**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. The key to understanding the Bible is the Lord Jesus Christ.
      1. All of the Bible is about the Lord Jesus.
      2. Jesus Christ is in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.
         1. He’s there in prophecy and in illustration.
      3. Jesus is the hero of the Bible.
      4. If you read the Bible and don’t see the message of Jesus, then you need to reread the Bible.
   2. The Lord Jesus is in the Levitical offerings.
   3. Today’s message will focus on the meal offering.
      1. In Leviticus 2, it’s called the meat offering.
         1. The word “meat” here doesn’t mean “flesh.”
         2. It simply means “food” or “a food offering.”
   4. Leviticus 2:11, 13
      1. In no offering shall there by leaven or honey, but in every offering there must be salt.
      2. This is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.
         1. When God says that there shall be no leaven, He is saying that Jesus is to be presented in purity.
            1. In the Bible, leaven is always an emblem or symbol of sin.

Leaven is yeast.

It speaks of that fermentation and corruption.

* + - * 1. When we present the Lord Jesus to others, we’re to present Him in His purity.
      1. Honey speaks of excessive and external sweetness.
         1. When we present the Lord Jesus, we are to present Him with integrity.

He doesn’t need to be artificially sweetened.

He doesn’t need excessive or external sweetness.

* + - * 1. We need to present Him just like He is.
      1. We are to present the Lord Jesus with much salt.
         1. Salt, in the Bible, speaks of life, the life of the Lord Jesus.

We are to have salt within ourselves.

Mark 9:50

Matthew 5:13

* + - * 1. Salt speaks of the saving, purifying and sanctifying life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It speaks of vitality.

* + 1. We are to present the Lord Jesus in purity, with integrity and with vitality.

1. we are to present the Lord jesus christ in purity - No leaven (leviticus 2:11)
   1. Leaven is that which corrupts.
      1. It is that which puffs up.
   2. Leaven works very quietly, very stealthily and almost undetected at first.
      1. It works best in lukewarm conditions.
   3. Leaven permeates the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.
   4. Jesus warned us about three kinds of leaven.
      1. Matthew 16:11-12
      2. Mark 8:15
      3. The leaven of the Pharisees:
         1. The Pharisees were a religious sect in Jesus’ time, and they were very religious.
         2. The leaven of the Pharisees is legalism.
         3. The Pharisees believed all of the Bible, but they didn’t go to Heaven.
            1. Their heads were full of Scripture, but their hearts were full of sin.
            2. They had religion, but they didn’t have reality.
            3. They had laws, but they didn’t have life.
            4. They were careful to dot every “I” and cross every “t,” but they couldn’t spell the word “love.”
            5. They didn’t know the meaning of Christ or have the love of the Lord Jesus in their hearts.
         4. Matthew 23:15
         5. Legalism is not what our world needs today.
            1. The Bible is a wonderful sword, but it is a terrible club.
      4. The leaven of the Sadducees:
         1. The Sadducees was another political sect of Jesus’ day, and they were the liberals of that day.
         2. Acts 23:8
            1. The Pharisees were very orthodox and believed in a resurrection, angels and spirits.
            2. The Sadducees were sophisticated and did not believe in the supernatural elements of the Bible.

They did not believe in the resurrection from the dead.

* + - 1. Matthew 22:29
         1. They did not know the Scriptures.
         2. They did not know the power of God.
      2. The Pharisees believed the Bible, but they did not obey the Bible; the Sadducees did not obey the Bible because they did not believe the Bible.
      3. Every liberal theologian has difficulty with two things:
         1. The Word of God
         2. The power of God

A classic liberal theologian does not know God.

* + - 1. The word “theology” is made up of “theos,” which means “God,” and “logos” (“ology”), which means “the word.”
         1. The God of the Word and the Word of that God.

The Sadducees denied the God of the Word and the Word of God.

