

God's Justice was Swallowed by His Love

I. Slide#1 **Announce:**

- A. **Slide#2 Concert:** Larry announcing. **Slide#3 Women's Xmas Celebration:** Larry announcing.
- B. **Slide#4 GFE:** \$20 ornaments to translate 8 books of the bible for the **Jari people**, central Asia.
- C. **Slide#5 Thanksgiving Eve Service:** 7pm.
- D. **Slide#6a Children at Risk Mtg:** Today 3-5pm, new rm. [JM4 Conf planning & volunteering]
 1. **Ernie Allen:** founder/pres of *International Center for Missing & Exploited Children*.
 2. **Kenneth Morris Jr:** *great-great-great* grandson of the famous abolitionist **Frederick Douglas** & the *great-great* grandson of **Booker T. Washington**. Feb.7th.
- E. **Slide#6b Pastor Des:** in hospital has 4cm tumor behind left eye. Going in to remove Mon. Here's how we can support him...*no texts, no emails, no calls, no visitors* as he needs 100% rest. **Pray & Pray**

II. I need to clear up something from last weeks 2nd service I said...

- A. I brought up the **proper way to pray** theologically/biblically, is to pray to the **Father, not Jesus, not to the HS.** - **Kelly challenged me with a question of How then do you have a "personal relationship" with someone you can't speak to? I have to admit after re-studying, she was right & I was...less right :)**
- B. **Praying to the Father, IS** the **Primary Pattern** given to us in the NT & throughout the OT.
- C. **Praying to Jesus**, most prayers in NT are *from Jesus*, so of course they're **to the Father**.
 1. There are a few indications that prayer spoken directly to Jesus is also appropriate. **Stephen** prayed, **Lord Jesus, receive my spirit** (Acts7:59). **Ananias** has a prayer/conversation w/Jesus regarding his fear of Saul in Acts 9:10-17. **Paul** at the end of 1 Cor. prayed, **O, Lord come** (16:22), **as did John** in Rev.22:20 **Come Lord Jesus**.
 2. **Moreover** as we've been reading in Hebrews, that Jesus is **a merciful & faithful high priest** (2:17) who is able to **sympathize w/our weaknesses** (4:15) & is viewed as an encouragement to us to **come boldly before the throne of grace** in prayer **that we may receive mercy & find grace to help in time of need.** (4:16)
- D. **Praying to HS?** There are **no** direct prayers to the HS in the NT...**but** there is also **nothing forbidding it.** As the HS is worthy of our prayers, being part of the triune God. To say we cannot talk to Him seems to say we cannot relate to Him personally. **Yet**, He relates to us personally as our **Comforter & Counselor**. **So**, it seems it would **not be wrong** to pray directly to Him at times. **Maybe** when we are specifically asking for **gifts or power from Him**.
 1. And worse then being not 100% accurate on that, was something **I'm more upset with...**I said, **And I've heard some of you pray this way.** What a total misrepresentation of my God. Like Moses, **I smote the rock!** :(

- a) So, please forgive me of my being **too strict** to *a Primary Pattern* & missing the heart of the matter.

III. Slide#7 Intro: Title: *God's Justice was Swallowed by His Love*

A. Slide#8 Illust: Dog-do Duty!!!

1. When a kid, one of my chores was picking up our dogs poop in the back 40. We had a metal bucket w/a lid that I would pretty much **fill** each week.
2. **Every time I opened it, the aroma was deadly.** So bad sometimes in the summer, I wouldn't want to **lift that lid.** So over the fence it went *onto the local H.S. field* (Monte Vista)
 - a) I looked forward to trash day, to get rid of it **for good.**
3. **Historically, Sin was the same way:** It was "*covered over*" for a time. **But** then finally it was "*done away with*"...at the cross at Calvary!

