in heaven could not bear witness, that he had a home in their heart, that he could come in the cool of the day or when the north wind blows, he knew he had a place where he could come and pour out his heart. He had a garden enclosed.

A garden enclosed. So we find these disciples following him at a distance now. We see Jesus in John chapter 7 in the temple of God, in the temple.

This is truth in the house of God. Truth in the house, a person walking in that house. And because of it, verse 43 tells us, there was division among the people, listen to me, because of him.

It didn't say because of what he said, it said because of him. There was division in that place because of the person that was in that house. He could have said most anything, but the division came not necessarily because of the words he said, not necessarily because of the doctrine he brought, but because of the person that was in the house.

There was a man in that house today. There was a man in that temple, and because that man was there, it brought division in the house. Notice it said because of him.

This is truth of person in the house. A person called Jesus Christ in the house of God, in the temple. Now most people relate truth to just the word, and we're guilty of this.

We ourselves in this 21st century, as we sit on the word of God, too many times we come to a place of familiarity in our own lives that we relate the truth to just the word of God. It's the Bible, it's teaching, it's doctrines, it's methods, it's formulas, it's parables. We quote all these things, we have them in our songs, and we become guilty.

Every last one of us here today has become guilty of relating the truth of the Bible, it's doctrines, it's formulas, it's parables, it's methods, and we've gone through seasons in our lives that we look back and say, God, where was I at? I did not allow the person to affect my life. I heard some words, I heard a sermon, but the person of Christ really didn't affect my life, and I'm no further advanced than I was. I may be better in ministry, I may have seen some souls saved, but I myself am no closer to Him than I was a year ago, or a month ago.

They fail to remember those that go through these stages. We fail to remember that as John began his gospel, he said in verse 14, that the word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of what? Full of what? Full of grace and truth. That word became a man, and that man was full of grace, and that man was full of truth.

Praise God. I said he was full of truth. Hallelujah.

Truth, the word, has become truth, the person. Truth, the word, has become truth, the person. Full of grace and truth.

Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life. Truth, the word, has become truth, a person. A living person.

Listen to this. A living person that has life and soul. A living person that breathes like a man.

When he walked through that temple that day, there was a man that had a pulsating heart. He had breath, praise God. They had to acknowledge, there's that man.

He walks like we walk. He talks like we talk. He breathes like we breathe.

He's got a heartbeat like we have. And that's what stood up in that house that day. Truth with a life.

Truth with soul, praise God. Not mere mechanics. Not a sermon.

But this man came with passion to zeal the Father's house and devoured him. He was on a mission for one reason. God the Father said, Son, it's now time.

You go to that temple. You walk through there like the men of God you are. And I'll give you a message, praise God.

The message is more than words. It's what's in your heart. The desire to please and to do the will of God.

Something stood up in that house that day. Truth in the house. Not just a good word or a good method of formula, but a person filled with truth and life.

That's what Paul meant when he said, My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and power that your faith should stand. What? In the power of God. What did Paul say in Hebrews 1? He speaks to us in this hour by his Son, who his word has the power, the ability to uphold all things.

Paul said, When I come, I come in the name of Jesus Christ. I don't come to talk about him. I come to talk for him.

And my word has power to uphold all that he would declare me to preach, praise God. Paul said, Your faith should stand in the power of God. The power of God.

Paul was saying your faith should stand in the power of God simply means your faith can also stand without the power of God. You can have the word without the power of God. You can sit and hear the words.

You can preach the word without any power whatsoever, with no ability to affect no one. It's a good message. It stirs people.

It might get you places to preach. You might have a dozen itineraries that you go to, but it's not affecting anybody. Heaven is sitting still.

There's no effect on the lives of the people. Paul said you can have the word with power. It means you can have the word without power.

Your faith can stand upon the formulas and the meanings. Your faith can stand upon your ministry of the word, and you still have no life. No life.

How many have we seen that really had no life? They do the right thing, but no life for Christ. There's no living that life of another. No life for Christ.

