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OPENING SENTENCE / WELCOME – Bobby Schuller

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen. Welcome. We're so glad you're here. The Lord's doing something in my life and in your life.

I was thinking about today, about how as we're standing here and you're kind of looking up here, there's something happening in heaven that's always going on, that there's what's called the Great Cloud of Witnesses that is perpetually worshipping at the throne of the Lord.

The Holy Spirit left that place to come and minister to us. The Holy Spirit, for all eternity, had dwelt in the throne room, and when the Son of God, Jesus Christ, was crucified, buried and raised to life and ascended into heaven, He went to the Father and He said, Father, send them the Holy Spirit. And the Father agreed. This is what the stained glass is. You can see Jesus in the Spirit coming.

A lot of you don't know this window here is Pentecost. This is the Holy Spirit coming down. And the Lord sent us this great gift. And so since then, until now, the Holy Spirit has been here to help us. So patient. He's so patient with us. The way we turn our back on Him, the way we harden our heart to Him, the way we resist Him. There is this throng of people you know that have passed and gone to be with the Lord, who are crying out in a loud voice, holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, and they're praising God now.

And you see what the Holy Spirit is doing by being here amongst us, He's coming alongside and inviting us to join this heavenly throng in praise. And we don't understand that. We don't understand that that's what's happening. Amen. (AUDIENCE – amen) And we take something so sacred and we don't recognize what a gift it is that the Father sent the Spirit to help us do that. Amen. I will not spend another minute in this church ignoring the Holy Spirit.

Would you lift your hands with me? Let's just begin to worship the Lord. Father, we worship you. We thank you, Father. We think of all of the people that we love who have gone and died to be with you. I think of my grandma Schuller and my grandpa Schuller and my grandma Persley and my friend Brennan, and those who passed early and passed late, they're there worshipping. We just invite you, Holy Spirit, come alongside us.

We worship the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who sits at the throne of heaven to judge the living and the dead. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Lord, we thank you. Lord, we thank you. We will not resist the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, come help us in our time of need.

Forgive me. The Lord is so good, isn't He? Praise God. Let's continue to worship. Let's continue to worship the Lord. Worship team, come help us. Praise God.

DECLARATION / SCRIPTURE – Ephesians 1:17-23 – Bobby Schuller

Let's say it together: I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we may know him better. I pray that the eyes of our heart may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which he has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age, but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. Amen.

MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "The Prayers God Listens To"

Are you believing for utterance with me? How many of you know that those who are listening affect the speaker more than the speaker affects the speaker? If the hearts of the people listening to the word of God being preached are soft and tender and open, the words will flow for the one speaking. But if hearts are hardened and the necks are stiff, the words will be short. And that in many ways the ability to hear from God right now has way more to do with what God's doing in you than what He's doing through me.

Are you believing with me for utterance today? (AUDIENCE – yes) And in fact, if you're here now, and maybe a couple of you who know me can just, as I'm speaking, be praying for me, I

feel that this sermon is really heavy. I'm speaking on the Holy Spirit. I've been trying to put this sermon together all week, it's been hard for me. I keep asking the Holy Spirit to help me and then the Holy Spirit just begins to move in my heart. I can't write a sermon.

I had an encounter with the Lord yesterday and it has me kind of like frazzled. I'm trying to decide whether or not to share it. I guess I have to now. I was sitting in the cafe where I sit often trying to write this sermon, and then I was kind of like zoning out a little bit.. I often do, kind of just daydreaming, not really focusing on the Lord. And it's like I felt like the Holy Spirit.. this is going to sound so weird. Just take it or leave it. I don't care. But I felt the Lord move my head up like this. And I was just like.. and it wasn't forceful. I had to let it happen, but I felt the Lord just, like, move my head up as I was sitting there. I was like, what is going on? Just, like, going with this. Yes, Lord, what is it?

And then I just felt like a wind start blowing on my face. And I was, like, looked, and the door was closed. I looked up and the vent was pointing that way. And then like I felt like this thing like just holding my head like this. Like here. It was, like, in my neck, like, holding my head like this. And then I just felt this power of God just, like, like pouring over me. And I like, began to cry. I don't cry a lot. There's, like, people in a line, like, here waiting to order their food. And I'm, like, two tables back. I'm, like, crying. I grabbed my baseball cap and I cover my face. I really did. I was like tears coming down my face. And I'm, like, trying not to even, like this. I don't know why, I grabbed the Bible and I just pressed it to my chest and it just stayed like that for, like, 15 minutes.

