

24-0128a - Detailed Summary

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Bible Readers: Scott Reynolds and Roger Raines

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Be Not Conformed

Summary of Transcript (0:03 - 40:32)

Scripture Readings:

1st Scripture Reading (0:03 - 0:28), Scott Reynolds

Romans 12:2,

- The reading from Romans 12:2 is presented, emphasizing not conforming to the world but transforming by the renewal of the mind to discern God's will.

2nd Scripture Reading (0:33 - 0:49), Roger Raines

Proverbs 22:6,

- Reading from Proverbs 22:6 about training children.

Summary

Preacher: Tom Freed

0:54 - 1:37 Introduction to - Being Not Conformed

- Discussion on the devil's influence to conform individuals to worldly standards, which leads to sin, regardless of one's faith status.

1:38 - 2:09 Scriptural Reference to Devil's Power

- Scriptures from 1 John 5:19 and 2 Corinthians 4:4 are cited to describe the devil's influence over the world, labeling him as the "God of this world" who blinds non-believers.

2:11 - 2:30 Extent of Devil's Power

- Acknowledges that while the devil has significant power, it is not absolute because God controls what the devil can do.

2:31 - 2:51 Temptation of Jesus

- Reference to Matthew 4:8-9 where the devil tempts Jesus by offering him the world's kingdoms if he worships him, illustrating the devil's authority.

2:52 - 6:29 Devil's Tactics

- The devil is likened to a lion seeking to devour, as per 1 Peter 5:8, and his activities are referenced from the Book of Job.
- Comparison to a hidden mafia boss or the Wizard of Oz, controlling from behind the scenes.

6:30 - 7:02 Diverse Interpretations of Christianity

- Critique on the multiplicity of Christian practices and doctrines, asserting there should be one true way according to scripture.

7:04 - 8:29 Importance of Correct Interpretation of Scripture

- Emphasis on the need for diligent study to understand the Bible correctly, warning against partial observance of God's laws with references to Cain, Nadab and Abihu, Moses, and Adam and Eve.

8:30 - 10:36 Minor Offenses in God's Eyes

- Discussion on seemingly minor transgressions against God's commands having significant consequences, using examples like Moses striking the rock instead of speaking to it.

10:38 - 12:42 Spiritual Education of Children

- Stresses the importance of early spiritual education based on Proverbs 22:6, contrasting with what is perceived as the negative influence of public schools.

12:43 - 13:34 Decline in School Environment

- Describes the deterioration in school safety and education quality since the removal of religious elements from education.

13:34 - 13:54 Security Measures in Schools

- Notes the need for increased security like armed guards and metal detectors due to the lack of divine protection after removing God from schools.

13:55 - 14:12 Taxpayer Funding and False Teachings

- Criticism of taxpayers funding what the speaker considers to be false teachings in schools.

14:13 - 14:26 Critique of Evolution Theory

- Dismisses the theory of evolution as unscientific, arguing that it requires more faith than belief in creation.

14:27 - 20:19 Critique of Education System

- Further critique on the teaching of evolution, sex education, and gender identity in schools, suggesting these teachings contradict reality and science.
- Example of extreme cases like a student identifying as a cat, highlighting perceived absurdity in modern education practices.
- Quotes Nikita Khrushchev to imply that internal cultural and educational shifts could lead to the downfall of the U.S. without external invasion.
- Argues that public schools act as "communist documentation camps," indoctrinating students against God's teachings.
- Notes the appeal of socialism among millennials due to economic issues but warns against communism's historical outcomes of poverty, death, and destruction.
- References Margaret Thatcher's quote on communism and the financial unsustainability of such systems.

21:07 - 22:32 Influence of Media

- Criticizes the media for being controlled by a few entities that spread fear, propaganda, and biased news, highlighting the negativity and agenda-driven reporting.
- Discusses Hollywood and the music industry for promoting lifestyles and behaviors contrary to Christian values, suggesting they push a "satanic agenda."