You will do all the right things without really having his life. You offer the sacrifices of praise and service and commitments, but without the power. Without the power.

We lift our hands and do all the right things, but without the power, without the life. And God will not consume the sacrifice. It just stands at the altar, not having been consumed by God.

No fire to put to the sacrifice. No fire to put to the sacrifice. The word without power.

Being in the pew of the pulpit, the word without power. If I don't come sitting there this morning at 10 o'clock with a hunger and a thirst for God, I sit there with a sacrifice that I've offered, but there's no desire for God to come and pick up that sacrifice. I just sit in my seat, but if I come broken and humble, praise God.

On fire, desiring for God to touch my life. Desiring for God to move my heart. The word of God can affect my life, praise God.

And I bring that sacrifice. And when I bring that sacrifice, the word of God can put the fire to it, praise God. And when the fire comes, it consumes the dross that's in my life.

I don't have to walk around every hour of every day, God knows, and cross in tears. No, I just walk in the spirit of God, and the Lord will visit my heart, praise God. And consume the fire, consume the dross that's in my life.

The fire must be put to the sacrifice. We just had church this morning. The moment of power, the life of the soul, is allowed to move on the word of God, the sacrifice is set on fire, it's accepted of God, it's consumed by God.

And that's what stood in the temple that day that brought division. It brought division. That man, the person of Christ, brought division.

When you preach this man under the unction of the Holy Ghost, when you got a word from heaven, not a word that you worked up off the shelves of your library, no sir, there are a dime a dozen, they're there by the multitude, no sir. But when you bend before God and that man speaks to your heart, and you don't come talking about him, but you come talking for him. When you leave that priesthood and go into the prophetic ministry, the prophet of God, I'm not speaking about everybody that stands in the pulpits of prophet, but you left that priesthood and you talk about God, then you're talking for God, praise God.

It'll bring division. When you talk about that man, Jesus Christ, I said it brought division. It brought division in that house that day.

The word that stood up, truth of life and soul. Amen. I said it brought division, church.

The moment of power came, it stood up that day with life and soul. Now, not a good sermon with good points, good meanings, and a lot of zeal, but truth of the soul that could consume the sacrifice. It brought division.

There was a heart in the midst of that truth, a living, beating, pulsating heart. Now, I know I'm repeating myself, I know that, but you've got to get this this morning. You've got to let the Holy Ghost put this in your heart and in your mind that you can almost feel his heart beating yours, praise God, for we are to be his representatives.

He was the visible image of the invisible God. We are to represent Jesus Christ, but I must have that heart that he has. I must pulsate like Christ pulsates in my life.

There was a heart in the midst of that truth that day in that temple, a living, beating, pulsating heart, not just words. That's what truth was when preached. That's what truth has when preached with his life from a pulpit.

Now, because a man gets loud, gets quiet, knows when to raise his voice, as he says, shed a tear, wipe the sweat, look the part, no sir. There's got to be a pulsating heart. There's got to be life and soul.

There's the power to put the fire to the sacrifice. You come, and you're going to offer your sacrifice today if a man of God's been called to God in this pulpit, and he's got a word from God to speak for God, the fire is in that word to put to that sacrifice, praise God, and it'll be lifted up in the presence of God. Amen.

That's the power to those sacrifices that have been offered to God. That's the truth that was in the house during the feast in John chapter 7, truth with life and soul, pulsating heart. That truth comes to a pulpit without saying it, without saying it.

He came to that temple that day the same way any preacher comes to a pulpit, without saying it, he demands to be heard. He may not say those words, but he comes in the spirit demanding to be heard. When Jesus Christ walked through this temple in John chapter 7, he demanded to be heard.

He was on a mission from the Father, amen. We're on a mission from the Father. We demand to be heard.

Any preacher in the pulpit ought to demand to be heard, not to demeanor on his face, not be angry, but that spirit within him demands you've got to hear what I'm saying. You've got to hear it. This is the way it is.

