

GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION – Sarah, Kiamehr, Emma

Kiamehr: Today is the day that the Lord has made and we shall rejoice and be glad in it. Welcome! As you can tell, I'm not Bobby. I know we look really alike.

Emma: Hi, everyone, and welcome to Youth Takeover here at Shepherd's Grove. My name's Emma..

Kiamehr: And I'm Kiamehr..

Sarah: And I'm Sarah.

Emma: And we're your hosts for today. Today is special because our youth ministry has the opportunity to lead the service. We are so thankful for our church family who believes in the next generation and gives us the space to grow, serve, and share our faith.

Sarah: This year's already been full of many exciting things happening in the youth ministry, and we can't wait to celebrate some of them with you today. Before we begin the worship, let's take a moment to pray together.

Lord, we thank you for this morning, and for bringing everyone together as one family in Christ. We pray for everyone in this congregation that your Holy Spirit will meet them here in a real and powerful way. Bless this service, the students leading, and the message today. May everything we do be in your glory and encourage us to grow closer to you, in Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Emma: Turn to the person next to you and say, God loves you and so do we.

PRAYER – Haven Schuller

I wanted to take the time today to pray over something that's really important, which is the next generation. I think so often we forget to acknowledge the fact that the next generation being Christ-centered means generations upon generations being Christ-centered. It means that there will be people who are just.. that the world can change with people on fire for God.

It's important that we pray over that. In fact, in Psalm 78, verse 4 through 7, it says we will not hide them, them being the teachings of God, from our children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and His might in the wonders that He has done so that they might put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but carry out His commandments. And wow, that is in the Bible. That is what God asks us to do is to keep teaching, keep praying over our next generation.

That's why I wanted to just take a chance to do that today, and so will you join me in prayer? All right, so bow your heads and pray with me. Lord, thank you so much, God. You are just such a wonderful Lord and Savior. Thank you, Lord that you have created a generation of people with dreams in their heart to serve you. I just pray that you would open doors for them to serve you, Lord. That you would help people. You would help this generation to come to the knowledge of you, Lord. That they would be just on fire for you, Lord. That there would be a revival within this generation, Lord. That you would help them come to what you've called them to do, Lord and that they would just be full of Holy Spirit power, full of the love for you, and that them and their children and their children's children and their children's children would just love you and serve you, God. Serve you with all they have.

We pray this right now over them, Lord. You are so good, God. We love you, God. In your powerful and holy name we pray, amen. Thank you, church family.

DECLARATION – John 14 – Bobby Schuller

Would you stand with me? We're going to say a new scripture today for the next few weeks just to increase our faith. How many of you know that faith doesn't come by prayer or worship? Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. We need more scripture. We need to say it aloud. And so I've put together these two verses from John. What a great reminder they are. Hold your hands like this.

We're going to say this together from John chapter 14: Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do, and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments, and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper to be with you forever. Even the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. Hallelujah!

One more, one more. Don't sit down yet. I have food to eat that the world does not know about. My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. You may be seated. Someone say hallelujah! (AUDIENCE – hallelujah) Isn't that good, good news? Doing the will of God is food. Doing the will of God is food.

MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "The Father's Good Pleasure to Give You the Kingdom"

Today we're going to talk about something that might stretch you. If you're an Evangelical, Protestant, you probably don't hear this sermon very often. You probably believe it to be true somewhere in the recesses of your mind.

But what we're going to talk about today is what really drives the church in Acts, and that is the desire for a great reward, which is more than just going to heaven when I die. We often muddle 'going to heaven when I die' and 'treasures in heaven' as the same thing. We want to see in the scripture today; clearly, they're not the same thing. Going to heaven is part of the reward; it's not the whole thing.

I'll say right on the onset what we're talking about today, that a great reward awaits those who are faithful. Okay? Someone say faithful (AUDIENCE – faithful). God is looking for men, God is looking for women, who are faithful.

