

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Every person has a world view, whether they realize it or not.
 - i) Our world view centers around three things:
 - (1) Origin
 - (2) Purpose
 - (3) Destiny
- b) We live in a world that does not share our world view.
 - i) It is not enough for us to know our world view alone, we must be aware of what others are believing and how to react to it.
- c) Four basic world views that the western world reacts to:
 - i) Biblical Christianity
 - ii) Marxism or Communism
 - iii) Secular humanism
 - iv) New Ageism
- d) Many of our children are not equipped and intellectually grounded to face that world view.
 - i) Many parents are not intellectually grounded and prepared either.
- e) We are paying secular humanists and others to systematically seduce our children to a world view that we do not hold.
- f) Your world view touches all of life
 - i) Our world view will affect all of the rest of our lives as we know it.
 - ii) The world view of others is militantly coming against us.
 - iii) Other world views that impinge upon the biblical world view.
 - (1) Theology
 - (2) Philosophy
 - (3) Ethics
 - (4) Euthanasia
 - (5) Sex education
 - (6) Marriage
 - (7) Divorce
 - (8) Abortion
 - (9) Biology (origin of life)
 - (10) Secular psychology
 - (11) New Age psychology
 - (12) Marxism
 - (13) Sociology
 - (14) Law (contradicts God-given law)
 - (15) Politics
 - (16) Government
 - (17) Economics
- g) 1 Peter 3:10-17
 - i) Love life
 - ii) Shun evil
 - iii) There is a difference between suffering and being harmed.

- 2) WE ARE LIVING IN A POST-CHRISTIAN SOCIETY
 - a) We are living in hostile territory.
 - b) Christians are under attack.
 - i) We're called the religious right or radical right.
 - ii) We're called fundamentalists.
 - iii) We're called zealots.
 - iv) We're called nuts.
 - v) While we sleep the enemy does his work.
 - c) Two dangers that we face when we live in hostile territory:
 - i) Trying to retreat.
 - (1) We hunker down with a "live or let die" attitude and just wait for the rapture.
 - (a) Retreat is really not possible because there is no place to run and hide in today's society.
 - (b) We either speak up or submit in silence.
 - (2) At what point will we be willing to defend what we believe?
 - (a) Will parents object if their children are routinely indoctrinated in homosexual ideology or occultism in public schools?
 - (b) Will we object when the state tells pastors what they can or cannot preach in the pulpit?
 - (c) Will we object if the state assumes "ownership" of our children and tells us how to raise them or we lose custody?
 - (d) Will we object if every church has to hire a homosexual or satisfy a quota?
 - (e) Martin Niemoller - "First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak up because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak up because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak up because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak out for me."
 - (f) We dare not be silent.
 - (i) Esther 4:14
 - ii) Substitute something else for the Gospel.
 - (1) We cannot substitute sacramentalism, rationalism, education, psychology or some political strategy for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - d) Christians must become active.
 - i) We must make a firm but loving stand.
 - ii) We must come to the aid of all our brothers and sisters regardless of denomination, vocation, economic or racial barriers that divide us.
 - iii) We have got to come together as believers in Christ.
 - iv) We have got to have a Christian world view.
 - (1) We have to learn how to articulate our world view.

- e) Christians are considered an economic threat when we take a stand on issues such as: idolatry, prostitution, gambling and the liquor industry.
 - i) Early Christians were so radically different that it made others look bad.
 - (1) Their lifestyles rebuked the immorality of that day.

- 3) WHAT A CHRISTIAN WORLD VIEW AND A CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE SHOULD BE
 - a) The principle of lordship.
 - i) Sanctify Christ as Lord.
 - ii) Make up your mind that nothing will stand in the way of obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (1) Have you enthroned Him as Lord?
 - (2) Was your baptism just “fire insurance” to go to Heaven rather than Hell?
 - iii) Everything in our life must be lined up behind, never ahead of, the lordship of Jesus Christ.
 - b) The principle of learning.
 - i) 1 Peter 3:15
 - ii) Many of us are not ready to answer questions regarding our faith.
 - iii) We have to be aware and understand that we have a Christian world view.
 - c) The principle of lowliness.
 - i) The modern church is saturated with the ignorant and the arrogant.
 - ii) We are to have a lifestyle of meekness.
 - (1) Meekness is not a weakness.
 - (2) Meekness is strength under control.
 - (3) Fear does not mean quaking before the devil but having reverence for God.
 - (a) Fear of God is love on its knees.
 - (b) Those who love God the best fear Him the most.
 - iii) We change the perceptions of others not by winning arguments, but by knowing the truth and walking humbly before God.
 - iv) We must be swift to hear and slow to speak.
 - (1) James 1:19
 - (2) James 1:20
 - v) Jesus had righteous anger towards religious hypocrites.
 - (1) But Jesus had love and compassion for the down and out and those taken captive by Satan.
 - (2) A sinner sins because that is his nature.
 - (3) 1 Peter 2:23
 - (4) Jesus turned everything over to the Heavenly Father.
 - vi) Nehemiah 1:6
 - (1) It is time for the church to be on her knees and face before God.
 - d) The principle of lifestyle.
 - i) Hope is rock-ribbed assurance based on the Word of God.
 - (1) The Second Coming is called “the blessed hope.”

- ii) Our behavior among the pagans.
 - (1) 1 Peter 2:12
 - (2) They will call us all manner of things, but we have to out-live, out-love, out-pray, out-preach, out-give and out-sacrifice because of the assurance we have in Jesus Christ.
 - (3) When they see this in us, they will want to know why we are different.
- iii) If we are living as we ought to be living, people will be coming to us and asking for an explanation of our lifestyle of our lifestyle, and we will be able to testify of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (1) Paul and Silas in prison were preaching the Gospel.
 - (a) Acts 16:16-40
- e) The principle of love.
 - i) How are we helping young, pregnant women?
 - (1) Sometimes our attitudes push them toward the abortionist.
 - ii) Do we have open arms for people who have broken marriages?
 - (1) They do not need to be pushed further down.
 - (2) They need to be loved.
 - iii) We should be against the pollution of pornography.
 - (1) But do we have programs set up to help those driven by this compulsion.
 - iv) We should be against the homosexual agenda and lifestyle.
 - (1) But do we have open hearts and open arms to those in the homosexual community that we might tell them about Jesus and the transformation He can provide?
 - (2) We have to be careful not to show hostility, antipathy and negativism.
 - v) We live in a society that is hurting.
 - (1) We have to bind the wounds with salve instead of salt.
 - (2) The world is looking for answers.
 - vi) We need a Christian world view that is backed up by a Christian lifestyle.
- 4) THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST WILL SURVIVE
 - a) Matthew 16:18
 - b) Those people who suffer for their faith are enriched by that suffering.
 - c) The church under persecution has multiplied more rapidly than the church that boasts of its freedom.
 - d) The persecution wiped out theological liberalism, and only the true Christian remained.
- 5) CONCLUSION
 - a) We need to be a witness wherever God has placed us.
 - b) The church can continue to grow even when it is perceived by the government as an enemy.
 - c) Our job is not to save a nation, or to preserve our freedoms.

- d) Our prime responsibility is to stand up for Christ and witness to this world of His grace and power.
- e) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- f) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16