There is no if, ands, or buts. There's no one way. There's no two ways.

This is it. This is the way. You've got to hear what God is saying.

Truth filled that house that day with authority. They didn't know what did. They didn't know what in the world they're dealing with.

This is just a man. He eats like we do. He walks like we do.

What in the world do we have here? It filled that house with authority. Truth that reached, listen to me, it reached into every corner of that house. There was nothing left unexploded.

Nothing. It walked into that temple that day, a mission from the Father. It was unexploded.

Listen, listen. I know what it is to sit in that pew and minister, been preaching 10, 15, 20 years, praying, walking the floor, paying your tithes and offerings, trying to be love of the Spirit, doing things for God, and you sit there and you're hoping for God. Here comes that word of God.

Here comes that truth. Hallelujah. It comes to search out every corner of my life.

Oh, I want to lift my hands and say, Thank God, thank God, thank God. He'll search every corner of my life. There's things in my life that only God knows about, and little by little, He unveils and brings out.

Praise God. At least those things trip me up. Oh, you might have been saved 10 years, 30 years, 40.

It matters, God. We're frail, fall vessels. Praise God.

We're in the process. I am being saved. I'm being saved.

I shall be saved. Praise God. I'm in the process.

Praise God. And He came that day, reaching into every corner of that house, and for a few minutes, He changed. For a few minutes, He had charge over that house with the power to consume the sacrifices brought to God.

For just a few minutes, in that house that day, He had the authority and the power to consume any sacrifice that would have come and offered itself to God. It's a picture of the preacher talking for God. The Son, the truth, the Word of God speaking through that vessel.

So, in John chapter 7, let's jump in this story here this morning. In John chapter 7, verse 14, we find this truth in the temple. You don't need to read that, but it came to the temple in verse 14.

In the midst of the feast, about the fourth day of the eight-day feast. He didn't come the first day. He came the fourth day.

There's a reason for that. He came the fourth day of the eight-day feast. And it's important that we see this because His brethren, and I just read it to you, His brethren had wanted Him to come with them.

But He refused. And if you remember, I read it to you. We won't take the time to read it again this morning, but they wanted Him to go.

So no man do these things in secret. You're of God. You do mighty works.

You come on down to Jerusalem. Come on down to the temple. Men ought to see what you're doing.

But we want men to see what you're doing. They wanted to come with them. They wanted to dictate Christ.

They wanted to dictate His words. They wanted to dictate what He would do. But Christ was not led by man.

He's not led by any man today. No, sir. It's a valuable lesson here.

Truth is not dictated by men's whimsical notions and desires. That's why men today, they stand in pulpit, the playboys that play the games in pulpits today. Anybody that's walking in any truth at all looks out somewhere They're a pitiful sight.

We're not holy to Thou. No, sir. Not that attitude.

But you look at them. My God. How could you get that far removed from reality? God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost are not dictated by men's whimsical notions and desires.

And they wanted, the brothers said, we just want you to come on down to the temple. Come on down with us. They didn't really believe them.

They had no real desire for Him to be honored and glorified. Not at all. You see, the Word would show that surface emotions can be dictated.

If you just got surface emotions and you come with that desire, you can dictate the Word pretty good there, but not the truth of life and soul. You can't dictate that truth of life and soul. It moves only with the unction and authority of God.

It is not moved by man. Oh, we ought to shout and thank God. Thank God it's not moved by man.

No, sir. It's moved by something in heaven that's bigger than this outside of ourselves. Jesus refused to flaunt Himself before man.

You see, that's what they wanted Him to do. You come and flaunt yourself before men. So Jesus came and began teaching in the midst of the feast the fourth day of an eight-day feast.

The first time in John chapter 7 it's mentioned here is in verse 15. Actually, in verse 14. I just read it to you.

The first time He came, He came and taught. First time. What was the result? Verse 15.

Let's read it. Verse 15 was the result of the first time He taught in the temple. The Jews marveled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? They heard Christ teach.