IV. Slide#9 SUPERIOR PRIEST (1,2)

- A. Slide#10 *Marcus Aurelius* was was one of the greatest **Roman Emperors.** As an administrator he was unsurpassed. Died at age 59, having worked himself to death in the **service** of his people. His biographer *Capitolinus* tells us, "He was appalled rather than overjoyed, and when he was told to move to the private house of **Hadrian**, the Emperor, it was with reluctance that he departed from his mother's villa. When the members of the household ask him why he was sorry to receive the royal adoption, he enumerated to them the toils which sovereignty involved." *Marcus Aurelius* saw kingship in terms of **service** and not of **majesty.**

1. Jesus shows us His unique example of **divine Majesty** & **divine Service** combined.

B. Slide#11a HIS MAJESTY (1)

- C. By Jesus taking His seat at the **right hand** of the **throne of Majesty** in the heavens.

1. This is the final proof of His **glory.** *William Barclay, pg.86*
2. **Seated** – again, in the *Jewish temple* there were **no chairs, no sofas, no bean bags, no recliners...like,** modern day fire station, Ha! :)
 - a) **No chairs** because the *OT priests work* was **never complete...but Jesus finished** the work of redemption & **SAT DOWN!** (10:11,12 expounds on this)

D. Slide#11b HIS SERVICE (2)

- E. We hear in vs.2 that Jesus is a **Minister**/service of the **sanctuary up in heaven.**

1. A minister of the **True tabernacle** – not in contrast with **false**, it means **original**, in contrast to that which was a **copy.**

- F. **So Jesus** is unique in both **in Majesty** & **in Service.**

1. **And get this,** He knew He had been given this supreme position...**not** jealously to guard it in **isolation**, **but rather** to **enable others** to **attain it** & to **share it.**

V. Slide#12 SUPERIOR PLACE (3-5)

- A. (3) This One also have something to offer – His sacrifice was not *mere animal blood*, but instead He offered up **Himself**. (7:27)
- B. Slide#13 (5) Copy & shadow – The Greeks had a basic thought about the universe. They thought in terms of **2 worlds**, the **real** and the **unreal**. They believe that *this world of space and time* was only a pale copy of the real world. That was the basic doctrine of Plato, the greatest of all Greek thinkers. He believed in what he called **forms**. Somewhere there was a world where there was laid up the **perfect forms** of which everything in this world is an **imperfect copy**. Sometimes he called the forms **ideas**. (e.g. there is the **idea** of a chair of which all actual chairs are in perfect copies) The Greeks were fascinated by this conception of **a real world** of which this world is only a *flickering, imperfect copy*.
- C. Slide#14 Copies/shadows: [earthly **temple**/real Temple; earthly **worship**/real worship; earthly **priesthood**/real priesthood]
1. Moses used the blood of an **animal**. **Jesus, His own**.
 2. Moses spoke of the covenant of the **Law**. **Jesus, the covenant of Grace**.
 3. Moses spoke of a **partial covering**. **Jesus, the actual remission of sins**.
- D. When you trust **Christ**, you enter a life of **reality**, & you are forever finished w/**substitutes**.
1. Don't all **substitutes** kinda seem *bad*: egg substitute? bacon substitute? *perish the thought!*

VI. Slide#15 SUPERIOR PROMISE (6-13)

- A. (7-9) Faultless...Finding fault? – What was faulty with the Old Cov?
1. Not the Covenant itself...but **the people**.
 2. **Note: them** (8) & **they** did not continue in my cov. (9b)
 3. **The people** did not fulfill the conditions. **They** were *Covenant Breakers*.
- B. Slide#16 Note it's a **New Covenant** - 2 words for new in NT.
1. **Neos** (new in point of **time**) & **Kainos** (both new in point of **time** & new in point of **quality**)
- C. Slide#17a **Covenant** - **Ordinarily**, a **covenant** is an agreement entered into by 2 people...on **equal terms**. Like, a marriage agreement, or contract between 2 parties.
1. !"#%&'μ([*Sun-teeth-amee*] only 4 times used in the NT [usually translated *agreed*]
 2. *These covenants are dependent on conditions on which they mutually agree. And if either should break the conditions the covenant becomes void.*
 3. Slide#17b **But** in contradistinction to that word...we have here in Heb.8 + 33 times throughout the NT, is)(*&+, ' (*thEa-thay-kay*) is what's used the **33 times** in the NT.
 - a) It would be better translated as **a will**, not an **agreement**. Because the whole approach comes from **God**. **Man** cannot *bargain* with God. **Man** cannot *argue* out the terms of the covenant. He can **only accept** or **reject** the offer God makes.
 - b) So, it's made only by **one person**, the **testator** (person who makes the will).

