

THE BAIT OF SATAN
SESSION 8 – The Rock of Offense

TO BELIEVE: OBEY

NOTES

1 Peter 2:6- (NKJV) – 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, “Behold, I lay in Zion [.] A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.” 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, “The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,”

- Believe and Disobedient are opposites.
- Believe in the days of the Bible writers meant “to obey”.
- Today it means “acknowledge & believe in someone’s existence”.

Hebrews 3:12 (NKJV) – Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief [disobey] in departing from the living God;

Hebrews 3:15-19 (NKJV) – 15 while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” 16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. [disobedience]

Grace has been perverted today. The big cover-up: “I know that I am not obeying and living like I should, but thank God for his grace.”

- Not everyone that says “Lord, Lord” will enter the kingdom.

CONFESSING AND DOING

The evidence that you have the grace of God, is that you obey.

People that consistently and repeatedly rebel and disobey, do not really know God.

STUMBLING STONE (HUGE ROCK)

In the Ministry of Jesus, He is called the Rock of Offense.

- Jesus offended people
 - Not true believers
 - Not obedient
 - People with wrong foundations in their lives

Luke 2:25-30 (NKJV) – 25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And

it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: 29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation.

- The Pharisees did not know who Jesus was. [They can quote the first 5 books of the bible]

Luke 2:33-35 (NKJV) – 33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 "(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

- Jesus was the sword that pierced and offended people

Matthew 15:7-14 (NKJV) – 7 "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." 10 When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and understand: 11 "Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." 12 Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" 13 But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14 "Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

- What is Jesus saying – God the Father will use offense to root people out that are not planted in His Kingdom.

SEEKER-FRIENDLY MESSAGES

In America we preach that Jesus is no longer a stumbling stone; we reduce Him down to a little stone that anyone can walk over.

Some Pastors preach seeker friendly messages and people can continue to live in sin and feel comfortable.

Truth will piece and penetrate – the character of God. Goal of Christianity is to conform to His image.

We should not seek God for what He can do for us, but instead for who He is.

Matthew 13:54-58 (NKJV) – 54 When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these

mighty works? 55 “Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? 56 “And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?” 57 So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.” 58 Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

- The truth offended these people.
- When Jesus started speaking the Word of God.

THE FAMILY

Mark 3:21 (NIV) – When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

Mark 3:21 (NKJV) – But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, “He is out of His mind.”

Mark 3:31-35 (NKJV) – 31 Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. 32 And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You.” 33 But He answered them, saying, “Who is My mother, or My brothers?” 34 And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! 35 “For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother.”

- When you obey God, He will take care of your family.

CONFRONTATION WITH TRUTH

Jesus is offending people with truth.

John 11:21 (NKJV) - Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Luke 7:18- (NKJV) – 18 Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things. 19 And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” 20 When the men had come to Him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, ‘Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?’ ” 21 And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. 22 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. 23 “And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

Jesus is the Rock of Offense. He is the absolute truth and is truth.