He'd sit there. He'd taught the Word of God. They'd been there with Him this morning.

Get ahold of the Word of God. Let God make this real to you today. They said, What is this man? Who is this man? They marveled.

How knoweth this man letters, and never learned? Never learned. They recognized that Jesus knew the Word. They were so doubtful that He knew the Word.

He knew the meanings and the formulas. But where did it come from? Where did all this knowledge come from? He had never been to their schools. He had never followed them around.

No. Then Jesus tells them where it came from. He tells them where it came from.

Verse 16, Jesus answered them and said, My doctrine is not my own, but His that sent me. My doctrine is not my own. They said, Where did this come from? He's never been to our schools.

He don't follow our teaching. He don't run with us. Where did all this that He's saying, where did it come from? He said, My doctrine is not my own.

It's from Him that sent me. Jesus simply said, These are more than just words like you teach. These are not words like you teach.

This is not my doctrine, but it's His that sent me. He will simply say in the words that I speak, Have a heavenly origin, prays God. That came from a Father that knows you, that knows me.

It's God the Father coming to speak to you today with His doctrine and His words. He said, All you hear are words. Listen to me, church.

We're guilty. If you're here, guilty this morning. Open up your heart just for a few minutes.

You see, we're determined we are going to lead this day changed. We're going to lead different this day. So let the word challenge you right now just for a few minutes.

Christ came to the temple. This was the Son of God. He stood up as the truth and He began to teach.

They said, Where do these words come from? He stopped in our schools. He said, No, no. These words are not mine.

They're not mine. They're from that one that sent me. He said, These words have a heavenly origin.

He said, All you're able to hear is words. You just hear words, but these words have the life and the soul of heaven. They have the authority of God.

They only heard the word. They only heard the letter of the word. Something that would encourage, inspire, help them in their situation, their circumstance.

Move them here and move them there but nothing really changed, changed, changed their life. They totally committed to God. They go to the temple and just hear words.

They come to a church service like this and they heard words week after month after year but there really was no real change in their lives. They got gone from the milk to the meat of the word of God. They were still bathed in Christ.

They had not matured. They were not able to teach others. God in heaven couldn't look down and see really change in their life.

He said, The reason being you only hear words but the words I came are full of life. They're full of soul. They've got a heartbeat praise God.

They've got authority. I've come here demanding attention. He didn't say it but that's what he did.

Then we heard the letter. But then Jesus tells them something. He tells them how they could hear him.

He said, You want to hear me? You want to sense that pulsating heart? You want to hear that heartbeat when that preacher preached you that word of God? You want to hear the heartbeat of Christ? You want to follow this word? You're allowed to affect your life? You want to really hear the heartbeat of the truth? He said, I'll tell you how. I'll tell you how. Verse 17, he said, If any man will do his will he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself.

What was Christ saying? The only those that walk in his will and in his obedience will recognize this life and recognize this heartbeat. It means that you and I can come to a convention like this and we come and say, God, I've come to do thy will, O Father. It matters not what the cost.

It matters not what you require of me to do, God. I've come to do thy will. I will walk in obedience to every word I hear this week.

I will allow it to get to my heart. He said, if you come like that, I don't care how frail, I don't care how strong, it matters not where you've been. If you'll come like that, when that man of God gets in that bullpen, you'll hear from heaven, praise God.

You will hear from heaven. It'll change your life. If it don't, we need to pack it up today, go out that door and shut it down and say, God's not real.

It'll change your life. There's something about the foolishness of preachers to a hungry Lord or to a man that's under conviction or a man that God's purpose to bring him under conviction. Under that conviction he brings repentance.

There's something about the preacher if a man had come hungry and thirsty. Amen. He said, you're determined to do my will.

He said, you'll hear from heaven. Glory to God. Did you hear me, church? Oh, hallelujah.

