

# Will You Follow the Lamb, or Quit the Field Like Gideon's Thousands?

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*This sermon emphasizes the importance of following Jesus Christ and being a king and priest unto God, rather than being complacent and lazy, and highlights the role of fear and cooperation in achieving the glorious church that God desires.*

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**Scripture:** Matthew 13:30, Matthew 24:31, Luke 14:33, John 10:10, John 14:23, Philippians 3:13-14, Hebrews 4:1-2

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## Description

The sermon transcript discusses the importance of obtaining and striving for the word of God. The speaker emphasizes the need to diligently study the Bible, wait upon God, and walk by faith. The sermon also mentions the concept of entering into God's rest and warns against coming short of it. The speaker references biblical stories such as Gideon and Daniel to illustrate the importance of being serious and earnest in one's faith.

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## Transcript

The authority of Jesus Christ, minister to his church, glory to God, and flowing from his church, like he said, rivers of living water shall flow from within him who receives the Holy Ghost. But what did God intend to do? All along the way, there have been apostolic people, like Terce Tegan, like Francis of Assisi, like Savannah Rowland, like John G. Peyton, like Madame Guillaume, like many, many others, whose lives transformed the whole world. They just, well, the Apostle Paul is today molding the history of the world.

There isn't a church in the world that hasn't received blessing from that light. And these men were filled with the Holy Ghost, and they had something that God is striving to introduce in the Pentecostal movement. But do you know that every one of us is called to be a king and a priest unto God and our Father? Jesus says, he that believeth in me, as the scripture has said, all of the Old Testament testifies of the fact that God is going to send a Savior who would save to the uttermost.

And he would send a baptizer who would baptize this church and build a new city, a city of God that has foundations, would build a city that would blaze with the light of Almighty God. And why hasn't it come? And then again, the Old Testament tells that in the days of those kings, God shall set up a kingdom that shall last forever and forever. And the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, the kingdom of

righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

And why is it that that kingdom hasn't come? Beloved, God's given us a wonderful taste of a heavenly life. But we got stuck. That's what's the matter.

Jesus Christ said, because I live, ye shall live also. God wants us to live by the Son of God. God wants me to know him and the power of his resurrection.

And beloved, the reason we don't is because we don't do what Jesus says. He that will not forsake all that he hath cannot be my disciple. There, we're eliminated.

Just like in Gideon's campaign, when 10,000 came out to fight with him and no 22,000 or 32,000, excuse me, I'll have to brush up on Old Testament history. 32,000. Why, you know, when, when the brass band blared forth a double-eagle march, why it got into their legs and into their bones and oh, everybody, yank-a-doodle, keep it up.

You know, that inspires anybody. I've been in Pentecostal meetings where everybody starts dancing when you sing a ditty. Something that inspires enthusiasm.

Or you clap your hands or you get the people up to have some entertainment. Why, they're all Pentecostal and here were 32,000 soldiers ready to march. But as soon as they heard, they got to trembling and Gideon said, go home.

Anybody that's scared, go home. My President Eisenhower would say that today to all the boys, go home. Well, that's, what's the matter with us? We're mama boys.

We like to take it easy. And so Gideon says, go home. You can go home.

You're a volunteer. You don't have to follow the anti-obedience. You can be Pentecostal.

You can come to church. That's why some of the folks aren't here anymore because some other church gave them a job. Wonderful, wonderful.

Jesus is to me. But beloved, go home. Go home.

You're good for nothing. And there were 10,000. God says, still too many, still too many.

They'll boast against me. They'll say the Lord didn't save you. So you take them down to the brook and see what they'll do when they drink water.

Watch them. See whether they take it easy or whether they're alert and whether they're really intending to go to war. See how they look at the clock and wonder if this, I love the call that comes out of eternity.

Glory to God, not the milk. These things shall all pass away. But beloved, he abided forever.

That's what God is. To take that promised land, all he needed was Caleb and Joshua. And all the mama boys perished in the wilderness.

Every time the going went a little and they threatened the stone monks. Oh beloved, what kickers we are today. What complainers we are.

And God almighty puts it in his book. But the call is as holy as it ever has been. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

And they stood out among to wear royal robes, crowns upon their head, to be educated in all. They prayed together. They sought the law.

Mind you, when all the people of God were backslidden, here were boys that had a vision. All for a vision of the king tonight. He lives.

The whole world today sings, he lives. If ye then be risen with Christ. That's the doctrine that you have put off.

Your old man and my old man are twins. I know exactly what yours is like. Put off, thank God, put off the old man with his seed and put on the new.

Who is he? It isn't a new man that I. Oldest man, Christ Jesus, who is God almighty. We're not serious enough. Our tarry meetings would look different.

Our prayer meetings would look different. Our, all our meetings would be different. But my hope is this.

Like God stirred my soul one time when we had no tarry meetings. I did my own tarry. God will make you do your own tarry.