- c) That's why our relationship with God is described as *ThEa-thay-kay*, only 1 person is responsible, & based solely on the whole initiative & abundant grace of God. The terms are His & man cannot alter them in the slightest.

- D. So what are *better promises* of the New Covenant? - The author uncovers 4 from Jeremiah's archive (Jer. 31:31-34)
- E. Slide#18a [1] A BETTER INWARDNESS (10a)
- F. I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts.
- G. Remember when you were 1st saved?...inner changes occurred.
1. We were all of a sudden motivated to *read our bibles, be in fellowship, praying, meditating, and reacting to evil.*
 2. What once we enjoyed, now we were disturbed by it.
 3. We had a new inner understanding of both good & evil.
 4. 2 Cor.5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come. (NIV)
- H. Slide#18b [2] A BETTER RELATIONSHIP (10b)
- I. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
- J. The OT echoes this over & over.
1. This 2-fold promise says: you saint, not only Possess God; but you also become God's possession.
 2. *I will be their God* (means, He gives Himself to us), and *they shall be My people* (means, He takes us to himself). Kent Hughes
- K. Slide#18c [3] A BETTER KNOWLEDGE (11)
- L. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.
- M. Old Cov: of Sinai was corporate as a nation, including many who did not know God personally.
- N. New Cov: brought by Jesus is only for those who are individually born into his family.
1. So, everyone who is in the New Cov...all know God.
 2. Jn.17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- O. If you're on the outside the command comes to you, 'Know the Lord!' [a command that is meant to draw men & women, boys & girls, sexually immoral & the very spiritual]
- P. If you're on the inside a natural result is...craving for more & more of knowing Christ.
1. Ps.73:25,26 Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart

and **my portion** forever.

Q. Slide#18d [4] A BETTER FORGIVENESS (12)

R. For I will be **merciful** to their *unrighteousness*, and their *sins* and their *lawless deeds* **I will remember no more.**

S. Again, this is exactly what the Old Cov **could not do!**

1. Slide#19 They were **covered**, like my metal trashcan, **awaiting trash day.**
2. **Or**, like the **Recycle bin**(PC users)/**Trash bin**(Mac users) on your computer...**sitting there just waiting to be emptied.**
 - a) Hey today is **trash day**, **are you ready to bring it to the curb?**

T. Slide#20a I will remember no more - When he says this, **note** the emphasis is **not on our** depth of regret, **nor our** promise to do better. **Instead** on **HIS** provision that He has already provided in His Son, Jesus Christ. **I will remember no more!**

1. The New Cov puts man into relationship with a God, who is still a God of **Justice**, **but whose justice has been swallowed up in His love.**
2. **Thus**, man's relationship to God, no longer is dependent on **man's obedience**, **but** entirely dependent on **God's love.**

U. So good news, even if you were able to sneak into **God's dump** you would **never be able to find** your old sins. *3 Things I learned from our local dump...*

1. [1] Signs are posted you can't pick through the trash. [2] It is well protected. 1 man is paid to just fire shots into the air all day, to keep the seagulls & other scavenger birds away. [3] They are diligent there, to **pack it, bury it & decompose it.**

V. God also has gone to greater lengths to **do away w/your sin.** **They will not surface again.**

1. Slide#20b Job promises us, **My transgression is sealed up in a bag** 14:17, **to which** **Isaiah** adds, **For You have cast all my sins behind Your back.** 38:17

2. Job also promises us, **You cover**(plaster over) **my iniquity.** 14:17b

3. Slide#20c Micah chimes in & said, **You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.** 7:19

- a) To which I like to add that **the deepest place in our ocean** is the **Mariana Trench** (near Guam) 35,813' deep (approx 7 miles). **Things are carried to the bottom where the tectonic plates shift & cause subduction, & the debris is carried toward the crust of the earth...to be burned up...never to be seen again!** - Slide#21