

“If You Wear it, You Need to Share it”

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Thank you, Brother Ken. God bless you. That was—we have to say it like we mean it. I've got to do the same today. This morning, when I was preparing to come to church, this morning, I was forgetting a lot of things, a couple of things. I'm really thankful that there was the Holy Ghost; He brings it to your remembrance. I want to thank Him. Every time I was going out the door, He was like, “You forgot this.” “Oh, thank You, Jesus.” You know?

Let me come to the front, I want to show you something, because I wore my favorite shirt today. My shirt says, “Elohim, Adonai, and Yahweh.” And, then the back says, “Acts 4:12.” I'm hoping you can tell what I'm about to share with you, this morning. I actually wish that I could just show this to you, and then sit down, and, like brother Ken said, just be done with it. You know? But, you know, I won't do that, because you deserve to hear from the Lord this morning. You know? So, the question remains, it says, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” You know, when I was reading that, I wondered what kind of reaction the disciples had when Jesus, the Almighty God, asked that question. You know? Were they nervous? Did they start going like this, sliding to the side, and started going, hiding someone's back, and ducking down, and start completely avoided the question? Or, were they all like Peter, like Brother Ken has said, “You're the Christ, the Son of the Living God,” just like Peter. But, we obviously know that that didn't happen, because Peter was the only one that got the keys to the kingdom. The message today happens to be, it's called, “If You Wear It, You Need to Share It.” If you wear it, you need to share it. And, I have two points to share with you this morning. One is, Whose Name Do You Belong to? And, number two is Assurance for Obeying.

Part 1: Whose Name Do You Belong to?

Names have been a very important part of human experience throughout history. It's one that defines you and I, you know, who we are. And, you know, because you've got your first name, your middle name, your last name, and you've got your nickname that your friends give you. Yeah, that's right. And, you also have your secondary name, such as your job title, your relationship status, Mr. and Mrs., and you have your educational level name. And, the reason I say that is because, in the Old Testament, Jesus used so many different names and titles. You know, and just like Kirk said, He used different names and titles. Why? Because God is deserving of praise and honor. He is deserving of praise and honor from us. You know, celebrities do that a lot. I mean they did the same thing. Let's— athletes come okay let's say athletes, Wayne Gretzky, one of the greatest players in NHL hockey, and they give him a name, “The Great One.” Wayne Gretzky, the great one. We all know this: MJ, Michael Jordan; everybody thought he could fly. They made a song for him, they made a movie for him, and they give him the name the air Jordan.

How many of you have older sisters? I do, too. I do. I have four older sisters. I know, we were a big family. I actually have six sisters, two of them younger than me, but I have four older sisters. And, you know, I got to tell you, it should be considered a crime to have four older sisters. I think it's one of the most greatest sins that my parents did, when they had them. Seriously, seriously. Because, when I was younger, when I was younger, I was probably about ten, eleven, twelve, I learned, I learned how to cook rice without the rice cooker, I learned how to wash clothes without the washer and dryer. We used to do like this (pantomiming using a washboard) and hang it up to the line, and let the sun dry it. I

learned how to iron clothes. And, I've got to tell you, in our house, my wife, she doesn't let anybody leave the house for church without ironing their clothes. Guess who's the iron man in the house? Yep. And, you know, my wife tells me, I do great ironing, you know, I do better than her. And, I think sometimes she tells me that so I can keep doing it. I do it, I don't mind. Yes, it's encouraging, yeah. And, I learned how to wash dishes, and I learned how to clean the house. You know, my sisters made me do their chores, you know? They did. It's terrible. And, the bad thing about that, is the worst thing about that is if I refused to do them, they made names for me. I mean, ugly names. I mean, it might not sound so bad in English, but in my language, in the Philippines, it was so terrible, it's ugly. They made names for me like, "Swollen Arman," because, when I was younger, I used to have a lot of, you know, bumps on my head, because I played a lot, I had bumps on my head, so they called me, "Swollen Arman." And, then, they called me—they said my eyes were big as an owl's, so they called me, "Owl Eyes," You know? It was like, oh, goodness. And, the funny part about that is, if I don't do what they say, they would go around and tell my friends that I was adopted. They told my friends that when I was born, that my parents found me in animal droppings and they said I smelled so bad that my parents washed me, and I thought they believe that, so I kept asking my mom, "Is that true?" I just wanted to make sure that that's not real, you know? But, anyway, I said that, that was terrible, you know? But, in Judges chapter one, verses one and two, and Joshua died, and, so, the Israelites are looking for a new leader to take them to the promised land. So, in Judges, chapter one, verses one and two, and it says:

