

On Eagles' Wings Pt 520

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of the Word of God as the source of spiritual nourishment and life, and the necessity of obeying it to receive eternal life.

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Scripture: Leviticus 11:44, Deuteronomy 32:1-4, Isaiah 40:28-31, John 6, Revelation 19:13

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker begins by introducing the morning message, which will continue in the next week's program. He calls upon the heavens and the earth to listen to his words, comparing his doctrine to rain and dew that nourishes the land. The speaker emphasizes the greatness of God and encourages the audience to receive Jesus and become children of God. He emphasizes the importance of following God's instructions and being obedient, using an illustration of a child obeying commands. The sermon concludes with a reminder to seek salvation and thanks the audience for their support.

Transcript

The Prophet Isaiah, he said, Hath thou not known? Hath thou not heard? That the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary, there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increases strength. Even the youth shall fail, faint, and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall.

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint. Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing today on your Word.

We ask your blessing upon us as we seek to love you and to follow you and obey you. We pray for any that have not yet placed their faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior. We pray for a moving of your Spirit upon their hearts.

And we pray for anointing of your Spirit upon our hearts to hear what you have to say to us. And we thank you now for the time that we have. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Well, we've been with you about ten years on this program. This is the third to the last program. At the end of this month, we're going to go off the air.

We'll focus on the positive. There's so many things to do. Time has been crowding in.

And the days are truly getting interesting. And I don't think the Lord wants us to have our head buried in the sand like the ostrich. But he wants us to be wise, redeeming the time for the days of evil.

We want to thank you for your support for us on this program, for your prayers, and for your encouragement. And we thank you for the opportunity to minister to you. And we're going to go into the morning service of Maranatha Baptist Church.

And we want to say a special word to Maranatha Baptist Church for its support of us for almost the last year, helping out greatly and staying on the air. And then I'm going to take you into the morning message, which will be cut off at the end of our program today and will continue on next week. Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak.

And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass. Because I will publish the name of the Lord, ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are judgment, a God of truth. And without iniquity, just and right is he. Father, we thank you for your word.

You're a powerful God. We are to ascribe to you greatness as our God. And so we praise you and we thank you.

And Lord, you said, hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. May we hear the words of your mouth this morning. And as was mentioned, if there's someone here that's not ready to die, that they would prepare their heart right now to repent of their sins and to receive Jesus into their heart, that they might be born again, that they might live eternally in heaven with you and other believers.

We praise you and commit this time to you. We ask that you teach our hearts about the word of God. In Jesus' name, amen.

If you'll remember, a number of months back, probably, I was going through the book of John. And then I stopped. That's my policy, is when I come up to something that I don't understand and see yet, I stop.

And so I've been in John 6. Laid aside books and just went to the Lord to teach me John 6. I felt like we was going through and learning things. And then when it came down to about eating his flesh and eating his blood, I wanted to know what the Spirit of God really said about that. And so in the last couple of weeks, I really picked up my Bible and just began to meditate.

As I had a little bit more time, which is sort of a rare thing nowadays, time. There's so much to do. But just to meditate on it.

And every time I did, it was usually in the mornings, I was just blessed. It just blessed my spirit, blessed my soul. And I have not felt like I was ready.

And as we come up to today, Lord, I'm still not ready. And the Lord just said, go ahead and share what you know. And so I'm going to just share with you about John 6. What the Spirit of God has just taught me.

Nothing fancy, no razzle, no dazzle. I was going to have a word picture, but I forgot it. It was a loaf of bread.

It's out there somewhere. Because the word of God is compared to bread. And if you remember how John started off, the book of John was different in a lot of ways.

No parables were really taught in John. A lot of different things. But the word is really emphasized in John.

If you remember, even in John 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. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. In Him was life. He's the Word.

And, of course, verse 14. And 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. So Jesus was referred to as the Word.

Thank you. Somebody brought the loaf of bread that was left back out there. This is a loaf of bread.

This is going to belong to somebody. Matter of fact, it's already somebody's, this loaf of bread. It's been given as a gift.

