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# To Honor God, You Must Honor Jesus Christ, The Son of God

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John 5. We want to talk about some things here that I am sure at one time or another, we have talked about but I don't remember when it might have been. We want to talk about some things that the Lord has laid on our heart this evening. It is a very good lesson and I think there are some things that can help us along life's journey as we go.

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John 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

John 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

John 5:23 That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

John 5:24 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.

John 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

John 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

John 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Jesus has been doing some wonderful things, as you read the story here, in the book of John. If you read in chapter 4, we know that he talks about the Samaritan woman that meets Jesus. We know that Jesus saves her. There was a great revival that came in that area there because of the faith of this woman. We know that He healed the nobleman's son—I believe it was. He had been doing some great things. He was just beginning His public ministry. His notoriety is growing.

When we get to chapter 5, it says, "After these things..." The Bible tells us here that after, what I just said here, the healings and things that were going; there was a feast at Jerusalem. The Bible says that Jesus goes up there. It talks about what was going on here. It talks about here at Jerusalem, there is a sheep market here and there is a pool. If you study much about what went on during that time and what we understand, there were different pools of water. There were different gates that led into the temple area. There were different pools of water. There were sheep gates, water gates, and different things. There were pools of water a lot of times, for people to bathe in. They did not have running water like we have now. Sometimes, people bathed in it. People washed their feet in it. They would water their cattle, their livestock out of these pools sometimes.

The Bible says, there is a sheep market here; the Bible says here in Jerusalem by the sheep market, a pool. Therefore, here is the market where they dealt with their sheep, no doubt, traded sheep and different things. However, there is a pool here, a pool of water here. It would make sense. If you were going to do that then you would need a pool of water. The Bible says that it is called Bethesda. It also tells us around this pool there are different porches.

If you think in your mind a little bit about a pool of water that would be here; it had different levels that maybe you would walk down on different levels. Maybe you would walk down on a different level and walk down another few steps—anyway you could walk down near the pool and the water that is here. All these porches were around here. These different levels. The Bible says that on these different porches laid all kinds of sick folk. There were all kinds of people that were sick laying all around here. The Bible tells us here that they are crippled, there was blind folk, there were people that had all kinds of different things going in their life. The Bible says that they sat here. They sat here around this pool waiting for something. The Bible says when you read the story; that an angel would come down at a certain season. It doesn't say when it was going to come down. It doesn't say he would come down the same time all the time. He would come down at a certain season and he would trouble the water. The water would be stirred. The Bible tells us here that the first one that would step into the water after it was troubled or stirred up and then would be healed of whatever disease or problem that he had. They would sit around here with great anticipation.

I would hope that we would have the great inspiration, and energy, and anticipation that these folks had; not waiting to be saved, but looking for the return of Jesus Christ. These people here they came here no doubt every day. They came here waiting for

something to happen. I hope today that you are looking for Jesus Christ to appear in the clouds because He is coming one day, and He may come today; and He is coming to get those who are looking for Him. Amen! He is not coming for the world. He is not coming for everybody, but He is coming for those who are looking for Him.

These guys were excited about being here. There was great anticipation running through their minds. Maybe this will be my day. Maybe I will get in first. There was a fellow here, the Bible says here, that tells us here about a guy that had been here for thirty-eight long years. That's a long time. Do you know that? I know thirty-eight years goes by really quick.

I was think about some things today that happened forty years ago, and it seems like it had just been a snap of your fingers, and forty years have passed.

He is laying here. He has had this issue for thirty-eight years. I don't know necessarily how long he's been here, but I know he has had the issue for thirty-eight years.

The Bible says this.

**John 5:6** When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, **Wilt thou be made whole?**

He knew he had been a long time in this situation. He goes over and asks him a simple question.

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That is all He asked him. He did not ask about how his day was. He did not ask about where he lived. He did not ask about nothing else. Jesus just simply said to him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" Do you want to be made whole? That is all He said.

Jesus is still yet doing the same thing today with people. Maybe not necessarily with the diseases that we have physically, but Jesus is still yet asking people today, do you want to be made whole spiritually. Do you want to be saved? Do you want to be born again? Do you want your life to change? Jesus is still yet doing that today. He is still yet calling people.

