

24-0512a - Detailed Summary

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Bible Readers: Mike Mathis and Roger Raines

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Summary of Transcript (0:03 - 39:41)

Scripture Readings:

1st Scripture Reading (0:03 - 0:50), Mike Mathis

Two Scripture Readings,

- **Two readings:** Deuteronomy 6:4 and Mark 12:29, both emphasizing the unity of God.
- **Mark 12:29 Reading:** Jesus reiterates the commandment from Deuteronomy, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one."

2nd Scripture Reading (0:55 - 1:44), Roger Raines

1 Peter 1:1-2.

- Peter addresses his letter to the elect who are scattered, chosen according to God's foreknowledge, sanctified by the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ.

Summary

Preacher: Jim Lokenbauer

(1:49 - 2:14) Introduction to the Sermon

- The speaker acknowledges it's his turn to preach, focusing on elementary teachings about faith in God.

(2:15 - 2:43) On the Importance of Understanding God

- He notes the challenge of preparing differently for this sermon, focusing on understanding God.

(2:44 - 3:28) Mention of Apologetics Press

- The speaker references an article from Apologetics Press on the Trinity, noting the academic credentials of the writers and the complexity of their language.

(3:29 - 4:12) Use of External Material

- He plans to use material from Apologetics Press but will adapt it for clarity, despite the original requirement to present it verbatim.

(4:13 - 4:40) Adaptation of Material

- He explains his approach to simplify the material for better understanding by the congregation.

(4:40 - 4:47) Promoting Apologetics Press

- Encourages visiting the Apologetics Press website for more articles.

(4:47 - 5:03) Defense of Creation

- Praises the organization's defense of creation against evolution.

(5:04 - 5:26) Critique of Evolution

- Describes the articles as effectively dismantling the theory of evolution.

(5:29 - 6:06) Welcoming the Congregation and Focus on Trinity

- Welcomes visitors and sets the stage for discussing the Trinity.

(6:07 - 6:34) Explanation of 'Lord' in Old Testament

- Clarifies that "Lord" in all capitals refers to Yahweh, criticizing translators for obscuring this.

(6:34 - 6:50) Explanation of 'God' in Hebrew

- Discusses the term 'Elohim' indicating the plurality of God, hinting at the Trinity.

(6:51 - 7:16) The Trinity in the Shema

- Interprets the Shema from Deuteronomy to illustrate the Trinity.

(7:16 - 7:45) Trinity as One

- Discusses the complexity of understanding the Trinity's oneness.

(7:45 - 8:09) Plan for Scripture Study

- Encourages the congregation to engage with scripture, either by reading along or listening.

(8:09 - 8:35) Use of Scripture in Sermon

- Explains his method of including scripture directly in the sermon for ease of understanding.

(8:35 - 8:53) Introduction to Two-Part Series on Trinity

- Announces a two-part lesson on the Holy Trinity.

(8:55 - 9:38) Focus on the Second Person of the Trinity

- Summarizes past lessons focusing on Jesus, the Son of God, and His various appearances in scripture.

(9:40 - 10:10) Unity of the Trinity

- Describes the unity of the Trinity in various aspects like power, purpose, and being.

(10:11 - 10:33) Role of the Spirit in Revelation

- Introduces how the Holy Spirit aids in understanding scripture.

(10:34 - 11:35) 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 Explanation

- Quotes and explains Paul's teaching on divine revelation through the Holy Spirit.

(11:36 - 12:11) Spiritual vs. Unspiritual Discernment

- Discusses the spiritual discernment needed to understand God's truths.

(12:12 - 12:40) Role of Baptism and Holy Spirit

- Highlights the importance of baptism in receiving the Holy Spirit.

(12:41 - 13:09) Holy Spirit's Role in Understanding Scripture

- States that the Holy Spirit helps believers understand scripture.

(13:10 - 13:33) Faith and the Holy Spirit

- Notes that without faith and baptism, one might see scripture as foolishness.

(13:34 - 13:59) Faith and Scripture Study

- Encourages continuous study of scripture for deeper understanding.

(14:03 - 14:31) Transformation through Scripture

- Relates scripture study to being transformed into Christ's image.

(14:31 - 15:04) Divine Inspiration of Scripture

- Affirms that all scripture is inspired by God, quoting 2 Timothy.

(15:08 - 15:36) Confirmation of Scripture's Divinity

- Uses 2 Peter to reinforce that scripture is divine, not of human origin.

(15:41 - 16:10) Prophecy's Origin

- Discusses how prophecy was conveyed through men by the Holy Spirit.

(16:14 - 16:39) Scripture as God's Thoughts

- Reiterates that scripture is God's revelation, not man's interpretation.

(16:40 - 17:00) Only Source of God's Will

- Emphasizes scripture as the only way to know God's thoughts and will.

(17:00 - 17:13) Trinity Involved in Scripture

- Mentions how all three persons of the Trinity were involved in giving us scripture.

(17:14 - 18:02) Trinity in Creation

- Connects the Trinity's unity in creation and scripture.

(18:03 - 18:24) Faith in God and Trinity Study

- Concludes that understanding the Trinity deepens faith, comparing it to consuming milk versus solid food in spiritual growth.

(18:36 - 18:45) Growth in Understanding Scripture

- The speaker likens spiritual growth to a child's development from milk to meat.

(18:45 - 19:03) Deeper Study of Scripture

- Encourages deeper exploration into scriptural topics, comparing it to progressing from milk to meat in understanding.

(19:05 - 19:21) Understanding the Trinity at a Basic Level

- Acknowledges that many understand the Trinity as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit but often do not delve further.