The bread is a gift to one family here. In thinking about Jesus as the Word, He's also as the bread. We're going to get over to John 6. He was the gift.

You are to take Jesus and receive Him just like the family that's going to take this loaf of bread, and they're going to receive it, and what are they going to do with it? They're going to eat it. And if this bread comes out of the oven hot and you've got some butter and honey, a loaf of bread can go just like that. If you've got a hot loaf of bread and some butter and honey, around me it can.

It's nothing to eat four or five slices. It's just so good. You just want it.

Keep eating it. Now, John, His name is called the Word of God, it says in Revelation. The name of Jesus, His name is called the Word of God in Revelation 19, 13.

Now, I'll go over to John 6, and let's just see what the Spirit of God will open up to us this morning. John chapter 6. If I was to give an illustration, and this hasn't been planned out very well. I've thought it through, but I didn't make any preparations ahead of time to do this.

But suppose I was to pick out somebody in the congregation out here. Just to pick somebody out. Paul, would you stand up please? Would you turn around please? Would you turn around again? Would you raise your right hand? High.

Higher. Raise your right hand high. I appreciate you saying high.

How? We're going to be Indians and going to speak. Raise your left hand. Okay.

Raise your right foot. Raise your left foot. Now we've got a problem.

Okay. Put your right foot down. Your left hand down.

Your right hand down. Bow your head. Sit down.

Please. You've been trained very well. He did everything that I asked him to do, except raise that left foot at the same time he had his right foot, because it was impossible.

Now, there's an illustration to us of a child obeying and doing what he was told to do. Now, what would have happened if I would have said, Paul, raise your right hand, and he would have raised his right foot? Suppose I said, raise your left hand, and he would have just turned around. Suppose every time I gave him a command, he did something different.

And suppose I needed him to do those things in that order for a certain reason. It would have sort of maybe frustrated me, embarrassed his parents. But is not this what God expects us to do? Is to do what he tells us to do, especially or expressly as he tells us to do it.

And as we do it, we work with him in being his hands and being his feet and being his mouth and his eyes and his ears, where he can direct us around to minister. He went to heaven and gave us the Holy Spirit. Now, if he is to direct us, how is he going to talk to us? Through the Word of God.

And as we meditate on the Scriptures, we memorize the Scriptures, we read the Word of God, it's actually like taking this loaf of bread. We eat this loaf of bread. It assimilates into our body and gives us strength.

We do the same thing with the Word of God. We eat the Word of God. We take it in, digest it.

And as we do, it is something the Spirit of God can use to direct us. Now, if we take in the Word of God and we get a commandment, but we do not do what it says to do, then we are disobedient to the Lord. We do not glorify him.

We do not bring him honor, and then we are not as useful. The more we obey the Word of God, the more useful we will be. And children, boys and girls, the reason mom and dad is giving you commandments and things to do, not just to get the things done as much as we'd like to get them done, because many times some of the things that are asked of you, it's just easier for us to do them ourselves.

But it's a discipline, not only just to get the dishes done and get the garbage out and get the carpet vacuumed and get the beds made and get everything, but also it's a discipline of how obedient you will be to God. Or as your obedience is to mom and dad, it will be to God. The area that you slack in, that you're slothful, that they have to keep coming back again and again and again, will be the area that Satan will get into your life and destroy your very life.

So there's a lot more to this about obeying. I was talking to a couple men the other night. One thing was mentioned maybe about one preacher and preachers.

We got hobby horses and things, and one preacher had a hobby horse. And if I've got a hobby horse, and if it's not good, you can talk to me about it, but if I've got one, I love the Word of God. I like to preach on the Word of God.

And it wouldn't bother me to just preach every week just on the Word of God. And there's a reason. Just, I mean, about the Word itself, like we're going to do this morning, just about the Word itself, there's so much there.

But then we go to other subjects and things, but it all comes back to Christ. It's because this subject is hated by Satan. The subject is hated because the object of our subject is hated.

The Word of God is hated because the Word of God is Christ. And Christ is hated. The Word became flesh.