We were in church last Sunday so my wife, Prince, and I, oh my Lord, I've been saved 30 years. I said, like a maiden cries, something from heaven just touched my heart and touched my soul. I sat there in that chair and listened to the word of God.

It's like I just got saved. Just got born again. Oh, he took me back.

Hallelujah. It was fresh. It was a river of life flowing.

Praise God. Why? Because I need a thing? No, no. But because I came with a hunger and a thirst.

He met me and I heard something from heaven. Praise God. Oh, the service of truth can know truth.

You've got to become a servant of truth. No matter what it costs to those that are purposed to walk in obedience. We'll know this life, this authority that's in truth.

If you're holding out on God with sins of commission or omission, the truth will not get down in your soul. If you're holding out on God, if there's sin in your heart that you're regarding, there's things in your life that you're walking in disobedience about, if you pull away from God, this truth, you'll put up a wall and this truth will have a hard time getting into your soul and you'll leave this week, you'll shout, you'll get the messages, you'll take them home, but you've not really been changed. Saints, we've got to get beyond that.

It's too late for all that. It's beyond that. No, sir.

We need to move with God in this nation. I need to move with God in my life. You need to move with God in your life.

You need to move with God in your life. We've got to get beyond that today. Praise God that we repurpose this truth we don't get into our hearts.

The moment you make up your mind to walk in obedience, the moment, the moment. You've heard him say, when heaven looked down and saw him, he prayed that prayer in that motel room. My children, my wife was sick.

My wife was sick and God said, what do you do? I'll give them God. I'll praise you if you allow that spirit to leave that room. The moment he let him go, the moment he let him go, that he would walk in whatever God said.

The moment that Abraham pulled that knife back, when God saw his heart was surrendered, that he would walk in obedience. Oh, something supernatural took place. Something in heaven took place.

When you make up your mind that this truth with life will get down into your heart and you'll know this truth that has life and has soul, that has a pulsating heartbeat, you'll welcome the authority of this truth and your sacrifice will be set on fire by this truth, praise God. These Jews did not embrace this truth with life. He told them exactly what they could do.

They needed to turn and obey and do God's will. They only heard words. They didn't hear his heart.

They didn't really hear his heart. They heard words, sounded good, looked pretty good. They felt the emotions of it, but they wouldn't walk in obedience.

They went to surrender. They went to yield. You know, I have thoughts for God.

I can offer him a yielded vessel. That's all I have to offer you. That's all.

A yielded vessel. They weren't quite ready to turn all over. They had things that they had to do in their lives, ministry, etc.

They didn't embrace this truth with life. They received Jesus the second time, the same story that the temple gave. He said, Jesus, the second time in the temple, verse 28, I read it to you while I was living.

I need to read it to you real quick, verse 28. This is the second time. Then cried Jesus in the temple as he talked, saying, you both know me and you know which I am, and I'm not coming myself, but he that sent this truth knows this.

Who ye know not. For I know him, for I am from him, and he hath sent me. What's he doing now? He's rebuking and reproofing them.

You don't know him. You don't know him. He's rebuking and reproofing them.

He tells them straight out in authority they do not know him who sent him. You don't know the one that sent me. You do not know my Father, and because you don't, you're not embracing this truth in life and soul.

And I know you will sit here today and say, but I'm glad that I'm not like them. And you may have some knowledge of the Father, but I'm here to tell you we're in the age of the last days, this last of the last days, just before the coming of the cross, that we need our hearts extended, our hearts totally open to God, that we know everything of God, everything of the Father that he desires to teach us. We don't need to sit this morning and say, oh, they need to hear this.

Oh, preacher, they, no, no, no. If we'll hear it, they will hear it. I said, if we'll hear it, they will hear it.

If we'll get changed, they will hear it. How many times do we sit in church and we just get honest this morning, pull all the facade back, just get real. How many times do we sit with a man of God that's preaching that word, and I mean, he's on that thing.

Oh, hallelujah, preacher. Oh, they need to hear that. No, sir, God's not preaching to them, they're preaching to me and you.