* + - * 1. The Sadducees had no right to call themselves theologians.
      1. Some people have difficulty with miracles, such as the resurrection.
         1. When we accept the fact of God, then we won’t have any difficulty with any kind of miracle, including the miracle of creation.

Genesis 1:1

* + - 1. In today’s society, liberalism has left us with a terrible legacy.
         1. Denominational cooperation through doctrinal compromise is not biblical.
         2. There is a certain, basic belief that we hold together as Bible-believing Christians.
    1. The leaven of Herod:
       1. Herod was a worldly, pleasure-mad king.
       2. The leaven of Herod is licentiousness, worldliness.
          1. This is another problem among Christians of all denominations.
       3. We hear much today about the separation of church and state, but we need to hear more about the separation of church and world.
          1. 2 Corinthians 6:17
       4. The ways of the world have invaded the sanctuary.
          1. The leaven of Herod has secularized us.
       5. Luke 20:25
          1. The Herodians had somehow tried to commingle that which belonged to Caesar and that which belonged to God.
       6. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ cannot and must not be identified with any political party.
          1. The church needs to be free to tell Republicans, Democrats and Independents to repent and get right with God.
       7. The church must never use the power of the government for spiritual goals.
          1. The government may protect us, but it cannot improve us, morally or spiritually.
          2. The government must be left free to do what it alone can do, and the church is free to do what it alone can do and must do.

The church is here to minister God’s grace, and the state is here to minister God’s justice.

The church is to expose evil, and the state is to restrain evil.

The church is to carry out the Great Commission, and the state, when working properly, allows us to live in peace and freedom that we might carry out the Great Commission.

* + - 1. The church in her scope is international and eternal; the state in her scope is national and temporal.
      2. We should be able to tell the Democrats and Republicans that we are not going to vote party, pocketbook or personality, but we are going to vote principle.
         1. And we find our principle in the Word of God.
      3. We are here to tell the Herod’s of the world that Herod is not king; Jesus Christ is King.
      4. Every American has the right to render unto Caesar that which is Caesar’s.
         1. Our Caesar is a government of the people, by the people and for the people.
         2. Therefore, we as Christians will participate in government.

While we participate, we will belong to Jesus Christ.

As Christians, we believe in our religious freedom and inalienable rights that have been given to us by God, and we believe in the right to pray in the church, in the home, in the place of business, and in the public schools.

We do not believe in any kind of state-written, state-mandated prayer for anyone.

Every American should be able to pray anytime and anyplace he wants, both silently and vocally.

We are not to have our freedom of speech abridged.

We are free to pray, and no one should be coerced or forced to pray.

1. we are to present the Lord jesus christ in integrity – no honey (leviticus 2:11)
   1. Honey is excessive and external sweetness.
   2. We have prophets of the honey of God among us.
      1. These are the ones who think that there are no real problems.
      2. These are the prophets of sweetness and light.
      3. They preach a “candy” Christ.
      4. They preach a religion that does not want to face the facts.
         1. They want everything to be sweetened up.
      5. They are always talking about love.
         1. The Bible says that God is love.
         2. God is infinite, inexpressible, eternal and unfathomable love; but He is also a God of justice and truth.
         3. When we take part of the truth and make part of the truth all of the truth, then that part of the truth becomes an untruth.
      6. Ephesians 4:15
         1. The Bible says that we’re to speak the truth in love.
         2. There’s never any competition between truth and love.
      7. There are two dangers:
         1. Loveless truth
         2. Truth-less love
   3. We cannot simply take honey and ladle some honey over a situation and therefore say that everything is all right.
      1. We have to face the situation as it is.
   4. We have modern-day honey prophets who minimize sin, humanize man and glorify rebellion against God.
      1. There is a tendency toward universalism that would try to air-condition Hell and explain away the devil.
         1. They try to tell us that eventually everyone is going to Heaven.
      2. They tell us that we’re un-American if we don’t put our arms around everyone else and say, “Your religion is just as good as mine.”
   5. God’s people ought to be unified; but although He did put a priority on unity, Jesus did not put the highest priority on unity.
      1. Matthew 10:34
      2. Jesus is not only the great unifier of those who believe in Him, but He is also the great divider of those who don’t believe in Him.
         1. He is the one who separates the sheep from the goats.
      3. It is far better to be divided by truth than be united in error.
   6. The world has lost respect for preachers who are preaching a saccharine gospel and a church that’s dying of diabetes.
   7. We should present the Lord Jesus in integrity as He is.
2. we are to present the lord jesus christ in vitality – much salt (leviticus 2:13)
   1. Salt speaks of the saving life of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
   2. Matthew 5:13
      1. Jesus was speaking to fishermen who preserved their fish with salt.
   3. What does salt do?
      1. Salt decontaminates.
         1. There is a purifying element to salt.
            1. The salt in the ocean keeps the Earth from decaying and putrefying.
            2. Salt purifies.
         2. We need the decontamination of the salty Gospel in our world today.
            1. In 1963, public prayer was outlawed in our schools.
            2. The Supreme Court declared pre-born babies as non-beings, and millions of little babies have been aborted in America.