The guy here that had this issue for thirty-eight years; do you know what he says?

**John 5:7** The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

He says, "I don't have anyone to help me." When the water is troubled, when the water is stirred up, when the bubbling, the churning starts to take place here; he says, "I don't have anybody to help me and before I can get down in there, somebody is always stepping down before me." This guy had a real issue. Didn't he? He had a real problem. He could fix it for himself. It seemed like nobody else was interested in

helping him. Do you know what? Jesus Christ was interested in helping him. He wanted to help him and he was going to help him. Jesus simply said this.

**John 5:8** Jesus saith unto him, **Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.**

That is all he said. He did not tell him, you need to go to the doctor. We need to get you a pair of crutches. We need to get you a wheel chair. Jesus said nothing like that. He just said...

**John 5:8** Jesus saith unto him, **Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.**

Isn't that awesome. Jesus Christ can do that. Not only can He do some very simple things and did, but He did some outstanding things when He was here. He simply said that.

**John 5:8** Jesus saith unto him, **Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.**

**John 5:9** And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

Now that is what this story is all about that I read to you tonight. That is what brought on, what I am going to talk to you about tonight. What Jesus is doing here, He is doing on the sabbath day. The Bible tells us here when we read this story, it is not very long when you read down through here.

**John 5:12** Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

The religious crowd that was around there—and they were everywhere that Jesus was. They were always around. There were always people around when Jesus was teaching, healing and changing people's lives. Satan always had people around that was trying to discredit Him, trying to trip Him up in His words, trying to do something here to discredit Him in the eyes of the people. Do you know what? They never did. Even though they killed Him, they did not discredit Him, not one bit. Even though they accused Him of all kinds of things, that did not change His attitude in what He was doing here.

They wanted to know.

**John 5:13** And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place.

What that means is that he did not know what the fellow's name was that healed him. He did not know what His name was.

**John 5:14** Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, **Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.**

Do you get that? The guy picks up his bed. He carries it. He takes off. The religious crowd around stop him and said, "Hey, who told you to carry your bed? This is the sabbath day. You can't carry your bed. What are you doing carrying your bed? You can't do that. You are breaking the law." Could you imagine how this guy must have

felt? I have laid on this bed for all thirty-eight years; I don't care what you guys said. The guy that told me to get up and walk and made me able to walk; I'm going to carry my bed whether you guys like it or not. We need to have the same kind of attitude. Do you know that. We allow the enemy so many times to intimidate us and trying to do all kinds of things to us to keep us from doing what Jesus tells us to do. This guy wasn't worrying about what the religious crowd said. He may not have known what Jesus' name was, but he knew the guy that made him whole, the guy that gave him the strength to walk, he knew the guy that touched his life; he was going to listen to Him no matter what religion said. Truth! That is what he did.

He gets his bed, he takes it up. Jesus finds him and said, "You are made whole. Go and sin no more. Leave the sin business behind. Lest a worse thing come upon thee." Do you think Jesus really said that? Do you really think that is part of the inspiration of the Word of God? Do you really think that the Holy Ghost, as this Bible was written; do you think Jesus Christ really said, "sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you?" He said that. It is in the book. That is inspired. Do you know what that should do? That should be a warning to you and me.

If we are saved, we don't need to be sinning. Amen! If we are saved, we don't need to go back to the same junk we used to do. If we do, we are way in trouble. We are going to get in way over our head. We are going to be in a worse shape then than we were in the beginning. So, we don't need to take that trip.

They get upset.

**John 5:15** The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

**John 5:16** And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

**John 5:17** But Jesus answered them, **My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.**

Isn't that crazy? Here is a guy that had all these issues. He can't walk. He is crippled. He has been this way for thirty-eight years. The only thing that these guys could gripe about was that He did it on the sabbath day. Isn't that sad? Don't you think? That is crazy. The religious people and they were religious. They were the religious crowd. They were priests. They were the scribes. They were the Pharisees. They were Sadducees. They were the religious, but yet they were persecuting Jesus because He healed a guy on the sabbath day.