22:34 - 24:10 Hollywood and Music Industry's Impact

- Points out the lack of Christian representation in mainstream media, with Hollywood often portraying Christians negatively or avoiding Christian themes unless outside Hollywood's influence.
- Alleges that movies and TV shows promote sin, including sex, violence, and drug use, furthering an anti-Christian narrative.

24:13 - 25:10 Internet and Censorship

- Criticizes the internet for being controlled by groups that censor opposing views and promote pornography and other sexual content.

- Describes this control as fascist, where differing opinions are silenced without open debate.

25:11 - 26:05 Desensitization of Society

- Compares societal moral decline to the boiling frog analogy, suggesting gradual exposure to sin has desensitized the populace.
- Notes that even Christians are not immune to these influences because they live in the same world.

26:06 - 27:10 Christian Resistance in a Worldly System

- Emphasizes the pervasive influence of the devil through various societal structures, including government, though not detailed in this sermon.
- Urges Christians to resist being conformed to worldly standards, which are seen as under the devil's influence since birth.

27:11 - 27:41 The Challenge of Conformity

- Uses the analogy of driftwood to illustrate how easy it is to be passively led into sin by not resisting societal currents.

27:42 - 28:44 Spiritual Warfare

- Cites Ephesians 6:12 to describe the spiritual battle Christians face against dark spiritual forces, not just physical adversaries.
- Encourages enduring temptation for eternal rewards, referencing James 1:12.

28:47 - 29:53 Solution: Renewal Through Scripture

- Proposes the solution to worldly conformity is through the "renewing of the mind" by engaging deeply with God's Word, as per Romans 12:2.
- Suggests that constant study of the Bible will protect against worldly influences.

29:54 - 32:13 The Power of Scripture in Daily Life

- Encourages frequent meditation on God's law for spiritual prosperity, citing Psalms 1:1-3.
- Explains that whatever one consumes mentally will grow, akin to planting seeds in a garden; thus, one should plant the seeds of God's Word.

32:13 - 32:45 Consequences of Sinful Consumption

- Warns about the corruptive effects of filling one's mind with sinful content, using the principle of "garbage in, garbage out."

- Emphasizes that the type of information one ingests will shape their spiritual life.

32:46 - 34:29 Importance of Teaching Truth & Faith

- Stresses the need for Christians to know the truth to teach it to others, particularly the next generation, for spiritual resilience.
- Highlights that faith grows from hearing the word of Christ, as per Romans 10:17, acknowledging the difficulty with modern distractions.

34:47 - 35:13 Personal Acknowledgment of Distractions

- Admits personal struggles with worldly distractions like internet, TV, video games, and emphasizes the need to prioritize the word of God over these.

35:15 - 36:33 Striving for Spiritual Growth

- Encourages Christians to aim for high spiritual yield, referencing the parable of the sower (Mark 4:20) and the parable of the talents, promoting dedication similar to that of Jesus.
- Cites Mike Mathis as an example of someone who has utilized his talents for God's service.

36:35 - 37:17 Call to Action for Non-Christians

- Urges those conformed to the world to break free by becoming Christians, emphasizing that true freedom comes from calling on the Lord's name through obedience.

37:19 - 40:07 Salvation Through Obedience

- Explains that calling on the Lord involves more than just verbal acknowledgment; it requires obedience including baptism, repentance, confession, and belief.
- Uses scripture from Acts 22:16, John 14:15, and Matthew 7:22-23 to stress that salvation is tied to doing God's will, not just professing faith.
- Warns about the consequences of not following God's commandments, referencing Matthew 25:21 for the reward of being a faithful servant.

40:09 - 40:32 Closing Encouragement and Invitation

- Concludes by inviting those who are not Christians or are struggling to come forward for prayer or assistance, emphasizing the simplicity of becoming a Christian but the challenge of living the Christian life.
- Notes the eternal rewards of following Christ despite the difficulties posed by an "evil world ruled by the devil."