You will hear the voice of Jesus Christ saying, come out from among them and be ye separate. Oh God, God, thou art my God. Early will I seek thee.

As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so my soul panteth after the living. But I know ye that will be risen. That's the road to get a sight of him.

Today he lives. He said, because I live, he does live. Full of dead men's bones, full of odors of death, white as sand.

Oh beloved, if we saw ourselves like God sees us, we would cry. We would cry to be delivered from this. When you wash, fight, get up.

Standing before us, the revelation. Paul says by revelation, and he says, one thing I do forget. I press toward the mark.

What is that mark? The prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. All of the New Testament speaks of it. Let us therefore fear.

Let us fear. Oh that fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. As long as the fear of God does not grip you sufficiently to forsake all, no matter how pleasant it looks, let him bring his sacrifice and his sacrifice.

Our God, whom we serve. Oh, that's where you reign. Toward the mark, Hebrews 12.

Let us flee aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience. The race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus. Oh, that will give you the impetus to run, looking unto Jesus.

You'd be surprised what would happen to you, if you would be of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. I always think of Peter when I read that. Peter sleeping between two soldiers, the sentence of death upon

him.

And isn't it interesting that he was apprehended on Good Friday, and he was locked up, and the king didn't dare take him out, execute him on Easter morning. His chains fell. We've all been there.

But the angel then says, put it on yourself, and come and follow me. And if Peter had done like we do, oh, Jesus says, he that followeth me, they that follow the Lamb, glory to God. And he goes, all these words, take no thought for the moral.

He says, you can't fade in life, or are you still dead? Have you been raised together with him? Oh, if that was the rule, no membership except those who have been dead and have been raised. Now he says, they teach us that progressive education is to find out how. That's what they do, instead of lifting the beggar.

Oh, glory to God. Mortify your members which are upon the earth, fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, or covetousness, which is idolatry, for which they seek the wrath of God, cometh upon the children of disobedience. Beloved, the conditions in the world today are due to sin, and they can wriggle all they want, and they can have their nuclear tests, and all they want, and they won't.

Sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail. Hallelujah. Salvation.

Beloved, salvation. Salvation is something to be obtained. Something seems to come short of it.

Seems to come short of it. Let me watch you during the week to see how you do your homework. Fear lest you miss it.

Do you know the tares will be bound in bundles to be burned, and the wheat shall be gathered into his garden. Jesus Christ will send forth. It is Satan.

It's the dragon that accuses the brethren before our God. Day and night. And here's an army.

That enemy is overcome, and you and I are in the fight. Let us therefore fear. Listen.

Some must enter therein. All that were behind us did not enter in. The Jews did not enter in.

Forty years God bore with them in the wilderness. And now is this the day if you hear his voice. That's Pentecost.

God has spoken once more in this last sentence. To meet the bright truth, he is coming. Glory to God.

The day of God is at hand when you see these things begin to come to pass. Movement forward. Do you think God's satisfied with a lot of people that do nothing but warm the church benches and go through religious rigmarole? Oh no.

Before the foundation of... Oh hallelujah. So loved the church that he gave himself for it. That he might sanctify it.

Present it to himself. A glorious church not having a spot, no wrinkle, no rain is such a thing. And yet God who has begun a good work will finish it.

If with fear and trembling we cooperate. He works in us to will. He puts that... Beloved tonight in this meeting I've seen God perform.

And that's why I know that out of this crowd he's going to have a... Very very simple people. They're serious about it. They're in earnest.

Look how the world today is in earnest about shooting the moon. Did you hand in your income tax? Do you know what they're going to do with those hundreds of dollars that you send in? Oh that's a drop in the bucket of... No when they shoot off these missiles and destroy them in a few seconds. But you failed to pay your income tax and you're going to jump.

Beloved the devil is on this earth. Satan has blinded the minds of them which believe not. They talk about God.

They put on the dollar bill in God. They don't trust in the Lord. Why don't they talk about Jesus Christ? Why doesn't our congress get down on their face and and call on God? And then we'd have something.

And it's going to happen. And God's going to raise up witnesses in this world that are not afraid to die. And they will die.

When the truth is preached they're not going to be popular. They're not going to get any time on the radio and on television. When the truth is preached in the power of the Holy Ghost people will shake and tremble and fear.

And oh that God might raise up sons of God without rebuke in the midst of a crook. Oh that God might wake us up. Father what are you going to do? We're so flabby.

We're so lazy. We have sold ourselves for naught. We have forged our own chain and bound ourselves with chains of darkness.

And we can rest ourselves. Jesus Christ died to set us free. He spoke.

And today the Holy Ghost is here. What do we do with the Holy Ghost? Oh what am I doing with the Spirit of the Living God? What am I doing? What has he come to do? He's come to bring me where Jesus is. In the bosom of the Father.

He's come to unite me to Almighty God who lives in the life. He has come to sanctify me through and through. Praise God.

He's come to reveal in me the rest. Some must, must enter in. And we trifle and we play and all right.

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