

David Wilkerson Sharing: A Warning Against the Prosperity Gospel

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David Wilkerson warns against the dangers of the prosperity gospel and calls for a return to the true teachings of Jesus regarding wealth and repentance.

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Description

This sermon warns about the deception of false teachings in the church, focusing on how Satan is using ministers who appear righteous but preach a distorted gospel of material gain and prosperity without repentance. It emphasizes the importance of discerning true gospel messages from deceptive ones, especially in a time where many are being misled by false doctrines.

Transcript

This Redeemer of Zion is going to come, He's going to judge the carnality, He's going to judge our wickedness, He's going to judge our covetousness, and He's going to judge all the mockery of the truth of Jesus Christ in these last days. I ask you now, is Satan preparing for a season right now? What other kind of season can I picture for a season greater than this prevailing? You and I know that the kingdom hell will never prevail against the church of Jesus Christ, believe me. But is He preparing for a season now? Has Satan established a beachhead in the church, a stronghold? Are many, many of God's chosen being deceived? Satan will come with another gospel, the Bible says.

And Paul told us exactly how he's going to come against God's holy people to try to deceive them. We're not talking about homosexuals and drug addicts now. We're talking about preachers of the gospel.

For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it's no great sin if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness. Well, that's awesome.

Many will come in these last days to oppose apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. Satan's stronghold in the church in the last days is a host of preachers and ministers who have been transformed by a gospel of the flesh. They have come to act as the Lord's most enlightened ministers.

They sound just like the preachers of the gospel. They freely use the name of Jesus. They speak of righteousness.

They use the scripture. They cast out devils. They heal the sick.

And the Lord's made them do many wonderful works. But the message is not of God. It's another gospel.

It's a deception. It's a deflection. It's not a description.

And right now, these false doctrines of Satan are prevailing in the church in many areas. Multitudes of God's people are walking to conventions and meetings to hear this other gospel. The gospel of the flesh is riding high in the church.

Come on, Christian, wake up. Are you and I being deceived that we've been trapped into this? Are you being swept away by this flood that the prophets have prevailed? Get into God's word and hear the true gospel of Jesus and begin to judge not what we hear and hear. And compare what Jesus said to what they are saying.

This picture proves God has shattered the doubt that Satan's new flood, his new gospel, his name is godliness. His name is godliness. Listen to this.

Clearly, if you don't hear anything else, I say hear this now. It's a compromising message without repentance or godliness. It promises forgiveness without repentance.

Turn on your television, listen. Happiness and forgiveness, it's all offered freely. No repentance.

It's a gospel of gain. It's based on the supposition that the godlier you are, the more gain you will have. Oh, listen to Paul's frightful warning.

If any man cheats otherwise, even other than the words of our Lord Jesus and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, that man is proud. He knows nothing. He's destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness.

Paul cried out, turn away from them. Turn away from this other gospel. You want to hear the true gospel, Christians? You want to hear what Jesus really said? In this day and age of success and prosperity, you want to know what the gospel says? Are you interested? Hear it from the words of our master himself.

Blessed be ye poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that hunger, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh.

Blessed are ye when men shall hate you. And they shall separate you from their company and they'll reproach you. And cast out your name as evil for the blood of man's sake.

Now here's what the gospel says about people in these modern times in the church who are seeking after material things. From the lips of Jesus himself. Woe unto you that seek to be rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe unto you that are full, for you shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you that all men shall speak well of you, for so did the fathers to the false prophets.

The gospel of Cain despises poverty. It rejects and despises the poor. Listen to what Cain said.

He said, but ye have despised the poor. You say unto him that prospers and doth best with the gold rings and the fine apparel. Sit up here in the good place and to the poor you say sit here in the low place.

Sit at the footstool. This is a gospel of partiality to the prosperous and successful. It is an indictment against the poor to whom Jesus ministered.

It exalts prosperity and success. Cain said, are ye not partial? Hath not God chosen the poor of this world? Rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom. And for you preachers of the gospel who try to tell me that he became poor so we can become rich in houses and plants.

You don't know your Bible. There it is. It says, hath not God chosen the poor? Rest in peace.

How blind is the church today. How blind! Is this a gospel for a dying world? Cain is godliness. Faith is for prosperity.

Poor people lack faith. Christ became poor so that we can be rich in material goods. He came to give us abundant life.

Is abundant life supposed to be worldly goods? No, that's eternal life. Abundant life is the fullness. You and I don't have the life.

We have just a seed. The life is encapsulated in that seed. And one day we're going to have abundant life and that's eternal life in Jesus.

We don't have it now. We're going to get it then. One billion people on this earth are near starvation.

The heart of Jesus is breaking over the sight of weeping mothers who hold starving babies with their bloated stomachs. Millions are unemployed. The ends of the world are coming down on us.

The world's headed for Armageddon. Our cities in America and Canada are about to explode again in riots. Persecution and stipulations are coming.

The Bible says the elements are going to melt with the perfect heat. The world's on fire. All over the world, God's chosen people are being killed.

They're being persecuted. They're losing all they possess. They're taking directly the sporting of their goods.

And you tell me that God's going to send a man of God to tell me that I have a right to be rich? Was that a merry God who comes to me in the face of a starving world and says, Use your rights, use your faith, you can be rich, you can be prosperous, you can have a bigger car, you can have a better home? What's happened to us? How blind can we be? You say that's an American message. No, it's creeping all over Canada right now. We got it all wrong.

The rich man went to hell, the poor man went to hell. From such turn away. These creatures have no burden for repentance.

They don't preach against sin. They offer blessings without sorrow. They are accumulators of this world's good.

They accumulate. You hear the preacher say, I have to be successful, I have to drive a nice car, I have to prove what I'm preaching. Makes me want to cry.

The name of the prophet cried out, Woe to them that are eased in Zion, Unconcerned about the evil day ahead, They lie upon beds of ivory, They stretch themselves upon their couches, And they eat the lambs of the flock, With wine in bowls. And they are not grieved for the afflictions of Joseph. They are not grieved.

And I shudder to think of standing before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ, Having preached that kind of a message.

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