I had to break it. Like, I was like, how long is this going to go? It's like the babysitter was leaving at noon. I was like, I haven't finished my sermon. I'm like, I don't want to leave. I don't want to lose your presence, Lord.

It's like, I get it together; I get it together and I just think about the Lord as His power comes over me. I asked my friends to pray for me this morning to keep it together. Bethany said, I'll pray that you lose it. Michael's laughing. No, no, no please.

I think it's important to understand that, man, the Lord loves us and wants to be amongst His people. And Tozer said, a man can be as close to God as he wants to be. We just don't want to be close to God. I mean, if you look at your calendar and what you did last month, it'll show how much you wanted to be with the Lord.

If you have your Bibles open to Hebrews, chapter five. Oh, and then this morning, it happened again. I was kneeling and praying in my office and the air conditioning in that building doesn't come on till like eight. And I was kneeling and praying to the east, as I always do, and I felt the same wind come over me from this side. And I looked up and the fan was not on. The air conditioning was not on. And I turned and the wind was coming from the direction of the sanctuary. My window's right there. I was facing the church and it was again this breeze just pouring over me. I used to make fun of Father Christopher for saying a building could be consecrated. Who knows I was wrong! This space is consecrated to the Lord. Praise God.

Hebrews chapter 5, verse 7, "During the days of Jesus life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death. And he was" what? (AUDIENCE – heard) "He was heard." Why? "Because of his reverent (AUDIENCE – submission) submission." If somebody asked me 'when Jesus was praying, why was He heard,' I would say, well, it's obvious. He's the son of God. He's Jesus. That's not what the word says here. It says He was heard. Why? His reverence, His submission to the Lord. Amen.

I want us to get today the importance of not having.. I'm a happy guy. I love joy. It's going to be a year of joy for us, but a big part of it is this reverence for the Lord, honoring fear of the Lord. And it is worth anything. So why was Jesus heard? Because of His reverence, His submission.

Today we're going to talk about the kinds of prayers that God hears and the kind of worship that God receives. The Bible tells us that God does not hear all of our prayers. There are some prayers He hears and there are some prayers He rejects. There's multiple passages. The Bible also tells us that God doesn't receive all our worship, either. There's some worship He receives and some worship He rejects. You don't think so?

Cain and Abel. Cain and Abel. He received one, He rejected the other. And Hebrews tells us that it was because of faith that Abel did what God told him to do and Cain didn't. He gave his leftover veggies. Amen.

I have to be careful because the Lord loves us and I love the Lord, and I'm getting defensive. There is so little reverence for the presence and the power of the Lord, and yet God is so merciful to us. He loves us so much. And we think about what we're saying about the God of the

whole universe who sits enthroned on high, being worshiped by a throng of angels is like, I love him, I love her. And we're kind of like, I'll pray tomorrow. The Spirit wants to speak to us, but we ignore Him. We resist the Holy Spirit. The Book of Acts says you can resist the Holy Spirit. We're in a hurry. We rarely submit to what He's saying and putting on us.

How long will the Lord put up with that? How long should He put up with that is a good question. How long, if we ignore the Holy Spirit, if we're in a hurry, if we're not submitted to the Lord, if we're doing everything in our own strength and only running to God when we're in trouble, how long does God put up with that until His presence departs from us? How long?

Christians today, many are just so lifeless. They got it all together. I mean, I guess on a moral report card, they look pretty good, but if you look at their heart, if they have joy, it's not the joy of the Lord. And if they have happiness, it's not the happiness of His kingdom. And if they have victory, it's not God's victory, it's something else.

And so many of us, we go, oh, I got to try harder. No, let's begin here. The presence does the work. The presence of the Lord does the work. It does everything. The presence of the Lord does everything. It's so simple.

I heard a story. It's Stephen Taylor's friend, Bethany's dad, who's a pastor in Japan, his friend, who's a pastor in Northern California, Brian, I forget his name, was a dean of a school of theology at a seminary, and a new student had come in, and because he was the dean of the college, he was able to teach on anything he wanted, so he taught on the life of Jesus.