Now, diligent does not mean faithful, but faithful people will be diligent. Hard work is not faithful, although being faithful is hard work. Successful in your ministry is not faithful, although if you're faithful, you'll be successful in your ministry. Faithful is faithful. Faithful means doing what the boss asked you to do, even if you don't want to do it. That's all it means. It means I'm doing what He wanted me to do, even if it's embarrassing. I'm going to do what He wants me to do, even if I lose my house doing it. I'm going to do what He wants me to do even though if it's a little bit my spouse's fault or this other person's fault, I'm going to do what He's told me to do in terms of asking for forgiveness and loving them. Is this right or wrong? (AUDIENCE – right)

There is a reward for that and the reward is not just heaven. We can't go to heaven from our works. I'll say that many times today, but when we get to heaven, some of us will have a greater reward than others. That's just how it is. And most Christians don't care. You're going to care. Most Christians today really don't think about that reward. They don't care about that reward. They're not interested in that reward. They just want to get to heaven. When you get there, you're going to care - a lot. Some of you are going to get there and you're going to remember this sermon, and you're going to say, Pastor Bobby told me I didn't care. I care now. I wish I'd listened.

Meredith Mauldin wrote a song, beautiful song, there's a line in there: "when I see your face, I'll wish I'd given more away." That's true.

There is a reward waiting for those who are what? (AUDIENCE – faithful) Somebody say faithful (AUDIENCE – faithful). Faithful.

Now Jesus points to this reward a lot in His sermons. He often calls it treasures in heaven. I want you to know treasures in heaven does not mean a big pile of gold, it's not a bunch of pirate treasure, and it's not a bigger mansion. There's not multiple levels of heaven; there's one place you go. It is something else, and we're going to discover, hopefully, what that is.

I don't understand it completely, but I understand enough. He points to treasures in heaven.

And by the way, the expression is treasures in the heavens. This is referencing Jewish cosmology that believes there's three levels of heaven, not like the Mormons do, but the way Jews do, which is the first level of heaven is the air around us. That's the spiritual world. Who knows that I'm waving my arm through the heavens like this, you see? It's the spiritual world. They literally believe that the air around us is the first level.

The second level is where the stars in the sky, or outer space. And the third is what you think of as heaven, where you go when you die. Shamayim bat shamayim - the place of the water or the place of the waters. The place where the throne of God is.

When Jesus says there's treasures in heaven, it doesn't just mean where you get when you die, it means that there's spiritual treasures that you can access now. That moth and rust cannot destroy. How many of you know some Christians have more favor than others? Is that right? And moth and rust will not destroy favor. That's a heavenly treasure. Moth and rust will not destroy wisdom. That's a heavenly treasure. Moth and rust will not destroy anointing. That's a heavenly treasure. And you attain that treasure when you die, but how many of you know it works now, too!

How many of you want anointing now? Let me see your hand. How many of you want spiritual authority? How many of you, when you pray for the sick, you want to see them healed? How many of you, when somebody asks you a question about the scriptures, just flows out of you, even though you haven't studied that question? I want that, too. Moth and rust cannot destroy that. Amen! (AUDIENCE – amen) You can't inflate that away. No amount of government spending. No amount of, whatever, can whittle away the treasure you've stored up for yourselves in heaven. And this is a big deal to Jesus.

Years ago, when I was in seminary, I wanted to be more like Dallas Willard, so I memorized the Sermon on the Mount. Three chapters, it took me a long time, and I thought when I got out of there, I was going to be like this spiritual hippie, and that once I had it memorized, that the message was going to be heavy on the "Love Your Neighbor" and stuff, and it is, but that's not really what I drew from it. The thing that shined to me that nobody ever talks about in the Sermon on the Mount is how the whole thing is about attaining a reward.

Jesus asks persistently through it all; I can't tell you how many times I'm skipping the line when I'm memorizing because I'm asking again, what reward will you get if you do that? What reward will you get? Guess how many times the word "reward" appears just in the Sermon on the Mount? Seven times! Is seven an important number to Jews? (AUDIENCE – yes) The Sermon on the Mount is all about a reward! A reward.

Many Christians will go to heaven. Some will get a reward, some will not, even though you're in heaven. This is important. And you have to see when you read the book of Acts, when you read the letters of Paul, they're all driven by this desire for a reward. They all believe they're going to heaven. That's not what they're talking about. There's this.. sometimes it's called the crown. Sometimes it's called a, whatever, a prize. Sometimes it's called a treasure. These are all metaphors, but they're a metaphor for something great that is offered to those who are what? (AUDIENCE – faithful) Faithful. Faithful.

