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In I Samuel when David confronts Saul in the Wilderness of En Gedi, Saul weeps and says to David "You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil."

Sermon title: "A wake-up call"

Scripture: Mark 10:17-23

What was Jesus doing? Jesus awakens our conscience by questioning our notions of our own goodness

He does this in 4 ways.

'Con' means with, 'science' means knowledge.

1. First, he tests the man's understanding of the word good

Ecclesiastes 7:20 says "For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin."

A. It is easy to find out whether someone agrees with God on this topic, just ask them:

"Would you consider yourself to be a good person?"

Pr.20:6 "Most men will proclaim each his own goodness."

B. Ask yourself.

Will God punish evil? yes

Eccl.12:14 says "For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil."

2. Jesus used the Law to awaken the man's conscience. He starts with five of the commandments.

A. If you have looked with lust, you are an adulterer at heart.

B. If you have hated or cursed another, you are a murderer at heart

C. What do you call someone who steals? a thief

D. How many lies have you told in your whole life? many

3. Jesus shows him his idol

- A. We can create an idol with our hands or in our minds
- B. On Judgment Day would I be innocent or guilty of breaking God's commandments? guilty
- C. Would you go to Heaven or Hell? _____

Ps. 5:5-6, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, Rom2:5,6,9

Revelation 21:8 "all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone."

Isaiah 66: 15,24

Hebrews 10:31 "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

4. Jesus gives this man's conscience time to do its work.

- A. 1 Timothy 4:2 speaks of the conscience being seared.
- B. Jesus has opened up the man's conscience with the sharp two-edged sword of God's law.
- C. The rich young ruler went away sad.

James 4:8-9 "Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom."

- D. God wants us to be sad about our sin.

APPLICATION

- A. The Lord will judge his people. Hebrews 10:26-30
- B. If something/someone causes you to sin, cut it off
- C. If we love Jesus, we will love his law