As they're going through the Gospels, every time a miracle would come up, this one student would raise his hand. So the first miracle, he's talking about turning water into wine. The student raised his hand. He goes, 'have you ever turned water into wine?' He said, 'what?' 'Have you ever turned water into wine?' He goes, 'no, I've never turned water into wine.'

And then he keeps reading, and as he goes through.. casts out a demon. He goes, 'excuse me,' 'what?' 'Have you ever cast out a demon?' He goes, 'no, I've never cast out a demon.' And he keeps teaching on his.. 'excuse me.' Next day, 'have you ever healed a blind person?' 'Excuse me, have you ever raised a lame person from the dead.' 'Excuse me, have you ever raised a dead person?' 'No. No. No.'

And finally one day he went and got a check, got a refund for the student, met him in the parking lot, and he said, 'here's a refund for your tuition.' He said, 'what?' He goes, 'I'm kicking you out of the school. You're being disrespectful in my class. You're gone.' And he goes, 'disrespectful? What do you mean? For asking questions?' He said, 'your questions are disrespectful,' and he says, 'it's embarrassing. It's embarrassing. I've never seen any of those things. I've never done any of those things.'

And he said, 'well, I'm a new Christian, and so I enrolled in the seminary because I wanted to learn about all these things, and I just figured if anybody had ever cast out a demon, it would be the dean at the school of theology. If anybody had healed the sick, it would have been the dean of the school of theology.' And he said it was like an arrow to the heart. And he readmitted the kid and apologized to him, but then this just was like nagging him and nagging him and bugging him and bugging him, and he eventually left the school and was like, I'm not going to go the rest of the of my life and never do what Jesus said we could do. And started a church, has a great deliverance ministry. He's now seen all those things. Praise God. Amen?

I feel like the first bit we've talked about a lot, but it's this last bit I want to talk about. Here are the prayers that God hears: a prayer that God hears, and you should know this if you go to church here, is faith in the heart, faith in your mouth, and walking in the fear of the Lord. When you have that, it's something like that. Faith in your heart. You got to do the work of getting the word in your heart; the scriptures here, and believing the scriptures as they're written. You got to get faith in your mouth. You need to be saying what the word of God says repeatedly over your life. The weapons of our warfare are deployed vocally with your mouth. The sword of the spirit is the rhema, the spoken word of God, not the written word. It's the rhema. So he's speaking. How many of you know, faith is voice activated? And then the last bit, though we walk in the reverence. That we walk in reverence. Submission to the Lord. Amen. (AUDIENCE – amen) Amen. (AUDIENCE – amen) You want to say amen on YouTube? Just write it – Amen, or give me a thumbs up.

Declare with me: I have faith in my heart (AUDIENCE – I have faith in my heart). I have faith in my mouth (AUDIENCE – I have faith in my mouth). I walk in the fear of the Lord (AUDIENCE – I walk in the fear of the Lord). That's good. Wow. Man, our church is going somewhere. (AUDIENCE – amen)

The Lord, our Lord told us, do not throw pearls before swines. Do not give what is sacred to dogs. Do you know what that means? Who knows what that means? Come on. Who knows what that means? Anybody? You probably know, you just don't want to say anything in church. Samuel, what does it mean? All right, forget it.

To cast your pearls before swine means to offer them advice that they don't want. Offer them the word that they're not ready to receive. Offer them, whatever. Your treasures that they're going to waste. And Jesus warns us, lest they turn and tear you to pieces, and this whole sermon started with this word I feel like was from the Lord. The Holy Spirit doesn't throw His pearls before swine, either. The Holy Spirit doesn't throw His pearls before swine. We need to be tender-hearted, open-hearted to the Lord if we want to hear from Him. We need to be ready to stick a knife in whatever is Isaac to you if we want to hear from the Lord. I know that's hard to hear, but if our hearts are hard and our necks are stiff, we will not experience the presence of the Lord. He has incredible love for us. He is love. Wow. That alone is so powerful. But unless our heart is submitted and tender, attentive, not carnal, like obsessing about this world and not the next, He will not use us. He will not speak to us except to cause us to repent of our sin.

