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Bible Readers: Kevin Woosley and Scott Reynolds

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5-Rise of a Demonic Worldview

Summary of Transcript (0:03 - 38:09)

Scripture Readings:

1st Scripture Reading (0:03 - 0:32), Kevin Woosley

2 Timothy 4:3-4,

- Begins with a morning greeting and references to 2 Timothy 4:3-4, discussing a time when people will seek teachings that align with their desires rather than sound doctrine.

2nd Scripture Reading (0:37 - 1:48), Scott Reynolds

Matthew 16:11-12,

- Moves to Matthew 16:11-12, where Jesus warns about the "leaven" or teachings of the Pharisees and Sadducees, not about literal bread.

Colossians 2:6-8,

- Reads from Colossians 2:6-8, emphasizing walking in faith as received, and warning against being taken captive by human philosophies contrary to Christ.
- Focuses on Colossians 2:8, cautioning against philosophies and traditions that are not rooted in Christ.

Sermon

Preacher: Scott Reynolds

(1:53 - 2:58) Introduction to Webinar Series

- Introduces the webinar series "The Seven Threats of Our Time" by Dr. Del Tackett, specifically mentioning today's session on "The Rise of a Demonic Worldview and the National Rift."
- Del Tackett states that the discussed topic is globally relevant, particularly in Western cultures, with America being a focal point of this battle.

(2:59 - 3:25) Spiritual Warfare

- Acknowledges the reality of spiritual warfare, warning against ignoring the influence of Satan while not attributing every issue to demonic activity.

(3:27 - 4:08) Cultural Perception

- Notes the cultural dismissal of terms like "demonic," "Marx," and "communism," which often lead to skepticism or ridicule.

(4:08 - 4:57) Historical Context of Marxism

- Discusses the historical failure of Marxism in America and its revival through the Frankfurt School and Critical Theory.

(4:59 - 5:37) Evolution of Marxism

- Explains how Marxism has evolved into Critical Race Theory, targeting societal divisions based on minority status against a perceived oppressor group.

(5:40 - 6:12) Overthrow of Social Institutions

- Describes the intention to reshape social institutions in an image contrary to God's plan, using minorities as pawns.

(6:12 - 6:33) Emotional and Demonic Drive

- Highlights the emotional and demonic fervor behind movements to "fundamentally change America," including the drive to abolish traditional family structures.

(6:34 - 7:16) Long-term Impact of Marxist Ideology

- Discusses how Marxist ideology, after germinating in academia for over 50 years, has spread rapidly during recent crises like COVID, leading to a national worldview divide.

(7:17 - 7:33) Historical Commonality

- Reflects on how, historically, Americans shared a common worldview despite political disagreements.

(7:34 - 8:02) Current Worldview Divide

- States that the current divide is now about fundamental truths, liberty, and life, deeply embedded in various societal sectors.

(8:03 - 8:31) New Ethical Standards

- Critiques the rise of "compassion" as the supreme ethic, described as malevolent and used to override freedom, truth, and logic.

(8:31 - 8:43) Consequences of New Ethic

- Suggests this new ethic leads to suppression of freedom and truth in society.

(8:44 - 8:53) Totalitarian Outcomes

- Warns of the end goal being total control and compliance, with severe repercussions for non-conformity.

(8:53 - 9:17) Modern Consequences of Non-Conformance

- Lists examples of modern repercussions like financial exclusion, job loss, and social ostracism for those who do not comply with the new standards.

(9:18 - 9:38) Loss of Free Speech

- Highlights the erosion of free speech, noting cases where even silent prayer leads to arrests in places like England.

(9:41 - 9:49) Thought Policing

- Introduces the concept of "crime think," where even internal dissent is penalized.

(9:49 - 10:16) Global Warnings

- Mentions warnings from survivors of Marxist regimes, urging vigilance against similar patterns emerging in Western countries.

(10:17 - 10:29) Severity of the Issue

- Describes the convergence of these threats as potentially fatal for society.

(10:29 - 11:26) Biblical Discernment

- Refers to Mark 16, where Jesus criticizes the Pharisees and Sadducees for not recognizing spiritual signs despite understanding physical ones.

(11:26 - 11:43) Misunderstanding of Jesus' Warnings

- Notes the disciples' initial misunderstanding of Jesus' metaphorical warning about the leaven of the Pharisees.

(11:43 - 12:20) Clarification of Jesus' Message

- Explains that Jesus was warning against the overarching teachings or worldview of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

(12:22 - 12:43) Application to Modern Worldview

- Suggests that understanding and being cautious of worldviews is crucial, paralleling Jesus' warning about the Pharisees.

