

## **PERSONAL EVANGELISM, PART 14**

**December 16, 2015**

### **The Problem of Sin**

#### **Diagnostic Question/Transition:**

- “**Would you consider yourself a pretty good person?**”
- (If yes):
  - “Do you \_\_\_\_\_ any of the Ten Commandments?”
  - “Have you kept them?”
  - (Or):
  - “Can I ask you a few questions to see if you are a good person?”

#### **Illustrations of Sin—The School of the Law**

- No. 9—“*Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.*”
  - False witness = \_\_\_\_\_
  - “**Have you ever told a lie?**
  - “**What does that make you?**” A liar.
    - (Note: we will return to this sin again later on, in penalty for sin, where we learn that all liars have their \_\_\_\_\_ in the lake of fire.)
- No. 8—“*Thou shalt not steal.*”
  - “**Have you ever stolen something?**”
    - Even \_\_\_\_\_ stuff?
  - “**What does that make you?**” A \_\_\_\_\_.
- No. 3—“*Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.*”
  - \_\_\_\_\_ = using God’s name as a \_\_\_\_\_ word and dragging it through the mud.
  - “**Have you ever taken God’s name in vain?**”
  - “**What does that make you?**” A blasphemer.
  - Quote: “*The Lord will not hold him \_\_\_\_\_ that taketh his name in vain.*”
- No. 5—“*Honor thy father and thy mother.*”
  - Honor = respect and \_\_\_\_\_
  - “**Have you ever disobeyed your parents?**”
  - “**What does that make you?**” \_\_\_\_\_.
- Transition:
  - “So far, by your own admission, you’re a lying, disobedient thief and blasphemer.”
    - But wait, there’s more....
  - As time allows or need requires, go on to the other commandments:
    - Key difference: Don’t ask them if they have \_\_\_\_\_ these specific sins.
- No. 7—“*Thou shalt not commit adultery.*”
  - Forbids all sexual sin, including \_\_\_\_\_, because Jesus said lust is adultery in the heart.
  - Quote: “*Whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*”
- No. 6—“*Thou shalt not kill.*”

- Forbids murder, and \_\_\_\_\_ is murder in the heart.
  - 1 John 3:15: “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer.”
  - Jesus said whosoever shall call his brother, “Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.”
- Nos. 1,2—“Thou shalt have no other gods before me” and “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image...”
  - Forbids \_\_\_\_\_
  - Includes making up your own \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- No. 10—“Thou shalt not covet.”
  - Covet = to desire something you don’t own or don’t have the \_\_\_\_\_ to possess
  - How many of us can say we have never coveted?
- No. 4—“Remember the Sabbath.”
  - How many people set aside one \_\_\_\_\_ in seven for God?
- A General Observation:
  - Apply the commandments with flexibility and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Key Question:
  - **“If God were to judge you by the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law, would you be innocent or guilty?”**
  - Only one right answer = \_\_\_\_\_

### Universality of Sin

- Our \_\_\_\_\_ is we are all guilty sinners before God.
- **Romans 3:10, Eccles. 7:20, Isaiah 53:6a, 64:6a**

### Definition of Sin

- Sin = breaking God’s \_\_\_\_\_
- **I John 3:4b, James 2:10**

### Disqualification of Sin

- **Romans 3:23**
- We have all missed God’s mark of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - His perfect standard seen in the Law.
- Therefore, we are all guilty \_\_\_\_\_ before God.
- And we all deserve \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Grand Canyon illustration**

### Another General Observation

- These points can be presented in any order. The main thing is to cover them all.

### Homework Assignment:

- Learn the basic outline of the “Problem of Sin”:
  - Illustrations of Sin—School of the Law (Exod. 20)
  - Universality of Sin—Rom. 3:10
  - Definition of Sin—I John 3:4b
  - Disqualification of Sin—Rom. 3:23
- Practice presenting the “Problem of Sin” with a partner.

### Memory Verses

Ecclesiastes 7:20  
Isaiah 53:6