Holy Spirit, would you help me? I'm sorry.

When Abraham is sitting in his tent and with all of his things, and the three men, the Lord is there. Do you remember what Abraham says? He says, Lord, don't pass me by. See, there's a mystery there. The Lord didn't walk to Abraham. He came within range, and Abraham had to ask for Him. Lord, don't pass me by. Let's say that together: Lord, don't pass me by. See, that's a good heart. That's what the Lord wants from us.

And even when the disciples were in the water, in the storm and there was this big wind blowing and they were terrified, Jesus, it says in the scripture, He was about to pass them by. Like, He wasn't walking on the water to them. It's already crazy He's walking on water, in a storm, but He's, like, walking by, like, hey, fellas, like walking by them. He was about to pass them by, and what did they do? They cried out to Him. They cried out, Lord! Actually, they thought He was a ghost. And then they cried out to Him, and He came over and He climbed in the boat and the wind went away, and they were safe. See, there's a wisdom here in being ready to hear from the Lord.

I was talking to Hannah about this yesterday. Most of the times when God has done something for me, it wasn't when I was trying. Funny, like, even this thing yesterday, I was just sitting at a cafe, kind of staring off, drinking coffee. And actually, when we were in Hawaii, and I went literally to hear from God, I was reading the Bible every day. I'm like there for hours at my table, just, like God, I need to hear from you, and I'm doing the work, and I'm reading through scriptures and it's not happening. I mean, it's a good experience. I'm doing what I need to do as a disciple, but then it's like one morning, I'm waiting.. the girls are like, we need 10 minutes to get ready for breakfast. I go out to the ocean and I have my cup of coffee and I sit down, and then it's like, the Lord is there. Doesn't say anything, but I just, like, the Lord is here. And I began having this conversation.

And many of my greatest experiences with the Lord have been when I'm not really, like, trying to get an experience, but my heart is in a place where if the Lord does something, I can cry aloud in some way, Lord, don't pass me by. But unless I'm doing the hard work at that table for hours, where God kind of doesn't show up in the way that I, you know, like, the other stuff doesn't happen. And the Lord's going to do this in all of us. Going to do this in all of us. Wow.

You have to want the Lord. You have to want Him. Want Him so bad. What do you want? You have to want the Lord. You say, I want the Lord. No, you don't. Not like He wants you.

I don't want anybody to come under judgment, but, boy, if you really wanted the Lord, you'd be doing other things. You'd be like, oh, I can't wait to go pray. I can't wait to get into the Word. I can't wait to get on my knees. I can't wait to hear a sermon. I can't wait.

See, and this is the crazy thing, is the more you do it, the more you want it. The less you pray, the less you want to pray. The more you pray, the more you want to pray. The less you worship, the less you want to. The more you do it, the more you want to do it.

I want to be careful because I know you do want the Lord, and that's why God has commanded me to give this sermon. You have to want the Lord, and to want the Lord is also to want His gifts. You can't want the Lord and not want His gifts.

Imagine, guys, imagine you had a buddy, and he's dating this new girl, and every time he goes to give her a gift, she rejects them. He's like, oh, I'm dating this new girl. She's great. And I brought her flowers, but she told me to keep them. And then we went out and I bought her, like,

this dress. It was in her perfect size. I had measurements. It was made. It was like her dream dress, but she said, I don't really want this dress from you. And then I just, like, I just kept buying her gifts, but it doesn't matter what I give her, she just says, I don't want your gifts. I just want to be known as your girlfriend. Keep your gifts. Would that be a red flag? That would be a red flag, right? So if you say, I want the Holy Spirit, but I don't want His gifts, is that a red flag? (AUDIENCE – yes) Yes, many red flags.

1st Corinthians 14. Here's what Paul instructs the church in Corinth. "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire." Those two words together are big. It's not just desire. It's not eagerly desire what? (AUDIENCE – the gifts) The charismata; "the gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy."