If you have your Bibles, open up to 1st Corinthians chapter 3. I'll prove it to you. But this is the first principle I want you to get from this sermon. All of us who believe in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and are baptized are going to go to heaven, but we're not all going to receive the same reward.

Now this is not a sermon reformed guys like me like to give. At no point do we want anyone in here to believe that you're saved by works, or that you ought to boast about your works. And in fact, we don't want to equate faithfulness with works, because sometimes it's not a work. Sometimes it's not doing something. It just means doing what God wants you to do.

There's a part of me that I want to be careful, but we can overplay that hand and ignore the many scriptures that point to a reward that awaits what we do. For some, you'll get 30, for some you'll get 60, for some you'll get 100-fold. True or not true. (AUDIENCE – true) Just before we read that, Revelation 22. This is the last chapter of the Bible. This is one of the last things that is said in the Bible. Jesus, this is the Lord Jesus Christ speaking, “look, I am coming soon. My” what? (AUDIENCE – reward) “My reward is with me and I will give to each person according to what they have done.” What they have done! What they have done! Okay?

First Corinthians 3, if you've got your Bibles, I'm sure you're already there. First Corinthians chapter 3, verse 11. Okay, again, don't equate this with going to heaven. Equate it with a reward. Okay? Paul writing to the church in Corinth, he's writing to Christians, “For no one can lay a foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw.” Pastor Kennedy pointed this out. Notice the word “or.” It's not a mix. It's either going to be gold: what you're doing in this life. It's either going to be gold, silver, stone, wood, hay or straw. “Their work will be shown for what it is because the day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss, but yet will be” what? (AUDIENCE – saved) Will be saved. Be “in heaven. Even though only as one escaping through the flames.”

Do you see it? Faithfulness is what leads to the reward. Faithfulness is not success, although you'll be successful. I already said this. Faithfulness is not hard work, although it requires hard work. Faithfulness is not diligence, although you need to be diligent. Faithfulness means doing what the Master wanted you to do.

There will be men and women who get to the throne of the Lord Jesus Christ, and they will say, look, Lord, at this city of hay that I built for you, and the Lord will go (TSK TSK TSK) is that right? He will say, I didn't ask you to do any of that. Is that right?

There will be other humble, hard-working, Jesus-loving men and women who say something like, Lord, look, in my life, all I fashioned were these bricks. That's all I was able to accomplish for you, but I did it because you asked me to do it. And the Son of Man will say to them, those are bricks of gold. Give them to me. Well done.

What do we all want to hear when we die? Say it. You already know what it is. Well done, good and what? (AUDIENCE – faithful) Faithful. Well done good and faithful. Faithful servant. Amen? And I just praise the Lord that we can hear from Him and that we don't need to guess. Again, let's revisit it. This is why it is so important that every believer hears the voice of the Shepherd. We should not be guessing, right? We want to be hearing from God. You can hear from God. You can hear His voice. You can be led by the Spirit. You will mess up sometimes listening to the Holy Spirit. Brush it off. It's okay. You can hear from God. The more you do it, the better you get at it, the more you'll be faithful. And that is really, really, really good news for us.

Hearing from the Holy Spirit leads to faithfulness, and faithfulness leads to clearer hearing. If you're not faithful to what the Lord tells you to do, it creates friction and your heart will not be sensitive any longer to the leading of the Spirit. But when God says, go talk to that guy and ask him if you can pray for him, and you do it, you're going to start hearing better. And if you don't do it, you're not going to hear as good. Why would God speak to you if you're not going to do anything with it? Why would He? We don't want to grieve the Spirit. Declare with me: I hear the voice of the shepherd (AUDIENCE – I hear the voice of the shepherd). I'm faithful to what He says (AUDIENCE – I'm faithful to what He says). No matter how humbling (AUDIENCE – no matter how humbling), no matter how hard (AUDIENCE – no matter how hard) I will do it (AUDIENCE – I will do it), in Jesus name (AUDIENCE – in Jesus name), amen. Thank you, Lord. I want to encourage you if you're watching on YouTube, since we're halfway through, please subscribe.

That'd be really cool. You don't have to do it. I'm not Jesus. You can do whatever you want to do, but why wouldn't you? Okay.

