



## **HEAVEN**

### **Week 1: How good is good enough?**

#### **Sermon Notes**

#### **Romans 3:23 CSB**

**<sup>23</sup> For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

#### **Romans 3:10 CSB**

**<sup>10</sup> as it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one.**

#### Enoch:

Genesis 5:24 CSB

Enoch walked with God; then he was not there because God took him.

#### Elijah:

2 Kings 2:11 CSB

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire with horses of fire suddenly appeared and separated the two of them. Then Elijah went up into heaven in the whirlwind.

## The Two Witnesses in Revelation:

### Revelation 11:3-12 CSB

- Verses 3-4: "I will grant my two witnesses authority to prophesy for 1,260 days, dressed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth."
- Verses 5-6: "If anyone wants to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and consumes their enemies; if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. They have authority to close up the sky so that it does not rain during the days of their prophecy. They also have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every plague whenever they want."
- Verses 7-12: "When they finish their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war on them, conquer them, and kill them. Their dead bodies will lie in the main street of the great city, which figuratively is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. And some of the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations will view their bodies for three and a half days and not permit their bodies to be put into a tomb. Those who live on the earth will gloat over them and celebrate and send gifts to one another because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth. But after three and a half days, the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet. Great fear fell on those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, 'Come up here.' They went up to heaven in a cloud while their enemies watched them."

## How Good Is Good Enough?

### 1. The Ambiguity of Goodness:

Ecclesiastes 7:20 CSB

There is certainly no one righteous on the earth who does good and never sins.

Matthew 19:16-22 CSB

16 Just then someone came up and asked him, "Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?"

17 "Why do you ask me about what is good?" he said to him. "There is only one who is good. If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

18 "Which ones?" he asked him.

Jesus answered: Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; <sup>19</sup> honor your father and your mother; and love your neighbor as yourself.

<sup>20</sup> "I have kept all these," the young man told him. "What do I still lack?"

<sup>21</sup> "If you want to be perfect," Jesus said to him, "go, sell your belongings and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

<sup>22</sup> When the young man heard that, he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.

The Law Shows Our Inconsistency.

Romans 3:20 CSB

For no one will be justified in His sight by the works of the law, because the knowledge of sin comes through the law.

Romans 8:3-4 CSB

<sup>3</sup>For what the law could not do since it was weakened by the flesh, God did. He condemned sin in the flesh by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh as a sin offering, <sup>4</sup>in order that the law's requirement would be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

1 John 5:13 CSB

I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The problem of work-based systems.

Ephesians 2:8-9 CSB

For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—not from works, so that no one can boast.

Paul's Discovery of the Righteousness of Christ.

Philippians 3:9 CSB

And be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God based on faith.

Conclusion:

John 14:6 CSB

Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Romans 10:9-10

<sup>9</sup> If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.