He says, you'll get it in your heart that I'll use you. I'll use you as He did with those five loaves and two fishes. He says, you get broke, I'll use you, praise God, to preach to them.

He's rebuking them now. He's reproofing them. You don't love my Father.

And notice something here. It says in verse 28, you got to get this. Then cried Jesus in the temple as He talked.

He's crying now. Well, they couldn't understand that no teacher came to the temple and cried. He came and he sat.

You were victimized. You sat and you talked. But not this time.

He's on a mission. He's still sitting but He's crying. He's crying out.

Now, He's not sitting there weeping tears. Oh, no. I'm not talking about that.

No, sir. What was He doing? He was reproofing them with a loud outburst, with emotional authority. Amen.

That zeal was stirring His heart. That emotional authority took over. At the first, He was simply sitting and teaching, but now He cried out.

This is truth in the house with life and soul crying out with divine emotions. He was pressing in closer now. He's pressing in.

Hallelujah. He's pressed you this week. If you come up, and I know I've been getting to come up, and He's pressed me this week.

I've heard some of these messages you have. I've been to the camp meetings. God afforded us the opportunity.

We go to several camp meetings this year. He would tell us that you're going to get a rerun. You're going to get a rerun.

The one on truth. The dogmatism of truth. Of how.

He said, Pastor, you're going to get a rerun. I've never heard the message before in my life and heard it several times, but not that message. Not that way that day.

No, sir. It was totally different. The same words maybe, but glory to God.

It was where I was at that day. It touched my heart that day. The dogmatism of truth.

Let's just pull the song back this morning just for a few minutes. How many times do we really come? We really come, and we really allow that word to affect our lives. He knew.

He's pressing in now. I said, He's pressing in. He's on a mission.

He's pressing in. That's what you said to that preacher sometime. He gets right down down the road, right in your business.

He don't like it. Oh, he gets right down there in your business. Oh, no.

It's not him. It's God the Father. Through God the Holy Ghost.

Yes, sir. Talk about God the Son for the Son. He's pressing you now.

He's pressing you now. Hallelujah. Move on.

Pressing. Getting closer now. Truth was crying out.

Truth was crying out now. He said, You don't know Him that sent me. If you did, you would have the life and the heartbeat that I have.

I didn't come to exclude you. I came to make you a part of what I'm doing. You'd have that heartbeat if you really knew Him.

Your sacrifices would be consumed with fire at the altar. The cry of truth filled that house saying, If you knew Him, your sacrifices would be more than empty emotional outbursts and commitments. They would have life.

They would have heartbeat. They would have the touch of heaven upon them. I want that.

I need that. I'm thankful for what I've got. I'm thankful for where I've come from.

But I need more than I've got today. God's got grounds that I need to walk on but not just to walk but have His heartbeat. His heartbeat.

Do you hear me church? Do you hear what God's trying to say? Fill that house that day with a heartbeat. This kind of preaching bothered them. I dare say and I'll say with a smile it probably bothered some of you this morning.

It may bother some of you when you come we come a long ways and I have too and we you would dare imply this one or another. We just come not to exclude you praise God. We just come to say there's a greater work to be done.

Oh there's a greater work to be done. Hallelujah. Thank God where He's brought you from.

Oh we're looking past the present. We're looking to the future praise God. We're trying to take you down a highway that you've not walked on before praise God.

Oh your salvation has got to blossom. Hallelujah. You've got to grow like you never thought possible.

Amen. This kind of preaching bothers me because they felt too good about themselves. You ever been there? I'm probably the only one in the house that's ever been there.

Amen. Felt too good about yourself. A little bit self-assured.

Resumption is one of the deadliest sins in the house of God. Resumption. You think there's something you're not.

If you think there's something you're not you won't be able to get the word of God. Our only hope is this word comes alive and leaves me down a path. It bothered me.

This truth in the house was saying more than they wanted to hear. They didn't like these words that questioned their authenticity. They questioned how real they were.