(12:44 - 13:12) Returning to 2 Timothy

- Reiterates the scripture about people turning from truth to myths, linking it to modern societal trends.

(13:13 - 13:38) Focus of the Session

- Clarifies that the session aims to identify and discuss the dangerous worldview threatening modern culture.

(13:39 - 14:17) Overview of Previous Threats

- Recaps the first four threats discussed in the series: the rise of the scoffer, homo deus, male Christianity, and the loss of noble male and virtuous female roles.

(14:18 - 14:42) Homo Deus and Gender Identity

- Discusses how society now treats personal gender identity declarations as divine or sacred, leading to potential blasphemy against such declarations.

(14:43 - 15:29) Blasphemy and Cancel Culture

- Notes the rise of blasphemy laws and cancellation in various forms due to the consolidation of power.

(15:29 - 15:42) Malevolent Compassion

- Describes how compassion, without truth and righteousness, becomes malevolent.

(15:43 - 16:09) Policy Impact

- Notes how public policy is increasingly shaped by this malevolent compassion.

(16:09 - 16:34) Consolidation of Power

- Discusses the unprecedented nature of current power consolidation, setting the stage for further exploration in this session.

(16:35 - 16:56) Unique Power Structures

- Points out that besides state power, new forms of power in labor, academia, etc., are unique to our time.

(16:56 - 17:22) New Centers of Power

- Continues to describe these new power centers, particularly in academia, indicating a shift from traditional state-centric power consolidation.

(17:22 - 17:49) Rise of Power in Various Sectors

- Discusses the power of media, entertainment, medicine, and science to influence and control culture, including economic capabilities of individuals, particularly those who do not conform to the prevailing worldview.

(17:49 - 18:15) Labeling the Threat

- Labels the current threat as "the rise of a demonic worldview," associating it with Marxism, which is described as under demonic influence, leading to historical atrocities.

(18:16 - 18:38) Demonic Nature of the Worldview

- Reiterates the demonic nature of the Marxist worldview, highlighting its role in causing deaths and now contributing to a national worldview rift.

(18:39 - 18:51) Historical Context of Political Divisions

- Contrasts past political divisions with the current situation, stating earlier divisions, even during the Civil War, did not fundamentally disrupt the shared worldview.

(18:52 - 19:12) Common Biblical Worldview

- Describes how historically, America had a common biblical worldview, which influenced societal norms despite not being universally followed.

(19:12 - 19:39) Shift from Political to Worldview Rift

- Notes the shift from political to a worldview rift, where the foundational worldview of the nation has changed.

(19:39 - 20:30) Understanding God's Nature as Truth Source

- Advises that understanding God's nature is crucial for addressing issues, suggesting this approach for understanding the current cultural challenge.
- Emphasizes that God's attributes are the source of all truth, setting the stage for further discussion on the current issue.

(20:31 - 20:57) God's Unity and Diversity

- Explores the concept of God's oneness not as a singularity but as a unity within diversity, referencing the trinity.

(20:57 - 21:40) Socially Complex Nature of God

- Discusses the triune nature of God, where unity and diversity coexist, reflecting God's relational character within the Trinity.

(21:41 - 22:15) God's Relational Character

- Further elaborates on God's relational nature within the Trinity, contrasting this with a monolithic view of God.

(22:15 - 22:40) Unity and Diversity in God

- Highlights how God's nature encompasses both unity and diversity, which is reflected in His creation.

(22:41 - 23:07) Comparison with Satan

- Introduces a comparison between God's character of unity and diversity and Satan's character of discord and disunity.

(23:07 - 23:25) Satan's Opposition

- Describes Satan as a monolithic being whose aim is to destroy relationships, contrasting with God's relational nature.

(23:26 - 23:41) Satan's Destructive Intent

- States that Satan's ultimate goal is to destroy relationships, which are essential for bearing fruit that glorifies God.

(23:42 - 23:58) Satan's Tactics

- Explains how Satan fosters disunity and discord to undermine God's creation.

(23:59 - 24:21) God's Call for Oneness

- Contrasts God's desire for unity with Satan's aim to divide, referencing Jesus' prayer for oneness in John 17.

(24:21 - 24:50) Scriptural Examples of Unity

- Cites various scriptures to show God's call for unity, bound by truth, righteousness, and goodness.

