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Bible Reader: John Nousek

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Self Righteousness

Summary of Transcript (0:04 - 30:33)

Scripture Reading

Bible Reader: (0:04 - 0:27), John Nousek

Proverbs 16:2,

The speaker begins the session by reading from Proverbs 16:2, which states, "All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits." (0:27)

Summary

Preacher: Mike Mathis

(0:32 - 1:58) Personal Anecdote and Self-Righteousness

The speaker extends greetings to both those present in the building and those listening via phone and discusses a lesson on self-righteousness, triggered by a memory of their stepfather. The stepfather, who enjoyed drinking, once had his mother write a note to a landlord who owned a store selling beer, asking for permission for the speaker, then underage, to deliver beer. This anecdote sets the stage for a reflection on personal moral dilemmas.

(2:04 - 3:10) Incident with Alcohol Delivery

The speaker recounts an incident where they were tasked with delivering beer, carrying it along a highway. The only route available was beside a vocational school, which had no alternative path due to a fence and gate. This situation made the delivery risky as they could be seen and potentially stopped by the police.

(3:11 - 4:28) Fear of Legal Consequences

They express fear of being caught by the police, who might stop and search them due to suspicion over the brown bag they were carrying. The landlady was not happy about giving beer to an

underage person, which added to the speaker's apprehension about the task. They shared their concerns with their mother.

(4:30 - 5:31) Stepfather's Reaction

After expressing reluctance to continue with such tasks due to legal and moral concerns, the speaker's stepfather reacted negatively, calling them "self-righteous" and "sanctified." This reaction was based on the speaker's decision not to engage in activities they knew were illegal, especially after having been baptized into Christ.

(5:32 - 7:37) Exploring Self-Righteousness Through Scripture

The speaker begins to delve into the concept of self-righteousness by referencing various Proverbs. They cite Proverbs 12:15, discussing the folly of those who think their way is always right, and Proverbs 14:12, which warns that a path that seems right might lead to death, emphasizing the need to heed counsel and wisdom from scripture rather than personal judgment.

(7:39 - 27:05) Practical Examples and Further Scriptural Insights

The speaker provides examples of self-righteousness, like a coworker who justified drinking beer, leading to legal trouble, and another who boasted about contributions to the church while continuing sinful practices. They explore more Proverbs, such as Proverbs 20:6 on the rarity of true goodness, Proverbs 25:14 on false boasting, and Proverbs 26:12 on the dangers of overconfidence in one's wisdom. They also touch on the humility of not self-praising as per Proverbs 27:2.

The discourse leads into a discussion on Romans 3, where Paul discusses the universality of sin, contrasting human self-righteousness with divine righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ. The speaker concludes by reflecting on their own experience, questioning whether their aversion to participating in wrongdoing was self-righteousness or a recognition of wrongdoing, thereby challenging the label of self-righteousness applied by their stepfather.

(27:05 - 27:34) Conclusion on Righteousness Through Faith

The speaker reflects on their actions, clarifying that they were not aiding sin but were guided by the understanding that righteousness comes through faith in Jesus Christ, not by personal efforts or legalistic adherence to the law. They emphasize that God's righteousness is available to all who believe.

(27:37 - 28:16) Exclusion of Boasting by the Law of Faith

Referencing Romans 3:27, the speaker discusses how boasting is excluded by the law of faith, not by works. They assert that any righteousness they possess is attributed to God's righteousness, not their own, highlighting a theological shift from self-righteousness to divine righteousness through faith.

(28:18 - 29:11) Legal and Moral Obligations

The speaker acknowledges both legal and divine laws regarding the consumption of alcohol by minors and the sin of drunkenness. They argue that recognizing and adhering to these laws does

not constitute self-righteousness but rather an obedience to both civil and divine authority, aligning with the principle that true righteousness is from God.

(29:13 - 29:51) Final Reflections on Self-Righteousness and Divine Righteousness

They conclude by summarizing that many people might view themselves as righteous in their own eyes, as illustrated by Proverbs, but this self-view is often flawed. The speaker stresses the need to seek God's righteousness, which is accessible through faith in Jesus, rather than relying on one's own perceived purity or accomplishments.

(29:53 - 30:33) Call for Prayer and Closing

The speaker ends the session with a call for anyone in need of the church's prayers to come forward, encouraging communal support and spiritual assistance. They invite individuals to express their prayer requests while the congregation stands and sings, fostering a sense of community and shared faith.