They weren't quite sure they were ready for that. So what did they do? What did they do? Verse 30. They sought to take him but no man laid hands on him because his hour was not yet come and many of the people believed on him and said when Christ cometh will he do more miracles than these which this man has done? The Pharisees heard the people murmuring such things concerning him and the Pharisees and the chief priests.

Look at this. They sent officers to take him. They sent the officers to take him.

They wanted him to be arrested. So they sent the officers to arrest him. They wanted this kind of reproving, authoritative truth arrested.

That's what's happening in this land. That type of preacher has been arrested. The truth of the word, that authoritative preacher that changes the lives of men has been arrested.

That's what they wanted to happen. But not this day and not this day. Not this week.

We're not going to allow it to be arrested. We're going to be arrested. Do you hear me church? Hallelujah.

What did Christ do? What was his response? Verse 33. Jesus said unto them and he's responding now. Yet a little while he's responding to them wanting to take him.

Yet a little while I'm with you. Look at his words now. Then I go unto him that sent me.

Ye shall seek me and shall not find me where I am until you cannot find me. Then said the Jews among themselves. Whither we go that we shall not find him.

Well he goes and disperses among the Gentiles and takes the Gentiles. Where is he going? Where is this man going that we may not know? What manner of saying verse 36 is this that he said ye shall seek me and shall not find me and where I am until you cannot come. What does he mean that we can't come? He's responding.

You can't come. Where I'm going. You see, 20 years ago you don't have the heart to go where I'm going.

I'm trying to take you somewhere. You don't have the heartbeat and desire to follow truth where it will lead you. Church, God came this week trying to take us somewhere.

He is trying to take us where we've got to know that we know that we position ourselves to be able to go where he wants to take us. He told him you're not able to go where I'm going. I'm going but you're not able to follow me.

Why? Why? Because they didn't really know him. They didn't have a real hunger to follow him and totally abandon whatever it was in their own hearts no matter what the cost. He says you can't go.

I know that he came on a mission this week to take us to a path that we've not yet been down to take us somewhere. Are we truly able to follow him? We've got to reckon with that. We've got to deal with that.

I as a minister, you as a child, we all must minister. Are we ready to go down this path where he's about to lead us no matter the cost? No matter. He said to them they weren't able.

I've watched this over the years and seen many that did not have the heart. I've seen many. You labor over and you pray over and you counsel with them.

The Lord don't counsel a lot. The Master says they come to you for counsel. Well, that's their message number.

Well, I preached it not until last week. They'll get that message not until last week. That's chance.

That's chance you can give them. To preach the word of God. But you labor over them.

And I've watched this over the years and seen many that didn't have the heart, the life, the desire to walk in obedience and they could not follow truth where it was intended to take them. They knew the word. They had emotions and convictions.

They had all that together and they were not inspired by the heartbeat of truth. They could sit in the house and, well, that preacher says he's on it this morning. He's doing pretty good.

They're not really giving it all. They're not really yielding themselves. And I've seen their Christianity stop dead in the tracks.

But here's the sad part. It stopped dead in the tracks. Their Christianity did.

It stopped. They knew the word. They were unable to follow truth where it was intended to. But the emotions and the commitments many times were still evident and only to seed and harden the heart even more.

They started going for devotion. But then something happened. Truth wasn't finished.

Oh, hallelujah. I said he stood up that third time. Oh, glory to God.

Truth wasn't finished in the house. In verse 37 says, in the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saved. Are you with me church? The last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood up and cried.

I said he stood up and cried. Truth is now not only crying out. Remember, he came sitting, then he cried out.

Verse 28, now he's not only crying, but he's standing up. It was not the custom for the teacher to stand in the temple, nor cry out. But truth now is doing both.

Truth is standing straight up with a divine inspiration, a divinely inspired cry. This is God the Father saying, son, you stand up now. You cry out.

I set you on a mission. You will find those in this house that I will be able to arrest. There will be those that I will be able to change.

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