How many people, how many Christians are like, I eagerly desire prophecy; eagerly desire the prophetic gift. Not very many. They're being disobedient to what scripture tells us to do. Amen! (AUDIENCE – amen)

I want the Holy Spirit, I just don't want anything you have to give me. Comes from this pious place. I'm not worthy. Or God stopped doing that. Or God changed. You're not the great I was. Amen. (AUDIENCE – amen)

And the reason the church doesn't want the gifts is because they're embarrassed. That's why. They're embarrassed. You think I want to get up here and cry? No, I don't. Michael's been laughing at me. I know he did it last week. I was laughing at him. But if you're submitted to the Lord, He's going to ask you to do some weird stuff sometimes. He's not going to be worried about your reputation. His goal is not to create a nice little respectable Christian. Soldiers, prophets, priests. Right? Amen. So if we want the spirit, we want the gifts. Amen.

We desire the gifts. Holy Spirit, we desire the gifts! (AUDIENCE – yes!) We desire the gifts, Lord! We desire the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Thank you. Let's just begin to thank the Lord real quick. I'm sorry.. Lord, we thank you. We thank you for the gifts, Lord. We thank you. Thank you for your gifts, Lord. We thank you, Lord.

Why do we need the gifts now more than ever is because the world needs the gospel more than ever. Jesus says these signs shall follow them who believe. He says, go out into all the world and preach the gospel. And then He says, but bring these gifts with you. Cast out demons, speak in tongues, stomp on the snakes and the scorpions, heal the sick. I think there is a season coming this year with this church. We're going to see 3,000 people saved just on Pentecost. And it's not going to be because we're seeker sensitive. It's going to be because miracles happened, because people got healed, because we got words of knowledge, because the word of God cut to the heart of frozen people. Amen.

No amount of reason is going to convince a dying world to turn its back on its captors and give up everything and chase after the Lord. The only thing that's going to do that is us submitted to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Those who have experienced the presence of the Lord, their greatest fear in the world is losing the presence of God. They don't fear death. They don't fear poverty. They fear losing the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Remember when David sins? Psalm 51, verse 10. Here's what it says. Here's David after he sinned royally, no pun intended, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take away your Holy Spirit from me." Do you hear the desperation in that? Please! Please, Lord, please. I'm so sorry. Don't cast me from your presence. Don't take your spirit from me, please. This is a man who knows what it's like to be in the presence of the Lord. Amen. Do we have that desire for the Lord; that reverence? (AUDIENCE – yes!) Hey, I like that answer. (AUDIENCE – YES!) Yes. Amen.

And remember Cain, when Cain killed his brother and the Lord came to confront him and said, you will depart from the land. You are under a curse. You will wander the rest of the days of your life. Those all sound like bad things, don't they? Here's what Cain was bothered by. He said, "My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence." Of all the things the Lord said, this is the one that Cain cannot stand. You're driving me from your presence. This man who knew the presence of the Lord, this murderer, this kin slayer is not worried.. he's like, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. Don't drive me from your presence. No, no, no! He knew how good the presence of the Lord is. Do we? Do we want it that bad? I don't know. Somebody say, yes, sir. (AUDIENCE – yes sir)

How many of you know the presence changes you? The presence of the Lord changes you into a new creation. Totally new. Moses was a new creation when he was in the presence of the

Lord.

Exodus. If you have your Bibles, Exodus 24, we read. Let's bring it up on the screen. "Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like pavement made of" Brittany, what's this color? "Lapis lazuli?" Lazuli? All right. It's like I know. Okay. I'm just asking how you pronounce it. How do you pronounce that? Lapis lazuli? What is it? We're going to keep going. "As bright blue as the sky.

But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites. They saw God and they ate and drank. The Lord said to Moses, come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

And then look again on this next verse in Exodus, chapter 34, verse 28, "Moses was there with the Lord." So this is the second time. "Moses was there with the Lord 40 days and 40 nights without eating bread or drinking water." So Moses is in this cloud. He walked into the cloud, and he's in there, not eating or drinking? Was he hungry? No, I don't think so. Was he thirsty? Did he only go four days without water? He went "40 without eating bread or drinking water, and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Covenant of the Law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses face, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him." How many of you know the presence of the Lord made Moses a new creation? Was the presence of the Lord doing something to Moses, yes or no? (AUDIENCE – yes) It was more than washing him of his sin, right? It was doing something else. It was transforming him in some weird way, right?

