

# 23-1112a - Detailed Summary

## **23-1112a - *The Pleasures of Sin for a Season*, Tom Freed**

**Bible Readers:** Kevin Woosley and John Nousek

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Summary of Transcript (0:03 - 29:20)

### Scripture Readings:

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading (0:03 - 0:40), Kevin Woosley**

**Hebrews 11:24-26,**

- The reading is from Hebrews 11:24-26, which discusses Moses choosing to suffer with God's people rather than enjoying the temporary pleasures of sin, valuing the reproach of Christ over Egypt's treasures.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading (0:45 - 1:56), John Nousek**

**Romans 6:20-23,**

- The second reading is from Romans 6:20-23, highlighting the contrast between being slaves to sin versus slaves to righteousness, with sin leading to death and God's gift leading to eternal life.
- Further elaborates on the consequences of sin leading to death and the benefits of being servants to God, which result in holiness and eternal life.

## Summary

**Preacher:** Tom Freed

### **(2:00 - 2:04) Acknowledgement**

- The speaker acknowledges the congregation with a greeting.

### **(2:05 - 2:13) Announcements**

- Thanks are given to John and Kevin for scripture readings, and excitement is expressed about John preaching that night.

## **(2:14 - 2:27) Community Support**

- Encourages support for each other in attending services, acknowledging the difficulty of coming on Sunday nights and Wednesdays.

## **(2:28 - 2:53) Sermon Introduction - Pleasures of Sin for a Season**

- The speaker introduces the sermon topic, asserting that every person, including Christians, will sin, and discusses the inevitability of sin.

## **(2:54 - 3:10) Human Nature and Sin**

- Quotes Romans 3:23 to emphasize that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory.

## **(3:11 - 3:29) Christian Struggle with Sin**

- Discusses personal struggles with sin and the justification through Christ, not personal perfection.

## **(3:31 - 3:43) Sinner vs. Saint**

- Uses a colloquial saying to distinguish between a forgiven sinner (saint) and one who isn't.

## **(3:43 - 3:52) Christian Forgiveness**

- Reiterates that Christians are forgiven but still struggle with sin.

## **(3:54 - 4:15) Humility in Christianity**

- Urges Christians not to feel superior to others because of their forgiven state.

## **(4:16 - 4:29) Self-Deception and Sin**

- Quotes 1 John to warn against claiming sinlessness, which deceives oneself and makes God a liar.

## **(4:30 - 4:56) Misuse of Grace**

- Warns against the attitude of sinning because one can repent later, referencing Romans 6:1-2.

## **(4:58 - 5:13) Deliberate Sinning**

- Further discusses the incorrect belief that grace allows for continued sinning to increase grace.

## **(5:15 - 5:26) Romans 6:1-2 Explanation**

- Clarifies the expectation for Christians not to continue in sin since they have died to it.

## **(5:27 - 5:57) Personal Confession and Warning**

- Admits to having shared this mindset in the past and warns against such thinking.

## **(5:57 - 6:19) Consequences of Willful Sin**

- Quotes Hebrews 10:26 to warn of the severe spiritual consequences of deliberate sin.

## **(6:21 - 6:38) Guarding Against Sin**

- Advises vigilance against willful sin, highlighting the slippery slope to worldliness.

## **(6:40 - 7:24) Helping Others Escape Sin**

- Encourages Christians to help others escape sin, quoting 2 Timothy for guidance on how to do so humbly and patiently.

## **(7:26 - 8:01) The Pull of Sin**

- Discusses why Christians sin despite knowing its dangers, acknowledging the temporary pleasure sin offers.

## **(8:03 - 8:36) Sin's Appeal**

- Notes how sin is portrayed as fun in contrast to the perceived restrictions of Christian life.

## **(8:37 - 9:12) Media and Sin**

- Critiques media portrayal of sin, contrasting past wholesome entertainment with current content.

## **(9:13 - 9:56) Media's Negative Portrayal of Christians**

- Points out how media often mocks or negatively depicts Christians while promoting sinful behaviors.

## **(9:57 - 10:28) Temporary Pleasure of Sin**

- Reiterates the biblical concept of sin being pleasurable for a season from Hebrews 11:25.

## **(10:30 - 11:12) Consequences of Actions**

- Discusses Newton's third law in relation to the biblical principle of sowing and reaping.

## **(11:14 - 11:57) Sowing and Reaping**

- Quotes Galatians 6:7-8 to explain how actions lead to consequences, either corruption or eternal life.

## **(11:58 - 12:19) Timing of Consequences**

- Compares sin to farming where the harvest (consequences) might not be immediate.

## **(12:21 - 12:57) Personal Examples of Reaping**

- Shares personal or observed examples of how sin's consequences can manifest over time.

## **(12:57 - 13:12) Misrepresentation by Media**

- Criticizes media for showing only the fun of sin without its repercussions.

## **(13:13 - 14:27) Real-Life Consequences of Sin**

- Lists various tragic outcomes from drug use, alcohol abuse, and promiscuity, contrasting with media portrayals.

## **(14:28 - 15:52) Broader Impact of Sin**

- Discusses the emotional, physical, and societal costs of sin, including abortion statistics and the impact on marriage, using David's sin as an example of how one sin leads to another.

