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Bible Readers: Mike Mathis and John Nousek

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Take Care How You Build, Part 1

Summary of Transcript (0:04 - 28:04)

Scripture Readings:

1st Scripture Reading (0:04 - 0:54), Mike Mathis

1 Peter 2:9-10

Emphasizes believers as a chosen generation, royal priesthood, and holy nation. Describes how believers are called out of darkness into God's light and have received mercy.

2nd Scripture Reading (1:00 - 1:44), John Nousek

Hebrews 13:15-16

Calls for continual praise to God through the sacrifice of thanksgiving. Encourages believers to do good and share, as these are pleasing sacrifices to God.

Summary

Preacher: Scott Reynolds

(01:49 - 02:50) Introduction and Review

- The speaker introduces the sermon by reviewing the previous lesson, emphasizing the importance of building the right spiritual foundation.
- The theme focuses on the analogy of constructing a temple for God, drawing from 1 Corinthians 3.

(02:51 - 05:09) The Concept of Spiritual Builders

- The speaker refers to 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, explaining that Paul laid the foundation as a wise master builder, but others must take care of how they build upon it.
- The focus is on Christ as the foundation, and each individual must be cautious and deliberate in their spiritual building efforts.

(05:10 - 07:20) The Role of Grace in Building

- The speaker emphasizes that grace is essential in the spiritual building process.
- Paul's role as a builder is attributed to God's grace, and Christians must recognize that their work in building God's temple is by the grace they receive from God.

(07:21 - 09:10) Judgment of Each Person's Work

- The text from 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 is discussed, highlighting that each person's work will be tested by fire.
- The metaphor of gold, silver, and precious stones versus wood, hay, and straw is introduced, representing the quality of work that will either endure or be consumed in the fire of judgment.

(09:11 - 10:54) **Building for Eternity**

- The speaker explains that the materials believers use in building their spiritual temple matter because they will determine whether their work will last into eternity.
- Building with materials that can withstand fire (symbolizing God's judgment) ensures that the work done for Christ has eternal value.

(10:55 - 13:30) The Role of Jesus as the Foundation

- The speaker reiterates that Jesus Christ is the only foundation, drawing from 1 Corinthians 3:11.
- It is emphasized that no other foundation can be laid, and the only structure that will stand is one built on Jesus.

(13:31 - 16:30) Warning to Build Carefully

- The speaker stresses the importance of building carefully on the foundation of Christ, echoing the biblical warnings.
- The metaphor of the tabernacle from the Old Testament is used, showing that even Moses was instructed to follow a specific pattern in constructing the physical place for God's presence.

(16:31 - 18:15) Building Materials and Their Spiritual Significance

- The types of building materials listed in the scripture (gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and straw) are discussed.
- The speaker ties these materials to spiritual characteristics, suggesting that some represent works that will endure while others will not.

(18:16 - 20:47) Importance of the Tabernacle and Its Symbolism

- The Mosaic tabernacle is referenced as a copy and shadow of heavenly things.
- Moses was instructed to build according to the pattern shown to him, reinforcing the need for care and accuracy in spiritual building.
- The speaker draws a parallel between the physical tabernacle and the spiritual temple believers are constructing.

(20:48 - 21:00) Foundation of Jesus Christ

- The speaker emphasizes that no one can lay a foundation other than Jesus Christ.
- Jesus is the only foundation, and nothing else should replace or alter it.

(21:00 - 23:45) Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-27)

- The speaker compares this to Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish builders, explaining that those who act on Jesus' words build on a solid foundation, while those who don't are like foolish builders on sand.
- The metaphor highlights that building on Christ's foundation requires action based on His teachings.
- The Corinthians are encouraged to build their spiritual lives on Christ's foundation, using various metaphorical materials like gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and straw.

(23:46 - 25:29) Metaphorical Building Materials

- The speaker explores the significance of building materials listed by Paul: gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and straw.
- Drawing on research (via ChatGPT), the speaker explains the biblical uses of these materials, particularly in the tabernacle's construction (e.g., gold for the Ark of the Covenant, silver for the bases, precious stones for the high priest's breastplate).
- The speaker reflects on whether these materials symbolize characteristics that believers need to build a temple, possibly related to the fruit of the Spirit or works tested by fire.

(25:30 - 27:26) Role of Believers as Priests

- The speaker shifts to discussing the role of believers as a royal priesthood, referencing 1 Peter.
- They emphasize the importance of understanding the duties of priests since Christians are priests in God's temple.
- The role is compared to a working farm, highlighting that the temple is not just a beautiful place, but also a place of active service.
- The speaker encourages deeper reflection on the responsibilities and duties of priests and how these apply to the construction and functioning of God's temple.

(27:28 - 28:04) Conclusion and Invitation

- The speaker stops the sermon at this point, intending to continue in the evening session, starting at 1 Corinthians 3, verse 13.
- The service ends with an invitation to respond, as the congregation prepares to sing.