

Teach Us to Number Our Days Part 2

by Keith Daniel

The sermon emphasizes the importance of being born again, a spiritual rebirth that occurs when one accepts Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and seeks God with all their heart.

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Scripture: Psalm 95:7-8, Isaiah 55:6, John 3:3, John 3:16, Romans 10:13, 2 Corinthians 6:2, Hebrews 3:15, 1 Peter 1:23

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the crucial message of being born again, as illustrated through the encounter of Nicodemus with Jesus in John 3. It highlights the necessity of a spiritual rebirth, the urgency of responding to God's call for salvation, and the eternal consequences of rejecting Christ. The preacher passionately urges the audience to seek God while they are still young and emphasizes the importance of making a decision to follow Christ without delay.

Transcript

That's the only time they're going to drink. Do you want to try preaching? As if you're dying, you see. I'm waiting until I'm nearly dead before I preach it, otherwise I will.

But I'm going to preach it one day. This subculture that's risen, you can't believe what I'm going to preach about what they're doing to me. Goodness, they don't do it to me anymore than I've seen.

I walked up to one man and said to him, you had six cups of coffee while that sermon was on. Do you normally have six cups of coffee in one hour? No. Then why, in God's word, do you have to stay alive like you're going to die getting up and going back to the green tree? Why then, we have a picnic these days in God's house.

By the time all the reverence is gone, there's just so many of them. The preacher has to look at these guys, you know. Anyway, let's not preach it prematurely.

Nonetheless, they finish with their breakfast, and they finish with their coffee, because I said every cup must be taken off the table before I preach. Anyway, now it's all there, they can't grab anything as a citizen. And I began to preach.

So, I'm preaching in English, so the old man thinks to himself, this old Afrikaans man, English. Well, I came, I better listen, look, they're all listening. I can't understand this language of the famed enemy, but

I'm going to sit and behave myself.

He wasn't that happy to be there with an Englishman preaching, trust me. Nonetheless, here I am preaching, many things changed up. And besides being English, you can hardly hear a word the old man said.

Why didn't he raise his voice? He was really angry with this old man, with this young man, anyway. But, dear Lord, now can hardly hear a word he said. He was really angry.

The wrong language in this man, he didn't even raise his voice. Anyway, he's sitting here now. And he is listening to the best of his ability just to behave himself.

But he's not interested. So, suddenly, this is wonderful, you know. I just began to quote Jesus' word to the Lord, to man, called Nicodemus in John 3, where the exposition of John takes Christ's words and expounds the whole concept of the gospel, John 3, 16, and the judgment that comes with rejecting John 17, right through to the end.

Well, the whole concept is there in chapter 3 in a staggering way, which is why it's one of the most preached, if not the most preached, chapter on earth, worldwide. Because of the whole concept of the exposition that John married, and he was given by God to bring the whole gospel, through what Christ said, to this religious old man. Ah, he was seeking God, he needed the knowledge of God, man was confused, but he needed something so totally different than he was expecting.

And this man came to the knowledge of God, and Christ said to Nicodemus, you that are a religious teacher, a religious man, you are dangerous in the context, you must be born again. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God, there's no possibility of him obtaining love for God. So Nicodemus was doing that commentary to a Bible to read like us, to know what's going on.

He said, what you would have said, how can a man be born? Can he go to his mother's womb and shake her tongue? And Jesus said, no. How is it possible you can't cross that? With all your integrity, and fear of God, how is it possible you can't cross this? That which is born of the flesh, put it in a nutshell, Christ said in Exodus, is flesh. And that which is born of the Spirit, capital S, is Spirit, that which is born of the flesh, Nicodemus, when you're born, you're not born in time of God, no one is.

All you are at that moment is a child of your father and mother, but you're not God's child. You must be born again into that. Not physically, obviously, because you're born with the intellect, the will.

A baby can't do that. But, to be born in the Spirit, as the work of God in your heart, as a result of your obedience and acceptance to what God asks of you. This birth, where you become a child of God in one moment, by grace, through faith, in the death of Jesus Christ.

That is a work of God that only goes to you, that takes your free will to embrace and appropriate. This makes you a child of God in one moment, just like you were born, and you have the day, you have the year, you have the month, you have the place, the spot. So, you will have the day you were born, of course.