The Law of Moses said nothing about you couldn't heal on the sabbath day. A lot of things that this religious crowd was holding onto had nothing to do with what God told Moses. I have said this here before. If you would have taken the Law of Moses, what God gave to Moses, the actual Law of Moses that God spoke; I don't know how thick it would have been. It wouldn't have been very thick. There was six hundred and some different commandments, precepts, and statutes in that. It would have a little bit of volume to it. However, if you would have taken what God actually spoke to Moses for

the children of Israel to live by and you take that and lay that beside of what the scribes and Pharisees said, and what their traditions were, and their interpretation of the Law; it probably would have been this tall because they added so much to it. Their tradition meant more to them than what God said. Their tradition and what they were doing meant more to them than what the inspired Word of God said. It meant more to them. Do you know what? That is why they dead spiritually. Amen! They were not following God. They were very wicked, immoral people; a lot of them were.

Here is what happens. They started persecuting Jesus because He did this on the sabbath day. Here is what I want to talk about. Here is what I want to get to.

**John 5:17** But Jesus answered them, **My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.**

Do you know what we know? When we look at creation, we know that God worked six days in His creative work and we know that on the seventh day; God rested. Does that mean that God did not do anything the seventh day? Think before you answer that. Does that mean that God did not do anything on the seventh day? No. It doesn't mean that at all. God doesn't take days off. God doesn't take days off. You and I may take days off or a week off, or a month off. We may take all kinds of time off but God does not take time off. What He did rest from on the seventh day was His creative work. He did not create anything on the seventh day. He rested from His creative work. He had created all in six days so therefore, the seventh day, He did not need to create anything. That is what that means. It did not mean that God did not do anything because God works. Amen!

If God would take a day off through the week, I would be in trouble. I would be in an absolute mess and you would too. Could you imagine living one day here without having the help of Almighty God. We could not make it. The devil would kill us. The day that God was taking the day off, the devil would kill us. We would be dead. We would be gone. Amen! God doesn't take days off. Do you know what He is going to teach these fellows here? God didn't take off the sabbath day either. God showed mercy. He had compassion. He did so many wonderful works on the sabbath day that it matters not what the religious crowd had to say. We have a wonderful God. Do you know that. He doesn't take time off. We have heard many times, when call Him you don't get a busy signal. If we texted God, if that would be possible do you know what? You text some people and you may hear back from them in a week or you may not hear anything back from them. When we get on our face and call out to the God of heaven; He is listening. We can hear from Him. He doesn't take time off. He doesn't get tired.

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Do you know what that means? That means He works. Just as God the Father works, Jesus said, I work. He is going to be telling those guys and what is going to make them so mad is He is going teach them "I am equal with the Father. You guys want to talk about the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; that's me. I am the Son of Almighty God. You guys are talking about all this stuff but I want to let you know that I am equal with the God of heaven. I am the God of heaven.

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He did not say our Father, Jesus said, my Father. Do you know what He is saying? God is my Father. I can see the religious crowd sitting here. I am sure their faces got red. Their ears got red. I'm sure their blood pressure went way high when Jesus said, God is my Father. They did not like that. They were not about to say this guy from up the road from Nazareth could be the Son of God. We know all the situations about Mary and Joseph. We know all of that stuff. This couldn't be the Son of God, but He was and is.

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Do you know what that means? My Father keeps on working. He does not stop. Aren't you glad for that? Aren't you glad when life comes crashing down, aren't you glad that when life is going great, aren't you glad when you don't have any money and when you have plenty of money? If that would be possible. Aren't you glad when you have food and don't have food; when you have a car and don't have a car. Aren't you glad that God is still yet working? We need Him. Probably in the good times of life we probably need Him more than we do in the hard times of life. Because do you know what we do when everything is going right? The bills are paid. We have a little bit of money. The car is running. The kids are doing halfway right. Everything is going good. Do you know what we do sometimes? We sort of forget about some things. We really need Him then just as much as we need Him when life comes crashing down. We need Him every day.

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When He says here, my Father works, it means that He keeps on working. He never ceases from work. He has always working. As I said before, we know that He rested on the seventh day, but He did not rest from working. He rested from His creative work. That is what Jesus wants us to understand here. He never takes days off.

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Do you know what He is saying? Just as my Father keeps on working, so do I. I am going to keep on working. My Father has done all kinds of things on you guy's sabbath day. I am going to keep on working. Since God is my Father and He does not stop working. He does not take days off. He does not say, I am just going to sit down and rest today. Since He doesn't do that—Jesus said...

