



ARE YOU LINING UP?

Lesson Title: Are You Lining Up?

Key Verses: Revelation 11:1-3 (NKJV)

Summary

The sermon emphasizes the importance of aligning oneself with God's original design and standards, measuring one's spiritual life against the teachings and example of Christ, rather than worldly or subjective standards. The sermon challenges the congregation to introspect and ensure that their lives, worship, and beliefs align with God's divine blueprint, pointing out the need for authenticity, righteousness, and unity.

Key Takeaways

1. **God as a Builder:** The sermon describes God as an architect and builder, highlighting the need for precision in following His divine plans and blueprints.
2. **Measuring the Church:** The sermon stresses that God is currently measuring His church to see if it adheres to His original design and purpose, emphasizing a focus on God's presence rather than worldly or personal interests.
3. **Role of the AltaR:** The role of the altar is discussed as a place of exchange—where believers offer their best to God, maintaining the sanctity and purpose intended by God.
4. **Measuring Worshipers:** God is measuring individuals not against one another, but against the standard of Christ, urging believers to strive for Christ-likeness.
5. **Avoiding Judgment on the World:** The sermon advises against judging the non-believing world, emphasizing that judgment starts within the house of God, and believers should focus on their own alignment with God's standards.
6. **Straightness and Correction:** Using analogies like a plumb line and a level, the sermon conveys the necessity of living a life aligned with Biblical truths rather than personal or cultural standards.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the concept of the "plumb line" presented in the sermon. How can we use the Bible as our plumb line in daily life?
2. How does the concept of God 'measuring' the temple, altar, and worshippers challenge our complacency in our spiritual lives?
3. How can we balance the call to 'measure' ourselves against Christ's standard while avoiding judgmental attitudes towards others, especially non-believers?
4. What areas of your life might God be calling you to 'tear down and rebuild' according to His specifications?

Practical Applications

1. Bible study: Choose a passage from the Gospels and study Jesus' actions and teachings. How can you apply these to "line up" more closely with Christ?
2. Community impact: Brainstorm ways your small group can serve the local community, focusing on discipleship and reaching the lost.
3. Prayer focus: Spend time daily this week asking God to reveal areas in your life that need realignment with His purposes.