So, everybody knows you. Why do you have to be born again? And the place, you know what we're talking about, is a baby in your heart, as another child. Suddenly, everyone, whether you see it or not, everybody knows you, according to this book.

Even the way, even it's not in your time, even it's not in your language, if any man be in Christ, he's a new preacher, or he's an apostle, or he's a human being, he's just born again. And everyone that knows him in that house will see him, right after that. Do you know what that's like? Now, I cried out these words, you must be born again.

Jesus said, except you must be born again, you cannot, you preachers, you get cold, and your hair stands up on your head, if you hear those words, you might be born again. All you are is a servant of the devil. If you say that what Christ says has to happen, or you'll never get to heaven, you say you won't have it, you're broken, but you don't doubt that you are the devil.

If you keep those words of Christ's heart, of the Word, and keep people from believing, you won't have it in your government. What are you then? If you have to deny what Jesus says, the one thing that must happen, even to a religious man, or you'll never get to heaven, it must be a day of a new birth, when you become God's child, and when one person is born there, you must be born again. And this involves the whole concept of the exit position, that God made and gave it to John for his death, or judgment, eternal judgment.

This is the kind of reason that man has come to the world, for men love darkness rather than light. You choose to reject Christ, don't tell me you don't. You choose, it's your choice.

Now, this up-and-comes old man, suddenly heard these little words, he must be born again to an old man called Nicodemus, who said, how is it you don't know? Nobody's born a child. Can't you be born a child? Suddenly, Nicodemus, now he really was, for the first time in his life, and he walks out, and he goes to his son Nicodemus, what's his name amongst you, he must be born again, no one's born a child of God. He says, what's this, born again? Oh, daddy, we've asked, we've prayed, we've talked to you, we've played with you.

Again and again. But no one ever said that to me. I tell you, we did, for years.

And you just sit and let me talk. That's what they mostly said. I've got my church, what may get away from me.

A few thousand used to say that to me. I've got my church, get away. Go to hell.

That's where they go. Go to hell. In church.

From birth till death, that's what they say. So, now he says, daddy, I can't speak to you now, I've got this breakfast, I've got lots of people, I've got to organise things, daddy, I'm so glad you're interested. But daddy, when I come back, I'll speak to you.

He's waiting to. Don't change your mind now, but I can't now. I've got responsibilities because you're talking about the breakfast cake.

Staggering, staggering image. God says, the wind bloweth. It's right there in John 3. After he says, the wind bloweth, we are distant, we are distant.

Now hear us, the sound did up, but canst not tell whence it cometh. For there's God, so is everyone that's born of the Spirit. You don't know, how's that possible? A man all those years, he's heard it all his life.

And suddenly, and suddenly, the wind shall be blown again when God comes. He can say no. He can reject it.

How do I now stop preaching if there's no choice? What's the difference? There's no choice. No, he can say no, but suddenly this man is confronted by God through an Englishman in a group. Now, this man who organised the tour, which in a few weeks was spoke to 20,000 people, and now many came to Christ.

And all these services, all over the season came. It's a remote area, but I've also met a multitude of people every year on that tour that I've done anyway for many, many years. And so, he's sitting there now, isn't he? And this godly man that organised the tour, he heard him speaking to his son-in-law, his son-in-law, this is God.

I've seen him right here, so he's sitting on a stoop, at the entrance there. And the old man comes and says, Ladies and gentlemen, listen boy, I need to ask you, what does this Englishman say? He says, I don't understand. You must be born again.

You must be born again. I don't understand that. And I want it.

So, he says, well, I'm going to shift it. Now let's take the Bible. So, I've been in church all my life, every Sunday, and never preached it.

But now God made you hear it. And you know, you can do this now with your free will. You went on stage, you cried, weeping to God, screaming in his name.

For God's sake, have mercy on him. And he was mightily saved. To the degree that when his son came through the door, I said that's too old to lie.

You don't say that to an old man. A bomb doesn't. God does.

This man says to his son-in-law, I'm saved. I'm washed in the blood of Jesus Christ. I do not face any judgment.

I'm born again. I'm God's child. Oh, and you, you see, you know.

But you're not saved. The Holy Spirit pours into that man and God's faithfulness is not really talking to him. That God's blood, that God's God washed him and he allowed him God to witness his rejuvenation.