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Aren't you glad for that? That blesses me when I think about that. There is never a day, never a time that God says, Hey, I can't extend mercy today because this is my day off. He doesn't do that. I have said this here before probably. There was a pastor that used to be near where I was at that told his congregation one day, don't call me before 9 o'clock in the morning or after 6 o'clock in the evening. I do this on Saturday. Don't call me on Saturday. Do you know what? Listen. God is not like that. Do you know what we can do? We can get ahold of God anytime when we meet His

conditions, when we are living right; He is there waiting on us. He is a God that is always on the job. He is always doing good, even though it is on the sabbath day. These guys did not like it, Jesus did not care. This guy had this issue for thirty-eight years. Do you know what he wanted to do? Not only did He want to do it but He did do it; He wanted to change this guy's life for the better. Wouldn't it be sad if there were to be some of days of the week that you could not get saved? Wouldn't it be sad if there would be some days of the week that you couldn't call on God or God wouldn't be listening? That would be a sad thing. If that was the case then some of us here wouldn't be saved because we all have been saved on different days when you look at it. We have been saved on different times, and different days. Jesus Christ is there. He is working. He is laboring. He wants to and is doing some great things.

Since Jesus is saying...

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"God is my Father, and my Father never stops working even though He rested from His creative work on the seventh day. That does not mean that He did not do anything. He continued to work. Since He is working then I am going to continue to work. Since He is doing that...

Get this. Here is the whole lesson to this whole thing and we have a ways to go yet. Since that is the case, since Jesus Christ is equal with God, then it is going to make these guys make a decision. Is He really God or not God? He says He is. Here is a guy that has been sick for thirty-eight years and no doubt, everybody here knew him. Now He just spoke the word and healed this guy. The guy is carrying his bed. He is going into the temple and everything is fine. There has to be something going on there. Do you know what they will not say? What Jesus is doing is going to make these guys make a decision. Either they are going to believe Him that He is the Son of God, or they are not going to believe Him.

Do you know what we are doing in America and in the world, here at Campbell Chapel and any other place in the country? We are either believing Him that He is the Son of God or we are not believing Him. Decisions have consequences guys. We have talked about that here many times over the years. Decisions have consequences. Good decisions have good results. Bad decisions have bad results. Does everybody agree with that? That is why we need discernment. That is why we need to be able to discern, to make right decisions. I have said this thousands of times. That is why we need to read our Bibles and we need to pray. Seek the face of God and ask God for direction, help, wisdom, and guidance so that God will help us to make right instead of wrong decisions. When we do that do you know what He will do? He will help us.

He is forcing these guys here to make a decision. He wants them to think. He wants them to think about who He is. Is He really the Son of God? Is He really the Messiah? Is He really that? Let me tell you something. He is the Son of God. It matters whether the religious crowd in Jerusalem, on this particular day, believed it or not. Jesus Christ

is the Son of God. He was then and He is today and ever will be the Son of God. That is who He is.

**John 5:18** Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Do you see that? The reason they are trying to persecute Him, trying to kill Him and doing all that they are doing to Him is, first of all, what He is doing here. He has changed a guy's life on the sabbath. Jesus didn't say if you are around here tomorrow, I will come back on Monday and we will talk if you are here. He did not do that. He healed him on the sabbath day. Not only that but also, He told them that God was His Father, and this made this religious crowd so mad. Do you know why? It is because He was uncovering sin in their lives. When Jesus preached and taught and healed; it uncovered error.

When the Word of God is preached and taught; it uncovers error in my life and in your life. We can do one of two things. We can either accept the truth of the Word of God, and we straighten up and live by it; or we reject it and walk away from it. That is what we do. Every one of us does that.

**John 5:19** Then answered Jesus and said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.**

Whenever you see "Verily, verily..." in the scripture; it means truly, truly. Jesus is going to say something here of vital importance. He is saying, "Guys, listen to me."