## **(15:54 - 16:13) Media's Selective Portrayal of Sin**

- Criticizes media for only showing the pleasurable aspects of sin without depicting the negative outcomes.

## **(16:14 - 16:28) Sowing and Its Outcomes**

- Advises on being mindful of actions, noting that sin leads to negative consequences while spiritual living leads to positive outcomes like love, peace, and joy.

## **(16:29 - 16:40) Ultimate Consequences of Sin**

- Emphasizes that while sin might be enjoyable, it ultimately requires payment or consequences.

## **(16:41 - 17:20) The Growth of Sin**

- Describes how sin often starts small but can escalate, using examples like one drink or one gossip session.
- Discusses how peer pressure can lead to the belief that small sins are harmless, which then grow if unchecked.

## **(17:21 - 17:49) Sin Leading to Addiction**

- Explains how what starts as dabbling in sin can lead to addiction, with sin becoming a controlling factor in one's life.

## **(17:51 - 18:10) The Life Cycle of Sin**

- Quotes James 1:15 to illustrate how sin matures from desire to death, showing its destructive path.

## **(18:11 - 18:26) Sin's Conception in the Mind**

- Compares the growth of sin in the mind to pregnancy, where the sin is not visible at first but grows until acted upon.

## **(18:27 - 18:42) The Inception of Sin**

- Furthers the analogy of sin's growth from thought to action, highlighting how thoughts can lead to actions.

## **(18:43 - 18:54) Sin's Maturation**

- Continues the comparison, noting how sin, like a child, grows until it becomes destructive.

## **(18:55 - 19:06) Combating Sin at Its Root**

- Suggests the need to confront sin at its inception in thought to prevent action.

## **(19:08 - 19:28) Sin in Thought**

- Cites Matthew 5:28, stating that even lustful thoughts are sinful, emphasizing early repentance.

## **(19:29 - 19:38) Repentance for Thoughts**

- Encourages asking for forgiveness for sinful thoughts before they lead to actions, referencing Acts 8:22.

## **(19:39 - 19:49) Preemptive Repentance**

- Urges immediate repentance to prevent the escalation of sin.

## **(19:50 - 20:03) Stopping Sin Early**

- Advocates for stopping sinful thoughts at their onset to avoid sinful actions.

## **(20:03 - 20:32) Becoming a Slave to Sin**

- Quotes John 8:34 to describe how habitual sin turns one into a slave to sin.

## **(20:34 - 20:56) Testimony of Addiction**

- Shares a story of how addiction to alcohol controlled every aspect of someone's life.

## **(20:57 - 21:21) Sin's Control Over Life**

- Discusses how addiction or sin can dominate one's lifestyle choices, like living near a bar for an alcoholic.

## **(21:22 - 21:51) Sin's Desire to Rule**

- Uses Genesis 4:7 and 1 Peter 5:8 to warn that sin and the devil are eager to dominate one's life.

## **(21:51 - 22:27) Sin's Destructive Power**

- Describes sin as a cancer that devours one's physical, spiritual, and emotional life.

## **(22:28 - 22:46) Choice Between Slavery**

- Offers a choice between being a slave to sin or to God, referencing Romans 6:16.

## **(22:49 - 23:17) Temporary Pleasure of Sin**

- Reflects on personal experiences where sin provided only fleeting pleasure, never true satisfaction.

## **(23:18 - 23:39) Unsatisfying Nature of Sin**

- Quotes Proverbs 27:20 to underline the insatiable nature of human desires through sin.

## **(23:41 - 24:16) Example of King Solomon**

- Uses Solomon's life to illustrate that even with many possessions, satisfaction is elusive outside of God.

## **(24:17 - 24:45) Billionaires and Satisfaction**

- Discusses how even the wealthiest are not content, linking this to the endless pursuit of worldly pleasures.

## **(24:48 - 25:26) The Failure of Self-Reliance**

- Shares the futility of seeking happiness outside God's guidance, suggesting learning from others' mistakes.

## **(25:29 - 25:54) True Happiness in Obedience and Freedom in Christ**

- Describes personal joy found in obedience to God, quoting Jeremiah 29:11 for God's plans for prosperity.
- Discusses the freedom achieved through Christ, particularly through baptism, referencing Galatians 5:1 and Romans 6:4.

### **(26:31 - 27:00) Dying to Sin**

- Explains how through Christ's crucifixion, believers are freed from sin, quoting Romans 6:5-7.

### **(27:01 - 27:28) New Life in Christ**

- Describes the transformation into a new creation in Christ, per 2 Corinthians 5:17.

### **(27:31 - 27:58) Choice Between Slavery**

- Highlights the choice between serving sin or God, with outcomes of temporary pleasure versus eternal life.

### **(27:59 - 28:22) God's Generosity**

- Cites Psalms and Romans to illustrate God's willingness to give good things to those who follow Him.

### **(28:23 - 28:58) Call to Baptism**

- Urges non-Christians to be baptized for forgiveness of sins, referencing Acts 22:16.

### **(28:58 - 29:20) Final Appeal for Salvation**

- Contrasts the outcomes of sin with the benefits of Christian life, calling for a decision to join God's family or seek prayer for overcoming sin.