

When Principles Collide

Luke 13:10-14:6

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Intro

As Jesus approaches the last stages of His ministry on earth, He has increasing encounters with the leaders of Israel.

In the conflict we see that principles collide. Out of that collision we learn a lot about God's heart.

These are some lessons we can learn when principles collide.

I. Live By the Principle of the Greatest Good.

Illus- When Jordi was pregnant and an emergency happened.

Vs 10-17 A. If a man sees the good he could do and does not do it . . .

James 4:17

Illus- Is it a sin to NOT walk an old lady across the street?

Illus- It's not always an easy decision. A friend was asked to change the employee time cards or be fired.

- Sabbath was made for man; man was not made for the Sabbath.
- The Sabbath is about becoming renewed in the Lord.

Vs 18-21

B. We walk by His principles when we are truly changed from the inside.

- The mustard seed represents the outward growth of the Kingdom of God.
- The leaven represents the inward growth of the Kingdom of God.

Illus- It's what happens in our relationship with God when we're alone. We have a tendency to "drink from the milk jug" when we're alone.

II. Make Sure You're One of the Saved.

Vs 54-59

A. It's not what many people think.

1. The Jews thought they would be saved just by being a Jew.
2. New Age philosophy teaches that all faiths will be saved.
3. The other extreme is that some believe they are the only ones saved.

Illus- The old joke about the man who went to heaven and was getting a tour. They came to the Baptists and the angel said, “Shh, they think they’re the only ones here.

4. Then there are those who think they’ll wait to the last minute to be saved.

B. The first will be last and the last will be first.

- They will come from the north, south, east, and west to be saved. While they themselves will be left out.

III. **God is the One Who Pursues Us.**

A. God had reached out to Jerusalem since the beginning.

Note- Jerusalem is called the possession of peace, yet has and will be the center of conflict. This week in the news, it was about Jerusalem once again.

B. “All day long I hold out my hands to an obstinate and rebellious people.”

Illus- He can be called the Hound of Heaven, because He will keep reaching out to us as well.

Conclusion

The principles of Christ are often in direct conflict with the principles and beliefs of the world.

Let God change us from the inside and then live by the heart and character of Christ.