

**Articles and Sermons :: Ten Shekels and a Shirt****Ten Shekels and a Shirt - posted by partofaplan, on: 2007/12/27 17:21**

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Re: Ten Shekels and a Shirt - posted by Miccah (), on: 2007/12/27 17:24

I love how the Lord works. I was just listening to this sermon right before this post and decided to turn it off because of the project I am working on. Looks like I will need to turn it back on while I work.

Thank you Lord for using this brother to remind me that Your will comes before mine.

Re: - posted by partofaplan, on: 2007/12/27 17:29

I have always felt called to missions and the experience Paris Reidhead had in Africa compelled me to ask God what was in my heart and to repent for my whole egocentric attitude towards missions. You'll want to keep listening for that.

Re: - posted by poet (), on: 2007/12/27 17:55

That's funny, I got in my truck this morning and was searching through my glove box and I had ten shekels and a shirt in there, so I popped it in and listened to it... This sermon is truly timeless. Love it.

Re: Ten Shekels and a Shirt, on: 2007/12/27 18:25

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Hi partofaplan,

I was wondering what your new perspective on salvation was. Could you elaborate?

Re: - posted by partofaplan, on: 2007/12/27 18:40

Yes. I was able to see that I had this idea in my heart that Jesus was in my life to serve me and give me blessings. Not blatantly, but I did act in a way that used salvation as a means to my ends.

It was more evident in the fact that when I sinned, I would go to God and ask forgiveness then do it again the next day. I had no desire for holiness. However, as I matured I began to see that I was having the wrong motives.

Then, last year I saw a video called the "Revival Hymn" and I heard for the first time one phrase that made me really think from Paris Reidhead in which he said that the glory of God is the ultimate end of Christianity and the reason we worship God is for who He is. That we should follow Him even if it means that we still go to hell at the end of it.

See, I realized that I was using Christ as a pawn for my life and so the cross was utterly useless to me. It was only when I thought more about that and read Romans again that I realized all of my problems with stem came from me seeking my own glory and not the glory of God.

If we seek God's glory and remember that His death on the cross was towards a rebellious and sinful world because He

loved us, we will have no desire to sin and be disgusted by the thought of sinning against God. I am not saying that we will all be entirely sinless if we abide by this, but we will find that we our being renewed from glory to glory in holiness.

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2007/12/27 19:50

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The challenge with any good sermon, article or book is that we would go to seed on it. What I mean by that is that we run the risk of over reacting to the sermon by forgetting critical truths in scripture that are equally true to those presented in Ten Shekels or some other good sermon.

Ten Shekels takes on humanism, primarily and the reason why people enter the ministry. But we must bear in mind that God also loves us and desires good for us and not evil, and some see that as 'humanism'. Man's happiness is said by Paul to be a by product of God's grace and not a *prime product*. I don't know that I would use that language because it almost comes off as though man's happiness was an unintentional consequence of God glorifying Himself. But what did Jesus come to do?

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

One of the hardest things to swallow when you frequent repentance meetings and strong revival preaching is that God really, and truly loves us and desires what is best for us as we would for anyone we love. Jesus went about doing good for the same reason God gave Him in John 3:16. The passage does *not* say, "For God so desired to glorify Himself that He gave His only begotten Son..."

So we see then that a prime reason why Christ came was because man needed redemption. There is a critical balance that is very very difficult to find. We are saved by grace through faith and that grace is provided because God is a loving God.

It is a tough thing to preach repentance in love. Certain attainment of some standard can often lead to a proud boldness that condemns sinners rather than the preacher considering themselves, etc. This can happen virtually undetected and the preacher believe their condemning tone and attitude is actually 'loving'; but only God can discern our hearts in such a way to say yea or nay. Holiness and perfection preaching (though I consider myself to be in those camps also) complicate the situation. But finding the right spirit in which to preach, so as not to be as the disciple that "knew not what manor of spirit he was of" is of supreme importance. This is why we need to recognize many things that we often ignore.

So in answer to any criticisms, I would just say that the message is simply one among many that every minister and Christian ought to allow God to deal with them through. It is important, but so are a vast number of other messages that get very little press.

Re:, on: 2007/12/27 22:33

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I think I really had to see what the word "glorify" means. I thought it meant just having Him and claiming Him. I guess I realized it had to mean something deeper to me, where His death and resurrection was very much a gift to a rebellious world and that no greater love should compel me to not just simply say I believe in it, but to also see that everyone else I interact with has the deepest need to actually appreciate it so the lamb could receive the reward of His suffering.

Re: - posted by reformer, on: 2007/12/28 11:40

love the sermon, one of my favorites.

You need to check out the website by his Paris Reidhead's family, I asked for some advice on a certain book by Paris Reidhead wrote, and when I checked the mail box a couple of weeks after, they sent me about 5 or 6 books at no charge!! I, didn't even know they were doing this. His ministry is still touching and reaching those that need HIM. His family is carrying on the ministry

Re: - posted by LoveHim, on: 2007/12/28 12:25

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<http://www.parisreidheadbibleteachingministries.org/>

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That's beautiful!

I remember hearing a story about a Missionary who stumbled upon a Leprosy Colony. He left his Mission post and went and lived with these people to share the Gospel. He had a mighty ministry and won these poor souls to the Lord. He also contracted Leprosy and died there in the Colony.

Oh what love and what a mighty work of God in Him conforming him to the image of Jesus Christ and here he went forth to lay down his own life for others.

Love in Christ
Katy-Did