Sacrificed on the altar of convenience.

* + - * 1. The suicide rate among teenagers is on the rise.
        2. Drug use has increased among America’s youth.
        3. We live in a society that has seen sodomy go from a sin to a sickness to a socially accepted practice.
      1. The problem in America is not the Communists, the media, Hollywood, liquor dealers, pornographers or the liberals.
         1. The problem is saltless saints.

Salt that has lost its savor, and the world is rotting.

* + 1. Salt activates.
       1. It is salt that causes flavor to burst alive in our mouths.
       2. Salt brings out flavor.
          1. Job 6:6
       3. There ought to be a zest about us as Christians.
          1. There ought to be a life about us that brings flavor to life.
       4. We need a burning, blazing, passionate and emotional love for the Lord Jesus Christ.
    2. Salt medicates.
       1. Salt heals.
       2. In the Bible, God used salt to heal.
       3. Our world is sick, and it needs the antiseptic of the Gospel to heal and bind up the broken.
    3. Salt irritates.
       1. Mark 9:49
       2. Salt burns.
          1. When a preacher of the Gospel preaches the salty Gospel of Jesus Christ, it will sting and burn when it is rubbed into the open and bleeding wounds of society.

There are people who do not like this kind of preaching, but a proclaimer of God’s Word cannot make himself sick in order to make them well.

* + - * 1. People want a saltless Gospel, but salt will burn.

We need to stop trying to win popularity contests.

* + 1. Salt penetrates.
       1. A pinch of salt will permeate a whole jug of water.
          1. In our Christian lives, we’ve not allowed the salt to penetrate.

We go to church every Sunday and salt the salt.

You don’t put fish in one barrel and the salt in another.

* + - 1. Matthew 5:13
         1. We are not the salt of the church but the salt of the Earth.
    1. Salt may dissipate.
       1. Matthew 5:13
          1. Salt may lose its savor; it can lose its vitality.
       2. Pure salt in Bible times was extremely valuable.
          1. In some societies, it was more valuable than gold.
          2. Men were sometimes paid with salt.

Our word “salary” literally means “salt money.”

* + - * 1. Salt that wasn’t salty and had lost its savor was good for only one thing: to be put on the roads.

On the highways, it would pack down, absorb moisture, and kill the grass and weeds.

* + - 1. In today’s society, Christians are subjected to open ridicule.
         1. This is primarily because of a society of saltless saints.

Salt that has lost its savor is now being trampled on and walked on because we have failed to present the Lord Jesus Christ in His purity, His integrity and with His vitality.

1. CONCLUSION
   1. Is there salt in your life?
      1. In order to live the kind of life that decontaminates, activates, medicates, and penetrates rather than dissipates, you must first have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
   2. Are you saved?
   3. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   4. 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.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16