I am believing more and more that a major part of this reward that we're talking about is authority, not only in this world, but in the world to come. It is clear to me that Jesus is not going to rule the future kingdom of God on earth by Himself. He called Adam and Eve to rule the garden. How many of you know there are going to be people in this room that have real authority in the world to come, based on what (AUDIENCE – faithfulness) faithfulness.

I'm believing more and more that authority, both in this world and the world to come, is a major, major part of the reward we're talking about. The authority to heal the sick. The authority to preach the gospel. The authority to see what's happening in the Spirit. The authority to rebuke the devil and to cast out demons. Praise the Lord.

Part two. There is a difference between entering the kingdom of God and inheriting the kingdom. Both phrases are used throughout the scripture, but there is a difference between entering the kingdom and inheriting the kingdom. I have not fully flushed this out, but I've flushed it out enough that I want to bring it to you, and I'd love for you to meditate on it, because you'll see that sometimes Jesus or Paul or other people use 'enter.' Other times they use 'inherit.' Is there a difference between those two words: entering a kingdom or inheriting a kingdom?

If you saw the newspaper this morning; teens, some of you haven't heard of it. There used to be this thing called a newspaper where they would print out news on paper - anyway. Imagine on the front page of a newspaper, it said 'Prince William entered the United Kingdom after he left America.' And then a year later, another newspaper said 'Prince William inherited the United Kingdom after he left America.' Are those two different stories? In one story, he goes home, in another story he becomes the king. How many of you know some of us will enter the kingdom of God, others of us will inherit the kingdom of God! Whoa! Inherit?

It is crystal clear that this is a major part of Jesus message to His disciples. You will inherit. My Father will give you the kingdom. Give you the kingdom. How do you know some kingdoms have citizens AND rulers. The rulers are citizens, too, but not all citizens are rulers.

Let's look at enter first. Here's some examples in John 3:5, "No one can enter the kingdom of God." Let's bring it up. "No one can enter the Kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the spirit." What's He talking about? He's talking about getting saved, right? That's entering.

Then in Matthew, it says, "For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not" what? "Enter the kingdom of God." Again, this is the gospel, because they would have heard that as unless your righteousness surpasses Mother Teresa, Dr. Martin Luther King and your nana combined you're not getting into heaven.

And the natural question is well how do you do that? And the answer is you become perfect. And then the next question is, well, how do I become perfect? And the answer is by dying. That's the gospel. By dying in your baptism and being reborn; by being made a new creation. He who knew no sin became sin that I would be called what? The righteousness?

This is the gospel. He said, truly, I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never what? (AUDIENCE – enter) Enter the kingdom of heaven. Again, pointing to the gospel. You get it, right? Enter means going to heaven when I die. It means being saved.

Now inherit. Paul uses the phrase very often "you will not inherit the kingdom of God." And he's talking to Christians, usually referring to greed and sexual immorality. But there's other things, too. Any idolatry, or doing this, you will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Jesus says this in Matthew 20; turn with me in your Bibles to Matthew 25. Let's look at this close. Now Matthew 25 is not a slam dunk on the point I'm trying to make at all, because the goats go to hell. But I still want you to see what it says here. Matthew 25, verse 34, "Then the King will say to those on his right," this is the sheep, "come, you who are blessed by my father," say the next word, (AUDIENCE – inherit) "inherit." Okay, not enter, inherit. "Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me."

"Then the righteous will answer him, saying, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, and thirsty and give you something to drink, when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you. And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you? And the King will answer them, truly I say to you, as you did it to one of these, see, this is the thing that everybody gets this scripture wrong. Everybody thinks that He says 'when you did it for the least of these.' He does say that in the second part, but the first part He clarifies. He does not say when you did it for the least of these. He says, "when you did it for the least of these, my" (AUDIENCE – brothers) my brothers." When you did it for the disciples. I'm about to make some other people mad today. Is that okay?

He's not talking about all people here that are in prison, all people that are thirsty and all people that are hungry. The context of this verse is disciples that are in prison, disciples that are hungry, disciples that are naked. Yes, we Christians are called to love everyone, even our enemies, and care for everyone, but who knows there should be a special kind of love for other disciples. Satan has a special kind of hatred for Christians. We ought to have a special kind of love for them. Amen? Amen!

In John chapter 13, Jesus says, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, that you love one another." Not love everybody, the whole world. No, you love each other; that you love each other so much, people are like, we want to get in.

