

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Gentiles were coming to faith in Christ and the leaders of the church are meeting to discuss it.
 - i) Acts 15:13-18
 - ii) We are looking for the return of Christ.
- b) God has a plan and it is known unto God from the beginning of the world.
 - i) God has a plan for this world.
 - ii) God has a plan for the church.
 - iii) God has a plan for the Jew.
 - iv) God has a plan for the gentile.
 - v) There is no panic in Heaven
- c) A world view for the last days.
- d) There is not a new world order.
 - i) It is the old world disorder that has been in the world and will be in the world until Jesus comes.
 - ii) There is more and more chaos and disorder; but behind it all is Almighty God.
 - (1) We need to understand this, because if we don't understand it, we can get very discouraged.
 - (2) Nation is turning against nation.
 - (3) False cults are rising.
 - (4) Sin abounds.
- e) There are four things that are out of place.
 - i) Until these four things get in to place, this world will never come to order.

2) THE CHURCH IS OUT OF PLACE

- a) The church is the bride of Christ.
 - i) The blood-bought bride of Christ is out of her rightful place.
 - (1) The bride belongs with her Groom.
 - (2) Spiritually, through the Holy Spirit, we are with Jesus; but we are not by His side.
 - ii) The all-consuming purpose of the Father is to present the church, the bride, to His Son, and that has not happened yet.
 - (1) We are not yet married to the Savior.
 - (2) We have been betrothed to the Savior.
 - (a) 2 Corinthians 11:2
- b) In Old Testament typology, the church being the bride of Christ is rooted in the imagery of an Oriental wedding.
 - i) In an Oriental wedding, the groom would take the initiative.
 - (1) Jesus took the initiative: He first loved us.
 - ii) In an Oriental wedding, the groom would pay a dowry, a price, and he would purchase the bride.
 - (1) Jesus paid the price for His bride.
 - (a) We have been purchased by the blood of the heavenly bridegroom.

- iii) After He purchased us, he gave us a token of His faithfulness, the Holy Spirit.
 - (1) In modern days, an engagement ring is given as a token of love for the bride.
 - (a) Ephesians 1:13-14
 - (i) In the Greek, “The earnest of our inheritance” is the same word as engagement ring.
- iv) We need to understand that the Lord Jesus paid for us.
 - (1) He sought us then He bought us and He gave us the Holy Spirit to dwell in us.
- v) The church will be in her rightful place after the marriage takes place and the bride is by the bridegroom’s side.
 - (1) Revelation 19:7-8
- c) In order for the bride to be ready, we have to go through some beauty treatments.
 - i) Redemption
 - (1) Deals with the inner beauty.
 - ii) Rapture
 - (1) We are going to receive transformed bodies.
 - iii) Reward
 - (1) Our wedding gown is going to be the righteous acts of the saints.
- d) We, the church, are out of place.
 - i) This world is not our home.
 - (1) A fugitive is running away from home.
 - (2) A vagabond has no home.
 - (3) A stranger is away from home.
 - (4) But a pilgrim is headed home.
 - (a) We are pilgrims. We are headed home.
- e) We belong by the Bridegroom’s side.
 - i) And soon and very soon, we are going to be swept up to meet Him in the air.

3) ISRAEL IS OUT OF PLACE

- a) The nation of Israel, the rightful owners of the land, belong in the land.
- b) There will never be a world order until Israel is restored to her land and there is peace in Jerusalem.
 - i) The Bible prophesies that in the last days, Jerusalem will be the international hot spot.
 - ii) God is not finished with Israel.
 - iii) God will take out the church and then He’s going to return and rebuild the temple.
- c) God gave the land of Israel to Abraham and to his descendants for everlasting possession.
- d) Genesis 17:8

