

24-1110p - Detailed Summary

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Bible Reader: Walter Kobisky

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What Do You Want To Do With Your Life?

Summary of Transcript (0:04 - 26:18)

Scripture Reading

Bible Reader: (0:04 - 0:38), Walter Kobisky

Introduction and Reading from Hebrews

The speaker introduces the evening by having Walter read from Hebrews 9:27-28, which states that it is appointed for humans to die once and then face judgment, and that Christ was offered once to bear sins, and will return without sin for salvation.

Summary

Preacher: John Nousek

(0:38 - 2:54) **Personal Anecdote About Jury Duty**

The speaker shares an experience from jury duty where he got a haircut from a barber who believed in reincarnation. During the haircut, the speaker challenged the barber's beliefs with the scripture just read from Hebrews, even as the barber used a straight razor on him, emphasizing the importance of sharing the truth of the Bible.

(2:54 - 3:58) **Preaching The Word**

The speaker reflects on the necessity of preaching the word of God in all situations, regardless of personal comfort or safety, inspired by the jury duty incident.

(3:58 - 5:49) **Reading from 1 Timothy**

The speaker reads from 1 Timothy 4:12-13, where Paul advises Timothy not to let anyone look down on him because of his youth, but to set an example in various aspects of life and to devote himself to public reading of Scripture.

(5:49 - 10:50) Sermon Introduction and Theme

The sermon's theme is introduced, focusing on the implications of one's life choices between birth and death, citing Genesis 3:17-19 where God tells Adam about returning to dust, and Hebrews reiterating the concept of one life followed by judgment. The speaker emphasizes the eternal consequences of choices made in life, contrasting earthly pursuits with eternal destiny, influenced by Jesus Christ's role.

(10:50 - 20:02) Reading from Ecclesiastes

The sermon transitions into a reading from Ecclesiastes, highlighting: The vanity of all human endeavors under the sun (Ecclesiastes 1:2). The cyclical nature of life and the lack of satisfaction or novelty in human experiences (Ecclesiastes 1:4-11). Solomon's pursuit of wisdom, mirth, and pleasure, only to find them all vanity and a grasping for wind (Ecclesiastes 1:12 - 2:11). The realization that despite wisdom, the same fate befalls both the wise and the foolish, leading Solomon to question the value of his wisdom and accomplishments (Ecclesiastes 2:12-23).

(20:05 - 21:56) Continuation of Ecclesiastes

Solomon expresses his frustration with the futility of labor, as all one's achievements must be left to someone who did not earn them (Ecclesiastes 2:18-23). He reflects on the sorrow and burden of work, concluding that the only enjoyment in life comes from eating, drinking, and finding satisfaction in one's toil, which is a gift from God (Ecclesiastes 2:24-26). Despite these pleasures, Solomon still labels this pursuit as vanity and a chasing after the wind.

(22:03 - 23:02) Reflection on Ecclesiastes and Life's Meaning

The speaker discusses the bleak outlook presented by Solomon, where earthly pursuits seem meaningless, as everything gained in life is left to others who did not toil for it.

(23:02 - 24:24) The Whole Duty of Man

The sermon concludes with verses from the end of Ecclesiastes: The preacher (Solomon) taught wisdom and knowledge, seeking to find the right words for truth (Ecclesiastes 12:9-10). Wisdom from the wise and scholars is compared to goads and well-driven nails, provided by the Shepherd (Ecclesiastes 12:11). The ultimate conclusion of life's duties is to fear God and keep His commandments, for all deeds will be judged by God, including secret things (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

(24:24 - 26:18) Return to Hebrews and Final Exhortation

The speaker reiterates that God sees all actions, good or evil, between birth and death, emphasizing divine judgment. Final reading from Hebrews 3:12-15: Warning against an unbelieving heart that leads one away from God. Encouragement to exhort one another daily to avoid the deceitfulness of sin. Reminder that participation in Christ requires steadfast confidence until the end. Urges not to harden one's heart if one hears God's voice today. The sermon closes with an invitation for those moved by God's voice to respond, ending with an "Amen."