(24:52 - 25:36) God's Modus Operandi

- Describes God's operational method through unity and diversity in creation, facilitating the flourishing of His creatures.

(25:36 - 26:14) Creation Reflects God's Nature

- Discusses how the universe reflects the unity and diversity of God, with systems designed for a higher purpose.

(26:15 - 26:53) Social Order and Roles

- Explains how God's social order includes roles of authority and submission, reflecting the Trinity's nature.

(26:54 - 27:49) God's Empowerment of Creatures

- Illustrates how God empowers His creatures to bear fruit for His glory, using scriptural examples like the sun shining.

(27:50 - 28:27) Contrast with Satan's Strategy

- Contrasts God's delegation of authority for flourishing with Satan's consolidation of power for control and destruction.

(28:28 - 29:12) Satan's Destruction of Relationships

- Details how Satan undermines God's glory by destroying relationships, which are vital for bearing fruit.

(29:13 - 29:44) Foundational Recap

- Summarizes the foundational concepts discussed to prepare for further exploration in the evening session.

(29:45 - 30:06) Roles of Social Institutions

- Lists the purposes of state and church according to scripture, showing how they should function within God's order.

(30:06 - 30:45) Examples of Overstepping Roles

- Provides historical examples from scripture where leaders overstepped their roles, leading to divine punishment.

(30:45 - 31:16) Sphere Sovereignty

- Introduces the concept of "sphere sovereignty" where each social institution has its own area of authority.

(31:17 - 31:41) Statism and Its Rejection of God

- Discusses how statism involves the state rejecting God's authority, leading to self-exaltation of governmental power.

(31:41 - 31:56) Forms of Governmental Overreach

- Notes that any form of government that seeks total authority over all institutions rejects God's design.

(31:57 - 32:27) Historical Patterns of Statism

- Describes how states historically have absorbed all authority, turning citizens into state wards.

(32:27 - 32:58) Unique Cultural Moment

- Uses imagery from Revelation to describe the current cultural moment where power extends beyond traditional state control to include technology conglomerates.

(32:58 - 33:24) Power of Technology Conglomerates

- Points out the significant power of tech companies, capable of economic control and cultural censorship.

(33:25 - 33:47) Cultural and Economic Control

- Discusses the implications of this power, including the ability to cancel individuals and control narratives.

(33:47 - 34:09) Imagery from Revelation

- Uses imagery from the Book of Revelation to describe the current evil, particularly referencing a harlot on a beast to symbolize the pervasive evil in today's world.

(34:10 - 34:46) Malevolent Compassion

- Interprets the "harlot" as a symbol of malevolent compassion, which has been detached from the virtuous qualities of grace and compassion that God intended.

(34:47 - 35:00) Nature of Malevolent Compassion

- Explains that without truth, wisdom, and righteousness, compassion becomes malevolent and harmful rather than beneficial.

(35:01 - 35:19) Historical Example of Malevolent Compassion

- Cites Star Parker's writings to illustrate how malevolent compassion, exemplified by welfare systems, has led to negative societal outcomes.

(35:20 - 35:48) Impact on Society

- Discusses how this malevolent compassion has contributed to the breakdown of the black family structure in America, emphasizing its destructive rather than constructive nature.

(35:48 - 36:06) Hope in Dark Times

- Acknowledges the overwhelming nature of current threats but reassures that hope exists for believers.

(36:06 - 36:12) Visibility of Evil

- Notes that the evil is no longer hidden, it's openly visible in society.

(36:13 - 36:25) Pilgrims in the World

- Reminds listeners that Christians are pilgrims with a purpose, placed in the world by God.

(36:25 - 36:53) Encouragement and Purpose

- Urges believers to maintain hope and cheer, suggesting that their actions should glorify God by reflecting His light in dark times.

(36:54 - 37:06) Solution Through the Church

- States that the solution to the cultural crisis is not political but spiritual, centered in the church.

(37:06 - 37:27) The Role of the Church

- Emphasizes that the church's role is not only to make new Christians but to teach them to live out Christ's commands, promoting transformation through a renewed mind.

(37:27 - 37:40) Biblical Christian Worldview

- Advocates for the study and application of a biblical Christian worldview as a counter to the current cultural threats.

(37:41 - 38:00) Commitment to Faith

- Calls for a full commitment to Christianity, rejecting the notion of being "part-time" Christians, and encourages building fruitful relationships to glorify God.

(38:01 - 38:09) Invitation to Respond

- Ends with an invitation for those moved by the message to come forward while the congregation stands and sings.