The Cornerstone

Ken Chapman · 1 Peter 2:4–10

INTRODUCTION

- So my building project was a failure. Because it didn't have full planning and full support and full knowledge of what we were doing.
- But this morning I want to talk to you about a different building project, a building project that had the greatest amount of forethought and planning, and an unlimited amount of resources.
- If you're a child of God this morning, you're a part of that spiritual house, that spiritual building.

1 God's View Is the Only Thing That Matters

1 Peter 2:4; Acts 2:22–24

- It doesn't matter what man's view of Jesus Christ is. All that matters is God's view.
- Coming to the Lord as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious.
- There was nothing that man could do to stop the mission and the plan of God.
- Whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that he should be held by it.

2 Coming to Him as a Living Stone

1 Peter 2:4; 1 Peter 1:3; 1 Peter 1:23

- A living stone. Stone to them as well as to us, brings to mind an inanimate object that is not living.
- So he's a living stone in the sense that he's alive. He's not dead.
- Secondly, he's a living stone, and we come to him as a living stone because he gives life.
- We've been born anew. We have a new life. We have eternal life. Why? Because we've come to the living stone.
- It's a living, breathing, existing, and hopefully growing spiritual house.

3 All That Matters Is God's View of Us

- It's God's view of Jesus that mattered. It's God's view of us that matters.
- Because what we can see is real to us. What we can't see is more difficult to comprehend as being real.
- Most of us like to be accepted. We like to feel like we belong, that we're not out of place.
- Number one, they were wrong about Jesus, and they're wrong about me.
- I somehow need to align my mind and my spirit to where I truly, not in word only, but I truly care about what God thinks and not man.

4 You Are a Chosen Generation

1 Peter 2:5; 1 Peter 2:6–8; 1 Peter 2:9–10

- You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God in Christ Jesus.
- Just as they rejected that living stone, but God accepted him, you come as living stones, rejected by men, but accepted by God.
- Holy means set apart and sanctified for this purpose. It is God who set you apart, his own special people. That's God's view of you.
- Proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
- I think the best translation is that you may proclaim his excellency.

THE CHALLENGE

I want to be a friend of God if that makes me an enemy of the whole world. Would you be a friend of God this morning? Would you be a part of this spiritual house, this chosen generation this morning?

MY NOTES