Now, the son was so through, so amazed at his great-grandson. And the daughter amazed him and wept. In his hand was the father.

Father to mother. To his mother. To his mother.

He was a dead scientist. Where did he go, father? I had a little wanting in my heart that he reconciled to her. She never knew this.

I told her, mother, she never knew this. She liked me, she had to believe, but she never did this. Where is your mother? Daddy, you'll never see mother again.

But daddy, you'll see her. The moment we get there, for eternity you'll be with us. He bent on his knees again and he sat for one hour uncontrollably.

I see. They quickly left. We left.

He died before they ever offered me return. But they told me something wonderful. He took his Bible and the verses he was shown by that man and then he heard me preach.

And other verses he sang to me and he went to every single home in the entire town. Now, that is a lot of homes. Whether they were hollow to make it, whether they were empty, he left tracks.

Actually, no, he didn't leave tracks. He wrote a few letters to these verses in every single home where he was going. But every single home where someone answered that door and everyone believed him.

He wept and he opened the Bible and he said, I went in search for my wife. And my wife, you'll never, you'll never see her again because she's in the darkness. But you have to know that you beg to be healed.

Because you are alive at the time. Oh, God. He begged every, many young people that never begged every single house and they're convinced that that's just too much.

He left his own witnesses even though they didn't know him well. They thought it was a really no-holds-barred, difficult situation. They're old men.

And he frowned. He turned. I couldn't stop.

There were homes left. He had to go. He told everyone that they couldn't and there was not one home left in the entire community.

They had not heard from his witness what happened to his wife. The witness of the Holy Spirit. 1 Peter 1.23 Being born again not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever for all flesh is his grass.

The grass withereth the flower never falleth but the Word of the Lord and God's promise liveth and abideth forever. There's no such thing as ever to be wiped from the Word. This is the Word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Oh seek God swiftly while you're young if you're still young before the days come that these ancestors will look back and say Oh I have no place in you. I rest in my house in my court I have no place. But you have God only for a few days in order to live and you have the opportunity to witness it to tell someone about it.

Seek ye the Lord while ye may be far off this not fear you. That's a warning not a promise. Tomorrow may never come.

Missing deaths not a right statement. I have preached as I'm preaching people fairly I don't even make an appeal. You think you've got precisely the end of a sermon to wait for or you can have the choice be careful you don't know.

I have stopped preaching when people felt dead as I have preached. I have seen so many men die in martyrdoms not because God knew it it was God's last call. It's true.

You think you've got to wait until you're old before you can see who they've become. Do you know that most people that die in the next week are under the age of 24 worldwide. Do you know that? According to the United Nations this is a mass explosion of population.

Do you think you can get older? No. No. Not now.

The most harshly given order while today now is the acceptable time. Today is the day of salvation if you will harden your hearts and the dead will kiss the little neoclassical construct of death and let out his anger and rejection of his voice. Oh now I can say it now is the acceptable time to God.

Today don't play the fool thinking tomorrow is coming. Now. You don't know if tomorrow is coming.

You don't know if today is coming. Today see the Lord while you're far cold yet upon him while he's near. You hear that Gene? Let me tell you something.

Walk away from him you know God's near. You'll be lucky if you ever come in here again. Be careful don't forget.

Who says record upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Oh God ask him so he can receive and he shall find and offer him and say I'll offer that to you for everyone and he will see and find and shall be What more can God do to save you? Nothing. What more can God say to make you nothing? You choose hell if you go to hell.

After you've heard the gospel it's your choice because nothing knows the Lord why cold yet upon him while he's near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the righteous men shall return unto the Lord. And he will have mercy upon you.

Oh God he will abound upon you. Look that is the chapter after Christ's death was prophesied in Isaiah 53 two chapters later sorry. The first of you it was made in the light of what Christ did on the cross which was right.

Oh everyone that's heard this don't waste your life buying rubbish not going to spend it. It's free it's gospel it's by grace through faith that's all. Come with nothing in your hands and you'll see how God takes nothing into the cross come with nothing from the blood of Jesus.

There's nothing you can't come until you do just that God comes and you can do prayers even if you can't you can even if you can't you can pray even if you can't you can you can't even if you you can if you the Holy Spirit more than Jesus was forgiven. And God was her father, she had become a child of God. God, who breaches out to the young, to sixty, to eleven-year-olds, to ninety-one-year-old, when the wind of God's Holy Spirit in you feels your choice to come to you, you're beaten, you're invited to my very being.

