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Bible Reader: Kevin Woosley

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Summary of Transcript (0:03 - 37:49)

Scripture Reading

Bible Reader: (0:03 - 0:15), Kevin Woosley

=== (0:03 - 0:15) Introduction to the Scripture Reading

Romans 11:32,

• Reads Romans 11:32: "For God has committed them all to disobedience that he might have mercy on all."

Summary (0:16 - 37:49) Discussion on God's Mercy and Human Actions

Preacher: Mike Mathis

Central Theme

• The lesson titled "God is merciful" is continued from a morning session.

Merciful Nature of God

- Discusses Matthew 5:7, emphasizing the Beatitude about showing mercy to receive mercy.
- Advocates for loving enemies and doing good to them, referencing the act of feeding and giving drink to enemies as a strategy for peace.

Examples of God's Mercy in the Bible

- **Noah's Story**: Highlights how Noah found grace with God amidst a world of wickedness, leading to the construction of the ark and survival of the flood.
- **Sodom and Gomorrah**: Describes God's mercy towards Lot, who was saved from the destruction due to his righteousness.

Human Mercy Illustrated by Joseph

- Narrates Joseph's story, focusing on his brothers' jealousy, his sale into slavery, and his rise to power in Egypt.
- Emphasizes Joseph's merciful response to his brothers after their father Jacob's death, where he forgives them despite their past betrayal, recognizing God's plan in his hardships.

David's Mercy and Repentance

- Discusses David's sins with Bathsheba and Uriah, but focuses on his repentance after Nathan's confrontation, illustrating David's acknowledgment of his sin against God.
- Refers to David's response to a census incident in 2 Samuel 24, where he chooses to fall into God's hands rather than man's, trusting in divine mercy.
- Mentions David's acts of mercy:
 - Nabal's Story (1 Samuel 25): David spares Nabal due to Abigail's intervention.
 - **Shimei's Cursing** (2 Samuel 16): David refrains from retaliating against Shimei's curses, recognizing potential divine retribution or reason for the cursing.

David's Mercy Towards Absalom

• Describes David's command to Joab, Abishai, and Ittai to deal gently with Absalom during the pursuit after Absalom's revolt, showcasing David's mercy despite his son's rebellion.

Scriptural Reading and Exhortation

- Reads from Romans 11:32 through Romans 12:1, emphasizing God's mercy, the unsearchable wisdom and knowledge of God, and the call to present one's body as a living sacrifice.
- Highlights the theological points:
 - God's mercy is available to all through faith and obedience to the gospel, particularly through baptism which symbolizes the washing away of sins and renewal.
 - Christ's sacrifice is singular and sufficient for atonement, replacing the need for daily animal sacrifices.

Practical Application of God's Mercy

- Encourages the audience to embrace God's mercy by continuing in faith, baptism, and living a life reflective of sacrifice and service to God.
- Quotes Matthew 11:28 to illustrate Jesus offering rest for the weary, promoting the idea that through Christ, burdens become lighter.
- References Hebrews 8:12 to affirm God's promise to be merciful, forgetting past sins, which further underscores the theme of divine mercy.

Call to Action

• Urges those who haven't yet to respond to the gospel's invitation, suggesting an immediate opportunity to act while the congregation stands and sings, presumably in a church setting.