



Sermon Notes – September 2, 2018

[#47] *The Covenant Faithfulness of God*

Deuteronomy 21:10–21

Children's Sermon: Truth Five ¹

- #1 - God is the sovereign Creator of all things. You belong to God.
- #2 - God created people for His glory. ...to know, trust, and love Him most of all.
- #3 - God is holy and righteous. God's commands are holy and righteous.
- #4 - Man is sinful. Man is sinful.
- #5 - God is just and is right to punish sin:

Romans 1:18, 23a (NLT)

¹⁸ But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth *by their wickedness*.

²³ For the *wages of sin* is death...

Illustration:

- Why do we have **prisons** and why are they full of people?
- Can you imagine if there was no punishment for doing wrong? Why is it right for guilty people to be punished? What should it show us?

Explanation:

- Because God is holy and righteous, He is right to not permit or allow any sin. Even one sin, is not “okay” with God. God hates sin and is very angry with sin.
- God has decided the right punishment for sin is death and hell. ***Hell is a place where sinners will experience God's great anger forever.***
- Everyone is a sinner, including you and me... God would be right and just to send us all to hell.
- Is there anything we can do to help ourselves? We have a sin nature... We cannot clean away our sin.
- Not even Mom & Dad cannot help you. Mom & Dad are helpless sinners too.
- There is nothing more terrible than hell. It is worse than spankings or discipline, or being afraid or being apart from mom and dad forever. ***We can never be happy in hell***, but we are helpless to save ourselves from going to hell.
- We can only be happy forever if we go to heaven and live with God forever, ***but sinners cannot go to heaven.*** This is a huge problem—...biggest problem!

Implication:

- You deserve God's punishment of death and hell.
- You are helpless to save yourself. (close with prayer)

Have you considered that the “evil” we see in the world today is a sign of God's righteous wrath against us?

Exposition of the Sixth Commandment (Deut. 19:1–22:12)

Notes:

Death & Life –Innocent Blood & Inheritance

To Walk in All His Ways

Deuteronomy 10:12, 16–18

¹² “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, *to walk in all his ways*, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul... (Yahweh chose to love Israel)

¹⁶ *Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart*, and be no longer *stubborn*. ¹⁷ For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ *He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow*, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.

What does Deut. 21:10–21 Teach about God’s Ways?

Today’s Clear Biblical Bullet...

Yahweh is faithful to his covenant relationship to his people, even to wives & children



Yahweh is Israel’s Faithful Husband (21:10-14)

- Taken out of slavery, shave..., mourn parents 1 month...
- Divorce... Still treated as an Israelite

¹⁴ But if you no longer delight in her, you shall let her go where she wants. But *you shall not sell her for money, nor shall you treat her as a slave, since you have humiliated her.*

Deuteronomy 24:7

⁷ “If a man is found *stealing one of his brothers of the people of Israel*, and if he *treats him as a slave* or *sells him*, then that thief shall die. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

Yahweh is the Righteous Father

He Gives the Double Portion to His Firstborn (21:15-17)

Isaiah 61:7–8

⁷ Instead of *your shame* there shall be a **double portion**; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a **double portion**; they shall have everlasting joy. ⁸ For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Brings his Son (Israel) to be Judged (21:18-21)

Psalm 81:10–12

¹⁰ I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. ¹¹ “But my people did not listen to my voice; **Israel would not submit to me**. ¹² So I gave them over to their **stubborn hearts**, to follow their own counsels.

¹⁸ “If a man has a **stubborn and rebellious son** who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, **though they discipline him**, will not listen to them, ¹⁹ ...[the elders, at the gate], ²⁰ and they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This our son is **stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.**’ ²¹ Then **all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones**. So **you shall purge the evil from your midst**, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

Key Points:

- ✓ The truth of the first 2 laws seem to contradict the 3rd
- ✓ Israel’s own stubborn rebellion is the only real threat to her inheritance/life
- ✓ No record of an execution of a rebellious son ever being carried out... (**Notable failures:** Eli, Samuel, David)
- ✓ It’s easy to miss the danger of **stubborn rebellion**

How do these things Connect to Jesus?

1. Jesus is our faithful husband who has freed us from slavery. (Cf. John 8:36)
2. Jesus is the Firstborn Son... (Cf. Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:5–6; 12:22–24)
3. Jesus brings himself to the Righteous Judge for Execution

Romans 4:24–25

²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was **delivered up for our trespasses** and **raised for our justification**.

...Fired at our Life & Heart

The New Covenant provides secure blessings for the weak and deadly curses for stubborn rebels.



Blessings & Curses of the New Covenant

Thinking Covenantally about Our Relationships

- ✓ We trust God and His promises not our faith experience (We are besieged with Gnosticism! e.g. marriage)
- ✓ Do not despise the NC signs
- ✓ Think in terms of **covenantal faithfulness**...(country, family)
- ✓ **Training Our Children:**
 - **Covenantal faithfulness** not self-esteem
 - Painful correction in love
 - Merciful judgment

Indwelling Sin is a Clear & Present Danger

- ✓ **Outreach:** Have you considered that the “evil” we see in the world today is a sign of God’s righteous wrath against us? Do we really think God should bless us?
- ✓ **Our Evil Unbelieving Heart:** Do we care most about our current creature comforts or being filled with the Spirit?

Ephesians 5:18

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit**...

Hebrews 3:12–14

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an **evil, unbelieving heart**, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, **if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end**.

- ✓ Appreciate the value of suffering, weakness and struggling with sin... (trust the promises; Cf. James 1:2–4)

God will not be Mocked! (Cf. Galatians 6:1–9)

Hebrews 10:26–27

²⁶ For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, ²⁷ **but** a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

ⁱ Helping Children to Understand the Gospel