

# 25-0126a - Detailed Summary

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**Bible Readers:** Wyatt Woosley and John Nousek

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## Separate From The World

Summary of Transcript (0:04 - 35:29)

### Scripture Readings:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading (0:04 - 0:46), Wyatt Woosley

##### 1 John 2:15-17,

The session begins with a morning greeting followed by a reading from the Bible, specifically 1 John chapter 2, verses 15-17. This passage warns against loving the world or the things in it, stating that such love indicates the absence of love for God. It describes the attractions of the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - as being contrary to God's will, emphasizing that these worldly desires are transient while obedience to God's will offers eternal life.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading (0:51 - 1:24), John Nousek

##### James 4:4,

Following this, another scripture from James chapter 4, verse 4, is read, reinforcing the theme of separation from worldly influences by calling those who befriend the world "adulterers and adulteresses," indicating that friendship with the world equates to enmity with God.

## Summary

**Preacher:** Mike Mathis

### (1:29 - 3:43) Scripture Readings and Initial Message

The speaker welcomes everyone present, both in person and on the conference line, and begins to discuss the implications of these readings. He highlights the necessity for Christians to be separate or "holy," meaning set apart from worldly influences, as per the teachings in Leviticus and 1 Peter.

### (3:43 - 8:37) Jesus' Prayer for His Disciples

The speaker moves to discuss Jesus' prayer for His disciples in John 17, which he refers to as the

true "Lord's Prayer," distinct from the model prayer taught to the disciples. Jesus prays for unity among His followers and for their protection from the evil one while acknowledging that they must remain in the world but not be of it. This prayer reflects Jesus' imminent departure from the world through crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, yet He commits to sending the Holy Spirit as a comforter to His disciples.

### **(8:39 - 15:15) Unity, Persecution, and Separation**

The speaker delves deeper into the implications of Jesus' prayer for unity, contrasting it with the division seen in the religious world. He recounts the historical context of early Christian persecution, particularly citing the conversion of Saul (later Paul) on the road to Damascus, illustrating how Jesus' followers were meant to spread the gospel despite facing adversity. The narrative then shifts to 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, where Paul advises against being unequally yoked with unbelievers, emphasizing the separation of light from darkness and righteousness from lawlessness, reinforcing the theme of Christians being set apart as the temple of the living God.

### **(15:17 - 26:39) Living in But Not of the World**

The speaker continues to unpack the scripture from 1 John, focusing on the impermanence of worldly desires compared to the eternal nature of following God's will. He explains the dangers of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, urging believers to prioritize love and obedience to God over worldly temptations. The section concludes with reflections on love as described in 1 John 4, highlighting how perfect love casts out fear and how love is a fulfillment of God's will, thereby tying back to the theme of living in the world without being part of its corruptive influences.

### **(26:42 - 29:58) Sacrifice and Love**

The speaker reflects on God's love by drawing a parallel between Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac and God's sacrifice of His only begotten son, Jesus. He explains Abraham's faith, which was so profound that he believed God would resurrect Isaac, demonstrating ultimate trust in God's promises. This narrative serves to highlight God's love for humanity, culminating in Jesus willingly giving His life on the cross, showing that love is the essence of divine interaction with mankind.

### **(29:59 - 31:44) Love vs. Hate**

The speaker transitions to discuss the incompatibility of love for God with hatred towards others, referencing 1 John 4:20-21. He stresses that loving God necessitates loving one's brother, criticizing the world's tendency towards hate. This part of the sermon also ties into a series called "truth series" aimed at understanding the world through a biblical lens, contrasting it with worldly perspectives that foster enmity.

### **(31:48 - 32:59) Friendship with God vs. World**

Here, the speaker revisits the theme from James 4, warning that friendship with the world is enmity with God. He explores the fear that comes from being at odds with God, suggesting that true peace and alignment come from separating oneself from worldly behaviors to be holy as God is holy.

### **(33:00 - 34:17) Holiness and Separation**

The sermon continues by defining holiness as being separated from the world, which might make Christians appear strange to non-believers. The speaker shares a personal anecdote about resisting the temptation to engage in worldly partying, emphasizing the choice to live differently as a reflection of sanctification.

### **(34:21 - 35:29) Invitation to Faith and Repentance**

The sermon concludes with an invitation to embrace faith in Christ, repent from sin, and publicly affirm this commitment through baptism. The speaker extends this call not only to those who have never accepted Christ but also to those who might have strayed, offering a path for restoration and community support through prayer. He ends by urging immediate action as an invitation to respond to the gospel is extended during a closing hymn.