

OBEDIENCE IN HD // Luke 6:46-49

from the "Kingdom Life" mini-series within the Gospel of Luke

Jesus concludes His sermon in Luke 6 by posing a crucial question to His audience: why are they claiming to praise Him but not really living it out by obeying Him? Pastor Neal pointed out that, as Jesus is finishing this sermon, He is saying that there is a breed of people who like to talk the talk, but who do not walk the walk when it comes to faith. This particular breed of people cannot be true followers of Christ: they want Jesus as their Savior, but not as their Lord.

This week, Pastor Neal emphasized the word "obedience." He defined an obedient life to be one that, at the end of the day, obeys Jesus. This week's thesis is that obedience provides stability in this life and security in the eternal life to come. To discuss the theme of obedience, Pastor Neal identified four important points from Luke 6:46-49:

1. The False Faith of the Hypocrite (v. 46)

"Hypocrisy" means to say one thing and do another. Jesus says that this is the game of the disobedient person. Jesus can see through the game of the hypocrite, and so can other people.

2. A Right Response of the Disciple (v. 47)

This verse gives the formula for a life of discipleship:

- a. Love Christ
- b. Learn Christ
- c. Live Christ

3. A Firm Foundation of Obedience (v. 48)

Just because you know your Bible does not necessarily mean that you have a firm foundation. Your faith must be lived out through obedience.

Obedience shows that the Spirit of God lives in you. Note that obedience may not be for today – it may be for future trials or judgment.

4. A Chilling Consequence for the Disobedient (v. 49)

If you go about your life with no hard work or obedience, not building a foundation, you will fall in the face of trial and judgement.

Pastor Neal concluded this sermon with an application to the Gospel: we know that Jesus lived a perfect and sinless life for us, so even though we have fallen short and continue to do so, God offers forgiveness in our disobedience if Jesus is our Savior and Lord. Even when we, as Christians, are striving to be like Christ, we *still* need Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. We all struggle at times to both talk the talk and walk the walk. What are some ways that we can protect ourselves from being hypocrites?
2. How can we make sure that we are digging firm foundations?
3. What is the difference in seeing Jesus as your Savior and seeing Jesus as your Lord? Why is it essential for the Christian to see Jesus in this "bi-focal" perspective?