- e) Genesis 26:3
- f) Genesis 28:13-14
- g) Psalm 105:6-11
- h) The Jews have been dispossessed from much of their promised land as was prophesied.
 - i) Ezekiel 36:17
 - (1) They defiled the land.
 - (2) Because of their disobedience, they will be dispersed.
 - ii) Ezekiel 36 18-19
 - (1) They shed innocent blood, and God judged them.
 - (a) This is the same reason God is going to judge America unless we repent.
 - iii) Ezekiel 36:20
 - (1) They were the chosen people, but they were a disgrace to God.
 - (a) They profaned the name of God as they went out.
- i) God has resolved that He is going to bring them back into the land.
 - i) Ezekiel 36:21-23
 - (1) God said, He will be glorified and the heathen will see when He is through with the Jew and with Israel.
 - ii) Ezekiel 36:24
 - (1) This has already begun to happen before our own eyes.
 - (a) May 1948 – when the Republic of Israel was constituted.
- j) There is coming a day when Israel will look upon the Lord Jesus Christ as their Messiah.
 - i) They will be spiritually born again.
 - ii) Ezekiel 36:25-27
 - (1) Do not let anyone say that God is not through with Israel.
 - iii) Romans 11:25
 - (1) God, speaking to Gentiles, says, “Don’t be dumb. Don’t be boastful. Don’t be ignorant. Don’t be wise to your own conceits.”
 - (2) Some Christians are Jews.
 - (3) Unbelieving Jews are not lying when they say they do not see Jesus as the Messiah.
 - (4) There is coming a time when the last Gentile will be saved and God will be finished with his plan with the Gentiles.
 - iv) Romans 11:26
 - (1) “From Jacob” refers to fleshly Jews. God is going to turn away the ungodliness from them.
- k) Today’s world order is destined to fail because of the problem of Jerusalem.
 - i) Zechariah 12:2-3
 - ii) The Arabs and Muslims claim Jerusalem as their own.
 - iii) The Jews claim Jerusalem as their own.
 - iv) We are commanded to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
 - (1) Psalm 122:6

- (a) God will bless those that bless the Jews and curse those that curse the Jews.
 - (2) Jeremiah 31:3
 - (a) We should love what God loves.
 - (3) Romans 10:1
 - (a) There is a remnant of Jews that will be saved.
 - (4) Romans 9:27
 - (a) From a human standpoint, we are indebted to the Jews for the Savior, and in turn, for our salvation.
 - (5) John 4:22
 - (a) It is from and through the Jews that we received the Word of God and the Messiah.
 - (i) Ultimately, we received these from God.
- 4) SATAN IS OUT OF PLACE
- a) The criminal belongs in prison.
 - b) Satan is roaming the Earth.
 - i) Amillennialism believes that Satan is already chained and cast in to Hell.
 - ii) 1 John 5:19
 - (1) "Lieth" refers to Satan have the world cuddled in his bosom.
 - c) There will never be world order as long as Satan's spirit is working.
 - i) Satan has the world in his arms.
 - ii) The spirit of Satan is at work through the people of this world.
 - iii) Ephesians 2:2
 - d) What is wrong with the people of this world?
 - i) They are possessed with the spirit of Satan.
 - ii) The world stumbles in darkness created and orchestrated by the prince of darkness and confusion, Satan himself.
 - (1) 2 Corinthians 4:4
 - e) Satan is not always going to have the run of this world.
 - i) He will be cast in to prison, the lake of fire.
 - ii) Revelation 20:10
 - (1) John is seeing Satan cast into the lake of fire in the future.
 - f) Satan is not in Hell.
 - i) He is the prince of power of the air.
 - ii) He will be put in Hell and then order will be restored.
 - (1) All those that follow him will be cast with him.
 - iii) Matthew 25:41
 - (1) If we go to Hell, we will be intruders.
 - (2) Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels.
- 5) JESUS IS OUT OF PLACE
- a) There will be no world order until the King is on His throne.
 - b) Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

- c) In this world, there is no room for Jesus.
 - i) Jesus is an outcast:
 - (1) In government,
 - (2) In education and
 - (3) In society.
 - ii) Man has enthroned and enshrined Himself in a material kingdom.
 - (1) People do not want Jesus to rule over them.
 - iii) Psalm 2:4-6
 - (1) When, “He speaks in His wrath” refers to The Great Tribulation and the battle of Armageddon.
 - (2) The King is not there yet, but God says, “I am going to put My King upon My holy hill.”
 - (3) “Yet” – despite the ranting of the atheist, the scorn of the humanist, the ignorance of men and the scheming of Satan, God is going to put His King upon His holy hill.
 - (4) We need to be looking forward to that time.

6) CONCLUSION

- a) Matthew 6:10
 - i) Question: has this prayer been answered?
 - (1) Of course not.
 - ii) Question: do you think it will be?
 - (1) Of course!
- b) The bride belongs with the groom.
- c) The owner belongs in the land.
- d) The criminal belongs in prison.
- e) The King belongs on the throne.
- f) 1 Timothy 6:15
 - i) The King belongs on His throne.
- g) Revelation 11:15
 - i) This world belongs to the Lord and His Christ and He will reign forever and ever.
- h) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- i) 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