Again, I'm not saying that Jesus doesn't say love everybody. We should love everybody, even our enemies, but there should be a special kind of care for other believers. Again, in John 15 he says, if you do what I say, ask anything and the Father will give it to you. And then He says, this is my command. Again, love one another. Amen? Praise the Lord.

This is why such an important part of our efforts should go into especially thinking about believers in persecuted countries, believers that are in prison for preaching the gospel, missionaries that are out there hungry and doing the work, people here that are doing the work of God. We want to intercede for them and help them. Amen? So we praise the Lord for that. Woo! Saying all kinds of stuff today. This is a prophetic message, I guess.

Again, here the point is, the people that do this, and He's talking to the nations, so He's saying you nations that do this, you'll be blessed. Just before that in Matthew 24, you know the story. There are five talents. A guy gets five talents and he turns it into ten talents. A guy gets two talents, he turns it into four talents. A guy gets one talent, he buries it. He's called a wicked and lazy servant. But what happens to the guy that got five talents and made him into ten talents. Remember what Jesus said to him? Well done. His master replied, well done, good and faithful servant. Good and what? (AUDIENCE – faithful) Faithful. It's constant. You have been what? Faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge. Notice how he doesn't say, I'm going to give you more gold. Here's where the authority piece is: I will put you in charge. In charge of many things. Come and share in your master's happiness.

In a very similar version of the story in Luke 19, what is the guy in the parable the minas. So a talent is like a million bucks. It's like 16 to 20 years of wages. A mina is maybe three months. So what does he tell the guy that turns his minas into ten minas? Remember what he says? You get ten what? Any students in the house? You get ten cities. And the guy that had five minas, he gets what? Five what? Five? Cities.

Those that have ears to hear let them hear.

Who knows the heavenly reward, a major part of it is authority. Authority. Not influence, okay? Not popularity. Not fame. How many of you know the devil does not kneel to influence? The devil does not kneel to popularity, nor does the enemy kneel to fame, nor to sickness, nor does disease, nor does hell. What do they kneel to? (AUDIENCE – authority) Authority. Authority. You have authority when you're under authority. You have authority when you're under authority. Faithfulness, faithfulness. Amen? Amen.

And what if when He says "cities," what if He means cities? What if that's not a metaphor? You can read in the Bible that for sure Satan has put governors and principalities over specific cities. In Ezekiel chapter 28, we read about the King of Tyre who rules over the Prince of Tyre. The Prince of Tyre is a carnal human being who has the King of Tyre pulling all the strings, which is a demonic principality doing it.

In Daniel, when he's praying for three weeks or 20 days, the angel Gabriel needs help from the angel Michael to get to him because there's someone in the way. Who knows the name of the guy that was in the way? There's some students in the house. The Prince of Persia. Was he talking about the actual king of Persia? No, it was a satanic demonic force who was assigned by Satan to rule over Persia, and he did not want Gabriel or Michael breaking through.

What if God gives us cities? I believe that there are probably men and women in the Lord right now that have so much power and authority, they already have special authority over cities. For sure, God gives people power over churches, over communities, and over families. Is the man not the spiritual head of a family? Is the husband? Does he not have spiritual authority over his family? Or has the Word of God lied to us? He has power and there are tears, whether you like it or not. There's a hierarchy. There's a tier.

You okay if I go a little longer on this? I need another ten minutes. So what if when we're faithful, God not only gives us authority in the life to come, but especially as we get older in our faithfulness to what He says to do, He gives us more and more spiritual authority over actual cities or countries. Praise the Lord for that. Now that's a question, not a statement. I just want to be clear. But it might be true. Okay, faithful.

And just a couple more thoughts on what does it mean to be faithful. Who here wants to be faithful now? If I've done my job, everybody here wants to be faithful. And this is what I believe faithfulness. Jesus says, "Whoever is faithful with a little can be trusted with much." Very few Christians want to be faithful with a little, but that's how you become faithful with a lot. Faithful. You just do.

This is from Pastor Keith Moore, one of my favorite preachers, and he's from Tennessee, so it has that Tennessee sound to it, but he said something like this: faithfulness is doing what the Master wants done with His stuff. It's His stuff. His sheep, His pasture, His world. Amen? He wants you to do what He wants you to do, not what you want to do. No cities of straw. Amen?