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Truly, truly; "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself..." Do you know what that means? Jesus is telling this crowd here, "I can't do anything by myself." He is saying here; "I can't do anything by myself." What I see my Father do and have done, that is exactly what I am doing." Get that. Do you know what that means? Jesus was living a life of obedience. The Bible says that He came—Jesus made this statement—He came to do thy will O' God. Didn't He? When He came here, He came to do the will of God. Jesus says here, "The Son can do nothing of himself..." In other words, Jesus just doesn't or didn't come to this pool on this particular day and decided that He was going to heal this guy. He did not do that. He did not come to the nobleman's place. He just didn't heal the centurion's son, or the Samaritan lady; He just didn't do all of that on His own. What He saw the Father do then that is exactly what He did. Get this. What He is telling them is "Hey, I am equal with God. You guys thank God the Father and you want to contribute every good thing to God the Father, I am God the Son. I am equal with Him. What I saw Him do that is what I am doing. I saw Him heal people. I saw Him change people's lives. I have seen Him do all of this stuff.

Jesus said, "I am doing the same thing." Do you get that? That is obedience. That is living a life of obedience.

He goes on and says this.

**John 5:19** Then answered Jesus and said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.**

So, what He is saying is, "What I saw my Father do, that is exactly what I am doing. I am not doing anything out of the realm or out of the circle of what my Father has done. What my Father has done that is exactly what I am doing." Again, that is proving that He is equal with God. That is proving that He is God.

**John 5:21** **For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.**

Do you know what that means? That means that again, He is going to prove unto us by what He is doing that He is the Son of Almighty God. The Bible tells us here, what I read to you is...

**John 5:20** **For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.**

We know that and understand that. I missed something there that I want you to see. The Bible says this...what God the Father does and has done that is what I am doing. I am not doing anything that God the Father has not done. I'm doing anything outside of that. I am not doing this on my own. I don't have my own plan. I don't have a set of rules I am going by. What I am doing are the very things that God the Father has shown me. I am doing the very same things that He is doing." Do you get that?

Again, folks that should teach us something. If Jesus Christ was obedient to the will of God, will of His Father; how much more do you and I need to be obedient to the will of the Father. Do you think it is important? It is important. If it was important for Jesus to be obedient to the will of the Father; then I will tell you somebody like me and you that are sinners from the core, we need to be obedient to God the Father. Amen!

**John 5:20** **For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.**

He has just raised a guy here that was crippled. He was going to be raising the dead. He was going to be walking on water. He was going to be healing blinded eyes. He was going to be doing all kinds of things here that were even greater than healing a guy here that had been sick for all these years. Jesus is saying here, "God is the Father. I did some things but I am going to be doing a whole lot of greater things than this." Truth. He is proving who He is. He is proving He is the Son of Almighty God.

Get this.

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### Son quickeneth whom he will.

When you read the Old Testament, you can read about different times and different things that God the Father has done. The Bible says, "For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them..." Do you know what *quickeneth* means? It means *made alive*. Do you know what God the Father has done? He has made people alive. He has the power to raise people from the dead. He has power to take people who are dead and give them back life.

**John 5:21** For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

The Father has life in Himself. The Father has the ability within Himself to raise the dead. He says, "I do too." I can raise the dead too. I can quicken people. I can give them life. Again, He is saying, "I am equal with God." He wants them to see that He is equal with God. Why this is so important folks is this.

You can go anywhere today and mention the name of God. You can go to the court house steps. You can go in schools and a lot of different places and you can mention the name of God. It doesn't stir up a lot of people. It doesn't raise a lot of people's attention. Do you know why? It is because everybody has a god. There are over a thousand of them in the world today that people worship. However, when you mention the name of Jesus Christ that changes the whole chemistry of everything. Amen! What you are saying then...when you mention God, to a lot of people that takes in a big area. My God may be different than your god. If I believe what I believe strong enough then my god is as good as your god. That is what a lot of people thinks. However, that is wrong. When you say, "Hey, Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is the Messiah. He is the one who came to planet earth and died on a cross that mankind can be saved." Then that changes the whole discussion completely.

If you want to make people mad, tell them there is only one way to get to heaven and that is through Jesus. A lot of people do not want to hear that. My god is as good as your God is. That is not right. There is only one true living God. Amen! He is on the throne tonight and His Son Jesus is sitting right on the throne right beside Him, on His right side. The Holy Ghost, the third part of the trinity; do you know what He is doing today? He is working on planet earth, calling people, blessing people, saving people, encouraging people, and healing people. The Holy Ghost is doing that today. He is alive! The God of heaven is alive. He is working today. He may not be working in your life but He is working. God is not dead. Why this is so important is the next verse that I am going to read to you.