Now, I'm going to show you some things this morning in this chapter. If I can back you back up to John chapter 5, just to bring you back up. In 524, Jesus said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.

Now, there's a distinction between you hearing the Word of God and having life and not having life. And the distinction is, if you have the Word of God in your heart, you have Christ in your heart, you will obey. But if you just get it in your mind, your life is going to be my choice, I do what I want to do, I'll do that if I like to do it, if it sounds good, or I'll do that to impress others or whatever.

But if you are really a Christian, you will want to do what the Scripture says, and you will be grieved when your life does not measure up to the standard. This is the standard. And we are all falling short of the standard, but our goal is to get there and to obey the Word of God.

As for that, then, we're not perfect, but we're striving to be holy as He said He is holy, to be obedient. In 612, Jesus said this, gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Since the bread, the loaves, were going to represent the Word of God, Jesus says, gather up the fragments.

He'd taken those loaves and He passed them out, and then they come up with this big, huge pile of leftovers, and Jesus said, gather all of the fragments, and they put them in baskets, gave food to the disciples later on, that nothing be lost. Nothing is to be lost from the Word of God, and God has given us His complete Word, and He doesn't want it to be lost. Now, look at verse 26.

Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, ye seek me not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. The loaves are mentioned there. Look at verse 31.

Our fathers did eat manna in the desert, as it is written, he gave them bread from heaven to eat. Bread is mentioned. Look at verse 32.

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven, but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. Two different types of bread. The true bread, which is Christ, and then the bread that came down, and they ate it, the manna.

Okay? Look at verse 33. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Just as this loaf of bread gives life to the body, Jesus gives spiritual life to the person that receives Him.

Okay, 34. Then said they unto Him, Lord evermore, give us this bread. This other bread you're talking about.

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life. He that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. Somebody says that they're hungry spiritually.

Spiritually hungry. We should never be spiritually hungry if we're a believer. And we have Christ and the Word of God.

We can feed on Him all the time. Which is usually what people say when they're fixing to leave a church. I'm not getting fed.

And that is true. If Christ is not being presented to them when they come, then they don't get fed. And then your spirit knows that when you go out of the church.

You should know whether you've been fed or not. And there's a difference between a T-bone steak and bologna, too. One, you'll die if you eat it and eat it and eat it.

And the other will give you nourishment. Not to say that you'll die right away. It'll be a slow death, probably.

I don't eat that. Okay, 35. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life.

He that cometh to me shall never hunger. And he that believeth on me shall never thirst. Then slip down to 41.

I'm giving you the bread passages. The Jews then murmured at Him because He said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. Then slip down to 48.

Most of the bread passages. Jesus said, I am that bread of life. I am that bread.

Then 50. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven that a man may eat thereof and not die. Okay, verse 51.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever. And the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Now, that's the bread passages. Verse... And then we get to the key part of it. There's another bread passage, and that's also in verse 58.

The heart of the passage to me is verses 53 through 58. And let's read those verses. Then we'll talk a little bit.

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Verse 53, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Let me throw this out. When He said, except ye eat, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of God, what this is, this is a single act of eating.

What they call in the Greek an aorist tense. It's a single act. And the reason I'm bringing that out is He uses the next tense in verse 54.

He uses what they call the perfect tense or a continuous action. In 54, whoso eateth. So the first eat, except ye eat, is a single act.

Meaning, unless you receive Christ as your Savior, except you eat the flesh of the Son of God and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Except you receive Christ as your Savior, you have no life in you. Then He goes in 54, Whoso eateth my flesh, that's continually eating, my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

Meaning you receive Christ once and then you feed upon Him continually. Well, we're going to have to cut in right here. Our time is about gone.

And before we close, let me share the Word with you again. But as many as received Him, that's Jesus, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. So we want to close with this encouragement of you to cry out to the Lord to save you.

The Scripture says, which were born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. You need to be born again by God. Again, we remind you that we'll be going off the air.

We have two more programs left on Eagle's Wings on KKLL. And we want to thank you again for your support. Till next time, the Lord bless you, my friend.

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