(19:21 - 19:31) Initial Understanding of the Trinity

- Describes the basic understanding of the Trinity as recognizing the three-in-one nature but not exploring it deeply.

(19:32 - 19:59) Deeper Exploration of the Trinity

- Advocates for a more in-depth study to understand the roles and nature of each person in the Trinity.

(20:00 - 20:20) Mystery of the Trinity

- Recognizes the supernatural relationship within the Trinity as beyond complete human understanding, advising against dogmatism.

(20:23 - 20:34) Openness in Studying the Trinity

- Urges an open-minded approach to studying the Trinity, trusting that God will reveal His nature.

(20:36 - 21:12) Introduction to Donnie DeBoard's Article

- Introduces an article by Donnie DeBoard, a PhD in theology specializing in the Trinity, using the ESV for scripture references.

(21:15 - 21:33) Background on Donnie DeBoard

- Provides further information about DeBoard, mentioning his role at Breed-Harteman University.

(21:33 - 21:48) Attribution of Material

- Notes the use of the ESV for scriptural quotes in DeBoard's article, as part of the agreement for using external material.

(21:49 - 22:39) Misunderstanding of Trinitarian Doctrine

- Discusses common misunderstandings or neglect of the Trinity doctrine, citing Fred Sanders for perspective.

(22:39 - 23:33) Importance of the Trinity in Faith

- Highlights scripture showing the involvement of all three persons of the Trinity in the Christian life, emphasizing its relevance.

(23:34 - 23:51) Trinity as the Source of Good in Christianity

- Points out that the Trinity, often seen as irrelevant, is actually central to Christian life and joy.

(23:51 - 24:24) Worship and the Trinity

- Relates the worship of the Trinity to the cherubim's praise in Revelation, suggesting a deeper worship through understanding.

(24:25 - 24:55) Doxologies and the Trinity

- Explains doxologies in Christian worship, focusing on the glory of God rather than His actions, citing Giles Emery.

(24:56 - 25:29) Augustine's View on the Trinity

- Quotes Augustine on the joy of enjoying God in His Trinitarian nature, in whose image humans are made.

(25:29 - 26:16) Explaining the Trinity Simply

- Attempts to simplify the concept of the Trinity, using John Frame's explanation of "substance" or "Godness."

(26:17 - 26:34) Oneness in the Trinity

- Emphasizes the unity of God despite the three persons, acknowledging the mystery.

(26:35 - 26:55) Need to Understand God's Oneness

- States the necessity to first understand God's oneness to appreciate His threeness.

(26:55 - 27:36) Scriptural Affirmations of God's Unity

- Quotes various scriptures from the Old and New Testament affirming there is only one God.

(27:37 - 28:04) Monotheistic Commandments

- Recalls the commandment against other gods, emphasizing monotheistic devotion.

(28:06 - 29:06) Definition and Misconceptions of Substance

- Defines substance in a theological context, warning against the idea of three separate divine substances leading to polytheism.

(29:06 - 30:12) Scriptural Evidence of Shared Divine Nature

- Uses John's Gospel to illustrate the eternal sharing of divine nature among the Trinity.

(30:12 - 30:46) God's Indivisible Nature

- Argues that God's nature is indivisible, rejecting the idea of parts or composition in the divine essence.

(30:47 - 31:19) Each Divine Person as Yahweh

- Clarifies that each person of the Trinity is referred to as "Lord" or "Yahweh" in scripture.

(31:19 - 32:18) The Name "Yahweh" and Its Implications

- Discusses the significance of the name "Yahweh," linked to God's self-existence, uniqueness, and faithfulness.

(32:18 - 33:15) Shared Divine Nature in Scripture

- Cites New Testament examples showing the Father, Son, and Spirit are all called "Lord."

(33:16 - 34:11) Baptismal Formula and Shared Name

- Interprets Matthew 28:19 to emphasize the singular name shared by the Trinity, reinforcing monotheism.

(34:12 - 34:52) Critique of Social Trinitarianism

- Introduces and critiques Social Trinitarianism, which posits three distinct divine beings rather than one substance.

(34:53 - 36:02) Explanation of Social Trinitarianism

- Further details the concept of Social Trinitarianism, which views the Trinity as a society or team, contrasting it with the traditional view of one substance shared by three persons.

(36:02 - 36:22) Critique of Social Trinitarianism's Substance

- Explains that in Social Trinitarianism, each person of the Trinity possesses their own divine substance.

(36:22 - 37:06) Implications of Social Trinitarianism

- Highlights the problem of potentially viewing the Trinity as three separate gods, akin to humans sharing a nature but with individual wills.

(37:07 - 37:22) Danger of Social Trinitarianism

- Argues that Social Trinitarianism might lead to polytheism by suggesting each person has a distinct will and being.

(37:22 - 37:47) Unity of the Traditional Trinity

- Reaffirms that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share one undivided substance, thus sharing attributes like honor, authority, and eternity.

(37:47 - 38:01) Questioning the Trinity's Structure

- Poses why there is a Trinity if God is one, referencing John 1:1 to underline the shared divinity.

(38:01 - 38:48) Scriptural Revelation of the Trinity

- Notes that while God's oneness is clear, His threeness is revealed through scriptural events, particularly through the acts of redemption involving the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(38:48 - 39:14) Invitation to Faith

- Introduces an invitation for those feeling moved by the Trinity's work to respond, explaining the roles of each person of the Trinity in salvation.

(39:14 - 39:32) The Trinity in the Redemption Process

- Describes how the Trinity works together in the process of redemption, with Jesus' sacrifice, the Father's drawing through His Word, and the Spirit's conviction.

(39:33 - 39:41) Call to Baptism

- Calls for those interested to come forward for baptism, offering assistance to those in need.