In The Beginning (Obey God)

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INTRODUCTION

- The biblical heart is made up of the will, emotions, and intellect.
- How many of us were told there was a cost to obeying Christ before we were baptized? There is a cost to do that.
- Not everyone who says to me, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven. But he that doeth the will of my Father.

1 Whosoever Heareth These Sayings of Mine

John 12:44–50; Romans 10:17

- This is my beloved Son, hear ye him. That is what has gone away in our society today. Listening to Christ in the words of Christ.
- He who rejects me and does not receive my words, has that which judges him. The word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.
- So when we talk about hearing, we're talking about hearing the words that God sent Jesus.
- There are only certain things that will lead us to the will of God, and that is the word of God that we have to learn from.

2 And Doeth Them

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:17–18; 1 Corinthians 15:1–8

- That doesn't mean just getting wet in a baptistry. It means we are baptized according to Scripture.
- What we need to understand is we need to hear the sayings of Jesus. Then we need to do them.
- I declare to you the gospel which I preach to you, which also you received, and which you stand, by which also you are saved.
- There's only one doctrine to follow. There's only one scriptural baptism to follow.

3 I Will Liken Him to a Wise Man

John 16:31–33; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Corinthians 15:50–57

- When we talk about wisdom, we talk about people who know the scriptures, who are wise in the scriptures, who study the scriptures.
- In the world you will have tribulation, be of good cheer. I have overcome the world.
- This world is not our home. This world is a temporary place for us to walk through to prepare ourselves for the place called heaven.
- Sometimes I think, brethren, we need to pray more for wisdom to rightly divide the word of truth.
- This needs to be in our minds constantly. This life is temporary.

4 Who Built His House Upon the Rock

2 Peter 1:5–11; 1 Corinthians 15:58

- Add to your faith, virtue, and the virtue knowledge. We're building. We're building on the rock. It never stops.
- We can have an operational knowledge of the Bible that's deep that we can teach others about the Word of God.
- Brethren, we've got to love one another, not talk bad about each other, not tear each other down.
- We quit building on the rock and we started building on the sand.
- If you stop building on the solid rock, you're going to weaken the foundation, and it's going to be sand.

5 You Do This, There's a Reward

Hebrews 9:27; 1 John 5:13; 2 Thessalonians 1:3–12

- He's saying, You do this, there's a reward.
- In Matthew 7, the reward was the storms came, and the wise men's house stood firm.
- We can know that. How do we know that? Believing, obeying, building on the rock.
- Brethren, it's time we start living like we know we can have eternal life.
- That's what we're to do, glorify Christ in us. We are to be the shining light, reflecting the light of Christ.

THE CHALLENGE

Remember the cost, remember what we're to do to hear his word, to do his will, to constantly use wisdom and applying his scriptures and to build on the rock, because the reward is tremendous for doing so.

MY NOTES