Peter, when he's talking about religious people who don't really know the Lord, they're like people that are religious, they have the moniker of Christianity on them, but he calls them pigs and dogs. A sow is a female pig. He says, "Of them the proverbs are true. A dog returns to its vomit. A sow," that's a pig "that is washed, returns to her wallowing in the mud." What is he talking about? If you've got a pig and you've got.. what's the pig from Charlotte's Web? You got Wilbur, or you got a hog, and you cut his hair and you wash him clean, and you put a little ring in his nose, and he looks gorgeous, and he gets a blue ribbon, the second you go home to the farm, he's going to go wallowing in the mud again. Why? It's his nature. He's a pig. That's what pigs do. You don't get mad at the pig for wallowing in the mud. You go, it's a pig.

Many of us, we're still pigs just getting washed off. We've not been really transformed, not really. We need a Moses kind of experience. We need the presence of the Lord. The presence does the work. Amen. The presence does the work.

And then that presence comes from the fear of the Lord, from faith and fear. Its two sides of the same coin. Do you understand what we mean when we're talking about the Lord?

Isaiah, chapter six says, one angel. One angel was talking, and the foundations of the temple, this massive building, the foundations were trembling. It's like they were cracking and dust is coming from the wall when the angel speaks. And the book of Revelation tells us 10,000 times 10,000 angels are worshiping at the throne of God. So you have one angel who breaks a foundation of the realm. You've got ten thousand. A hundred million of those right now are all around the throne of God saying, holy, holy, holy. What do you think that's like that? That's happening right now? Therese. I know that voice.

Worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise. This is the fear of the Lord. The fear of the Lord is that understanding of this incredible power that comes out from the throne. Amen. (AUDIENCE – amen) We need to revere that, honor that power when it's with us. It's weird, we don't want to become religious, we don't want to come under judgment, that's horrible. We don't want to come under shame, but we also need to reverence. God loves us and is among us. Amen. (AUDIENCE – amen)

The fear of the Lord! Who here knows the fear of the Lord's a blessing. Jeremiah 32, verse 38 is this promise, "They will be my people and I will be their God. I will give them singleness of heart and action so that they will always" what? (AUDIENCE – fear me) "Fear me, and that all will go" what? (AUDIENCE – well) "well for them." Fear the Lord means things are going to go well for you, first of all. "For them and for the children after them."

Then keep reading like "I will make an everlasting covenant with them. I will never stop"

what? (AUDIENCE – doing) “Doing good to them. And I will inspire them to” what? (AUDIENCE – fear me) “Fear me so that I will..” listen to this. “So that they will never turn away from me. They will never turn away from me. I rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul.” Notice how the fear of the Lord makes it so that you will never turn from the Lord. It's the fear of the Lord.

I've known a lot of Christians who had an incredible call who turned from the Lord. I know incredible Christians who had an anointing that turned from the Lord. I know incredible Christians that were filled with spiritual gifts that turned from the Lord. I know sincere Christians who worked hard, Christians who were geniuses, Christians who were passionate; Christians who had faith that turned from the Lord. I've never known a Christian who had the fear of the Lord in their life that's heard from the Lord. Never! The fear of the Lord. The reverence. Amen. (AUDIENCE – amen) It's what grounded them and kept their heart open to hear from God. Amen. And kept them running the race. Praise God.

Why do you think seminaries lose their way? They have no fear. No fear. Oxford was a seminary. Harvard was a seminary. Some of the greatest universities in the world started as seminaries. Do they fear the Lord? (AUDIENCE – no) No, they're lost. What's the beginning of wisdom? (AUDIENCE – the fear of the Lord) The fear of the Lord. See, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. All those who.. what? (AUDIENCE – practice) Who what? (AUDIENCE – practice) You can practice the fear of the Lord? (AUDIENCE – yes) Yes, well, if the scripture is true, yes. That's right.

Look at what Psalm 34 says. Verse 11. “Come, my children, listen to me, and I will” what? (AUDIENCE – teach you) “Teach you the fear of the Lord.” You can learn the fear of the Lord? You certainly can learn contempt for the Lord, can't you? You can learn to not have any fear for the Lord.

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 peace in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, amen.

If you need any prayer for anything else, come down and pray with us. We're going to stay in the spirit of prayer. God bless you.