We say that I believe. That's good but what do you believe and who do you believe. Look what happens here. These guys here if you would have talked to them do you know what they would have said? Hey, I believe the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They would have said that but they didn't really do that. If they would have believed on the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob then do you know what they would have done? When Jesus came, they would have believed Him. That is the Bible.

John 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

Do you know what that means? If Christian people are going to be going to the bema seat, the judgement seat of Christ; that is where we are going to be going to, do you know who we are going to be looking and standing before? Jesus Christ. At the white throne judgment, where the unsaved are going to be; do you know who is going to be sitting on the throne judging? Jesus Christ. That is who is there. All judgement has been given unto the Son. That is what the Bible says.

John 5:23 That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

Do you know what that is saying? That is saying you guys are looking God the Father. You guys are saying that you are honoring God the Father, then you also need to honor me. Get that.

John 5:23 That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

Do you know what that means? You can't be honoring the Father if you don't honor me. If you don't believe that I am the Messiah, the Son of Almighty God, if you don't believe that then you don't really believe that there is a God in heaven. If you don't believe me then you can't worship the God of heaven. If you don't believe me, I am the Son; if you don't believe me, honor me, and worship me as the Son; then you cannot worship the Father. Could you imagine how these guys felt? He just told them He was the Son of God. He just told them who He was. Now He is saying here, if you guys don't believe who I am and honor me; you can't honor God the Father. I would say their hearts are turning flip flops on the inside of them. I would say their pulse is beating 100 beats per minute. This guy from up the road is telling us that He is the Son of God and if we don't honor Him then we are not honoring God. However, that is true. That has not changed any folks. You cannot honor the God of heaven, if you are not honoring Jesus His Son. Amen! Can't be done. There is no way you can get to heaven by by-passing Jesus Christ. You can say I believe this or that. I did this and I did that. That may be all good stuff but you will never get to heaven if you don't come through Jesus Christ. He is the only way.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father except by me." That is what the Bible says. Isn't it? There is no other way that we can get to heaven except Jesus Christ. One way! Not a dozen ways. Not a thousand ways. Your way is not as good as everybody else's way. There is only one way. Jesus said if you don't honor me then you can't honor the Father. That puts it right down where it belongs. I think. That makes us make a decision in our lives. Are we really honoring Jesus Christ? Are we really worshipping Him? Do we really believe Him? Do we really believe that He came, suffered, bled and died to save us? Do our lives reflect? When He looks at our lives and when the Lord looks at our lives, and when He inspects our lives; does our life prove that we are really honoring the Son. Does our life prove that?

We may say all kinds of things when we are here. Everybody can learn a few verses and say all the right religious words when we are around religious people. Do you know what He knows? He knows what you are doing when nobody else is around. He knows when you are in the darkness, what you are doing. He knows what you are looking at. He knows the text that you send. As it is being unfolded and He is looking; is our life really honoring Jesus Christ. If we are not Him then we are not honoring the Father. That is what He wants these guys here to understand. These guys were going through all the motions. They wore all the right garb. They knew all the right scriptures to quote. They knew all the right feasts to go to. They knew about taking all the right sacrifices. They knew all of that. Jesus looked at them one day and said, "You are just like whited sepulchers. Do you know what that means? Graves. Sepulchers were graves hewn out of stone. They would go on the outside of them and whitewash them and paint them. They would make them look real pretty. He said you guys, just look like sepulchers that has just been painted on the outside. You real pretty on the outside. Jesus said, but on the inside, you are just full of dead men's bones.

I don't want to be like that. Do you? I want to live my life where my life honors the Father. I want to live my life in a way that brings glory to the God of heaven. When He examines me and He does, and He examines you, and He is going to examine us real close. There isn't anything that is going to get by. Do you know what I want my life to do? I want my life to bring glory to God. Do you know why? Because I need Him. I am going to need Him more today than I did yesterday, and more tomorrow than I did today. I am going to need Him. The older we get, the closer we get to the return of Jesus Christ the more we are going to need Him folks.

Come and pray—