Just two more things. Number one, we want to be faithful, but you cannot judge your own faithfulness. No one can look in the mirror and say, well done, good and faithful servant. Is that right? You cannot judge your own faithfulness.

It's like a husband and wife. When a husband's like, I'm the best husband ever, or a wife is like, I'm the best wife ever. No. Who gets to tell you if you're the best wife ever? Your husband! Who gets to tell you you're the best husband ever? Your wife. Okay? Not you. In fact, Keith and Phyllis. I don't know them personally, but I heard the story. They were saying that they were counseling a couple, and the wife literally said that. She looked at them, because they were having marriage problems, and she said, 'I am the best wife a man could ever have.' She said, 'I cook for him, I keep the house clean, I keep the pantries full of groceries and such.' And she went on and on. And he said, 'I didn't ask you to do any of that. I want you to do fun things with me. I want you to go on trips with me. I want you to go to dinner with me. I want you to sit and talk with me.'

Who here knows that some of us will get before the throne of glory, and we will present this thing before the Lord and He'll say, I didn't ask you to do any of that, and like sand flowing through our fingers, all the great churches and ministries, all the great businesses, many of these great things that He didn't ask us to do, will just fall through our fingers and we will have nothing. Nothing.

Now there are some people with megachurches that were called to have megachurches. Praise the Lord for them. And there are some people who have great businesses that were called to have great businesses. Praise the Lord for them. But here's what we're called to do: whatever He wants us to do. And to know that, we have to hear. We have to be led. Amen? We have to be humble.

Final thought. Instead of asking how do I be faithful, it's probably better to ask the question: how do I be unfaithful? What does an unfaithful person look like? And I'll tell you what it looks like in the natural. Again, this is from Brother Keith, but one of the best ways to detect unfaithfulness is if someone is a bad listener. I have run all sorts of businesses in my life. I have been over teams many times. I've had multiple, hundreds of employees, and I can tell you this is 100% true. If someone's a bad listener, and you're giving them a job, you know that they're not going to do it right. You can just tell. You ask them, hey, can you say that back to me? And then, oh yeah. And here's why - they want to do it their own way, or they're just probably not going to do it, or they're going to kick the can down the road. That's unfaithfulness.

Here's what a faithful employee looks like. You tell them, they say it back to you. They ask you to say it again. Any employee that pulls out their phone and starts taking notes when I'm talking, I'm like this faithful person. They're going to do a good job. Is that right?

Faithfulness comes from listening. It's not going, okay, God, I'll start a church. Its saying, okay, God, how do you want me to start the church? Where do we go? Where do we..? Or whatever it is that He calls you to do. Amen? So we need to hear from God.

I think we got it. I want to clarify again. No one gets to heaven through their works. Only by the cross and resurrection of the Lord. Only by grace through faith. Though not all of us will get the same reward. And the reward is not the result of hard work or diligence. The reward is what? It's faithfulness. I know that's boring. Not boring, Michael? That's the truth. All right, stand with us. God just wants people that go after Him and after His kingdom. Lift your hands with me. Lord, we thank you in the name of Jesus that you have called us.

Many are called, but few are chosen. Those who are chosen are those who are faithful. Repeat after me, church. Jesus Christ, Son of God (AUDIENCE – Jesus Christ, Son of God) my life is yours (AUDIENCE – my life is yours). All of it (AUDIENCE – all of it). All my stuff (AUDIENCE – all my stuff), my time (AUDIENCE – my time), my efforts (AUDIENCE – my efforts). But most of all (AUDIENCE – but most of all), my heart (AUDIENCE – my heart), my eyes (AUDIENCE – my eyes) and my ears (AUDIENCE – and my ears).

I want what you want (AUDIENCE – I want what you want) I see what you see (AUDIENCE – I see what you see), I hear what you tell me to do (AUDIENCE – I hear what you tell me to do) and I commit (AUDIENCE – and I commit) to be faithful (AUDIENCE – to be faithful) to do it (AUDIENCE – to do it). I thank you, Lord (AUDIENCE – I thank you, Lord). It's in Jesus name we pray (AUDIENCE – it's in Jesus name we pray) amen (AUDIENCE – amen).

BENEDICTION – Bobby Schuller

And now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you His peace in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.