No way. You here, with all the power of heaven against you, are hating God who died for all men to such a degree that there's no possibility that you would have been here, outside the grace and mercy of God, that you can still reject your own freedom. Let God's Christ, let God's mercy, let God's sovereign will, by coming here, you knew what God had to do to get you here.

You can save me with this enemy, but you can save God with this God, whether you're eleven or six. When were you born again? You know the date you were born? A child of your father and mother, that's all you've got, but you've got the date. When did you become God's child? Because Nicodemus, as clearly as you know.

So what are you going to do with this Jesus, if he died for you? Is your pride going to make you incapable of admitting, I'm going to hell, I need him. And you're going to have that pride. Though God has not, he is

going to.

He's going to ask you something, and it's going to stack him in a small building like this, it's going to cost you, but boy, if you don't take it and pay that cost, the cost will be eternal and so much greater that you have no idea what you're going to pay if you can't pay the price today. Can you bow your heads and pray, please? Father, in mercy of you, I must come. Your grace, if there is a free will, I'm sure it is.

For Christ's sake, in his name, now while our heads are bowed, I do hope that we'll have that respect for each other and for God. If there's anyone in this building, a child, a man, a woman, a religious Nicodemus, a nineteen-year-old, an eighteen-year-old, that knows that God came here today through a very weak preacher, a very base man, but he was God, because God's name is God's word, and that is what God's name is. I want to ask every one of you, do you know that you really need to become God? You've never been born again.

God's name. And you today would say, God, I come from another one of the coasts, because the coast isn't too great if I don't come. I come now, the way everyone had to come.

If you would say to God today, I'm coming, God promises he would have no worries to annoy anyone who comes to him through Christ Jesus. How can he? Because Christ has died for every man who comes to him. He would have no worries to annoy anyone.

Now, if you will come, God will turn your way. But you have to come. Now, I'm going to ask you from my soul, do you know who you are? You're too small to get me.

Those of you sitting here, no matter what your age, that would say, Jesus Christ, I come to be saved. Now, God, today, right now. And if you would say that, and you do say that, I want you right now to do something.

I want you to just put your hands up. Even if it's one, because the Bible says, all the angels in heaven rejoice in one sinner. That means every angel in heaven is waiting for you.

Now, I want to ask you just once, put your hands up, and if there's anyone, we will take you aside. Not to embarrass you. Ladies, we're both ladies.

Ladies, we know how to pray. We're all preaching on the shelves to pray with you. And they give you literature and phone you up to make sure you do the right.

The things that matter now. If you would, I would. If you put your hands up, if there's anyone, and I'm going to ask you again, and we'll pray.

Anyone? That is your decision. Now, Father, take everyone in this building and have mercy on them. It's on the will of Jesus.

It's on the will of the Lord. You understand that? In case I don't make it. I want you to see me.

I want you to see my faith in Jesus Christ. And that Christ who lives now, my emotion is not about my faith and what he did in the cross before my eyes. And I will be knowing this moment I'm saved as I never feared death again in my life.

And my whole life will be transformed. And I will love that book from this day to the day I die because this is one of the greatest things in my life. As soon as I use that book, it becomes my life.

The moment I find eternal life. Or I can find eternal life now. Take, Lord, your mercy and let it abound in me.

Oh, listen to me. Have mercy, God. It is not enough.

And those who have noted up us do not pass swords but to give them the truth of the words we heard today concerning life. It's brilliant. It's funny.

If we have not prepared to meet with God and it's certainly the day of death, in Jesus Christ's name, amen. Can we stand and meet? Amen. Is there time for the three of us to say this once more? Let's not go all in.

The first person, the last. Is there time? Anyone objects to that music? Tell us why. Can you please come forward? Could you just put that music on again, someone? Help with that immediately.

Should we have to all wait? None of us are going to speak while we wait for this moment. We're just going to wait in reverence and not interrupt God's voice. So, you will take this and I hope this works this time.

Did it work? Yes. All right. No music.

Just the lady's voice. You go to bed, not here. You have to obey this old man, you see.

All right. Thank you very much.

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