Judges 1:1-2 *Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the Lord, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them? And, the Lord said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.*

You know, in this text, it was used the word, 'Lord,' in the Hebrew tongue, the word, 'Lord,' it means Adonai. It means, master or owner. And, God is saying, look, I own everything. I own it all. And, I'm giving it to you. I'm giving you this land, I want you to take it, I want you to own it, and drive the people away. And, they did that Judah and Simeon did that. Interestingly, though, some of the tribes of Israel didn't do it. They didn't do it. Instead of that, they went in that land, and they lived with them. And, in the end because, in Judges chapter one verse twenty-one, and it says:

Judges 1:21 *And, the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.*

You know, we complain a lot about things about what's happening around us, like gun control, high school shootings, gun violence, you know, politics. I mean, do we really have—do you know what the biggest challenge that we face in this world? It's not really a gun violence, it's not really politics, it's not really any of those violence things. The biggest challenge that we face in this world is about accepting the Word of the Lord God, and obeying it. That's the biggest challenge that we face in this world, accepting the Word of the Lord and obeying it. This is one of the prayers that Jesus prayed in the garden, when He was praying with the disciples, and He said, and He said in John, chapter eight, verse—I'm sorry, John chapter seventeen, verses eight and nine, and He says:

John 17:8-9 *For I have given unto them the words [Jesus is praying for the disciples, praying to God] which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.*

And, in John chapter seventeen, verse fourteen, and it says:

John 17:14 *I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*

Today, I believe every single one of us has got a Promised Land. One of my Promised Land, that I know that God is giving me, is that children's church department. Because, be in children's church department, you're not only educating the kids with the Word of God, you're evangelizing, you're educating, and you're equipping them. What's your Promised Land today? Are you driving them out spiritually, just like God says, or are we doing like the children of Israel, letting them live right next to us and just be with us? You know, or, are we praying for God to be received in just like Jesus prayed in the garden? You know, sometimes, the Promised Land is right at home.

Part 2. Assurance for Obeying

Assurance for obeying. There's seven feasts and festivals the Jews celebrate each year. I'm going to tell you all of them: one is the feast of the Passover, feast of unleavened bread, feast of the firstfruit, feast of the weeks, feast of the trumpets, feast of the day of atonement, feast of the Tabernacles. And, if you have time, you need to study this, I mean, it will bless you. It comes together with the resurrection of God and the rapture of Christ. But, today, I'm only going to talk about number three: the feast of the first fruit. Because, in First Corinthians, chapter fifteen, verse twenty, and it says:

1 Corinthians 15:20 *But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.*

Well, what does it mean when they say Christ has become the firstfruit of them that slept? Well, Leviticus, chapter twenty-three, verse nine through eleven, and it says:

Leviticus 23:9-11 *And, the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And, he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.*

Okay, when an Israelite farmer, would first come into his harvest that year, when he first came into the harvest that year, he would take a bushel of his harvest, then he would give it to the priests, and the priests will wave it before the Lord, and it says here, "...on the morrow after the Sabbath." Translating it out, it could be Sunday, it could be, you know, but, do you know that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the feast of the firstfruit? Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the feast of the first fruit, which we call Easter, or Resurrection Day. Think about this, things that come out of the ground, that are dead in winter, and suddenly, in spring, they come to life, all those flowers bloom, fruit appears, colors appear, Christ was the first of those that arose from the dead on the feast of the firstfruit, and just like the fruit was waved before the Lord, and accepted, Jesus Christ went up, ascended up to Heaven, on our behalf, and waved to the Lord, and as a result of that, because he was accepted by the Father, as a result of that, all that come after Him, and in Him, are accepted and dedicated to the Lord. That's one of the reasons—did you ever wonder why Mary, when—I think it's in John, chapter twenty, verse seventeen, when Mary came to Jesus in the tomb and tried to see Jesus, and it was empty, and Jesus came to her, and Jesus told her, "Don't touch me, because I have not ascended to the Father yet." (John

17:20) That time, right there, Jesus is preparing to go up to Heaven, to ascend to Heaven, to wave the firstfruit, so that all who comes after Him, in Him, will be accepted, too. Jesus Christ celebrated the feast of the firstfruit by rising from the dead, and all that come after Him, and in Him, will be accepted, too, and, as you read in the Bible, the graves were all opened and all that were dead came alive again. So, the question still remains, today, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" Well, today, Jesus Christ is my firstfruit. Jesus Christ is my firstfruit. So, how about that name Jesus today? Does that name satisfy your soul? Does that name—when you wear that name, do you feel powerful? Well, if you wear it, then you need to share it. God bless you.