**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. There is a great need for Christians to have a worldview based on truth.
   2. There is a difference between knowledge and truth.
      1. Knowledge expands; genuine truth does not
      2. Facts are like a recipe; truth is like the meal.
      3. Digest a truth and it will change your life.
   3. Genuine Truth.
      1. God’s Word is truth.
      2. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth.
      3. Jesus said, “I am the Truth.”
   4. Churches are the pillar and the ground of the truth.
   5. Apostle John stated: “I have no greater joy than to know that my children walk in truth.”
   6. Truth is to your spirit what food is to your body, what light is to your eyes, and what sound is to your ears.
   7. In this short life, make it your burning ambition to discover and practice truth.
2. SECULAR EDUCATION IS NOT ENOUGH.
   1. Our young people have to have a Christian world view.
   2. All of these facts intersect in truth and it’s all related.
   3. The marks of a good education is that it is so interwoven inextricably with truth, that all things begin to intersect and cohere together.
   4. There is a famine in the world for truth.
      1. We need devotional truth to feed our hearts.
      2. We need doctrinal truth to feed our minds.
      3. We need practical truth to send us out, to build churches, to go to mission fields, to build Christian homes and families.
   5. Job received advice from Bildad was not an appeal to divine revelation.
      1. It was not an appeal to the Word of God.
      2. It was an ancient appeal to humanism.
   6. Reverend Joe Wright In the Kansas House of Representatives prayed a prayer that sounded like a rock that had the result of a rock thrown into a hornets’ nest.
3. NO LONGER IN AMERICA DO WE BELIEVE IN ABSOLUTE TRUTH.
   1. The courts in twenty years reversed the principle of “one nation under God” that had been the principle of American history.
   2. The Supreme Court ruled that voluntary prayer in public schools and the posting of the Ten Commandments was unconstitutional, and prohibited the teaching of creationism in public schools.
   3. Students need parental permission to have medication, even aspirin, but they may have an abortion without parental notification.
   4. Textbooks are written to deny the history, heritage, beliefs, and values that were the foundation of this nation.
4. FIVE MEN (GHOSTS) WHO SHAPED AND MOLDED OUR CURRENT WORLDVIEW
   1. George Frederic Hegel. A philosopher who:
      1. rejected moral absolutes
      2. stated there is no fixed standard of right and wrong.
      3. believed the strongest idea wins.
      4. This is the ghost of dialecticism, which is just simply an argument.
   2. Ludwig Feuerbach. A philosopher who:
      1. built upon Hegel of no moral absolutes.
      2. believed there can be no God because that would be an absolute.
      3. stated that man is not made in the image of God, but God is in the imagination of man.
      4. This is the ghost of humanism.
   3. Karl Marx asked what is the future and the purpose of mankind?
      1. believed was that capitalism, the right to own property and the right to be productive for yourself, was wrong.
      2. said the antithesis is the desire for equity and fairness in the hearts and minds of the working people..
      3. did not recognize worth or dignity of the individual.
      4. advocated violent change, no matter how many lives it cost.
      5. This is the ghost of communism and socialism.
   4. Charles Darwin asked since there is no God, how do we explain our existence?
      1. concluded that man is the product of evolution.
      2. taught evolution is not a science, it is a philosophy.
      3. This is the ghost of evolutionism.
   5. Sigmund Freud. The father of psychoanalysis
      1. asked where do we get the idea of God?
      2. stated we formed the image of God based upon our childhood father.
      3. taught that mankind is motivated chiefly by pleasure, specifically by sexual pleasure, eroticism.
      4. This is the ghost of extreme permissiveness.
5. CONSEQUENCES OF THESE 5 GHOSTS:
   1. Adolf Hitler studied these philosophies and birthed Nazism.
      1. proclaimed the survival of the strongest, killing of the weak.
      2. paved way for abortion, euthanasia.
      3. the original racist stating, “nature desires the mating of the weaker with stronger individuals, nature does not desire the blending of a higher and a lower race.”
      4. reclassified the Jews as non-persons.
      5. systematic effort at work in the public system to seduce our children.
      6. the enemy does not have the answer, does not have truth.
   2. Dr. Kevorkian relieving people of their suffering. They want to die, let them.
   3. Will continue to progress to killing more babies and aid in early deaths in a crowded world.
6. THE BIBLE SAYS THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL, BUT MIGHTY THROUGH GOD TO THE PULLING DOWN OF STRONGHOLDS.
   1. The one thing that the enemy does not have is truth.
   2. The enemy does not have the Holy Spirit.
   3. Christians must take the word of truth and the Spirit of truth and hold up the Christ of truth.
   4. Christians need to know who we are, what we believe, and why we believe it.
7. AS A CHRISTIANS, YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER FOR THE HOPE THAT IS WITHIN YOU.
8. THE BIBLE IS THE INCONTESTABLE, INCORRUPTIBLE, INDESTRUCTIBLE, INDISPENSABLE WORD OF GOD.
   1. America would be healed if we had a generation of preachers across this land who would preach and teach, “Thus saith the Lord.”
   2. Let it start in your heart.
   3. Let it start in this church.
   4. Let us give young people a Christian world view.
   5. Let’s stand up and speak up while God gives us a voice.