

L68 | I Corinthians | Judging the World and Angels | I Cor. 6:1-11

I. Intro/Review:

- Introduction of the 3rd major problem in Corinth
 - Lawsuits, litigation of Christians against Christians
- Other issues woven into this reproof and correction
 1. Paul's argument involves part of our vocation of making judgments in the world to come
 2. The authority and rank of the church
 3. The churches relationship to the world
 4. The gospel being the basis of our judgments with our brethren
 - Righteousness, and
 - Forgiveness

II. Preview:

- Future vocation with present provision to make future judgments presently
 1. Judge the world
 2. Judge angels

III. Sermon:

I Corinthians 6:1-11

- 6:1 - Reproof
- 6:2-3 - Correction
- 6:4-11 - Instruction in Righteousness

{:1} - "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?"

- **"Dare any of you"**
 - **"Dare"**
 - "durst", "boldly", "bold"
 - Courageous, to venture, extreme behavior
 - **"any of you"**
 - Brethren
 - Sanctified in Christ Jesus
- **"having a matter against another"**
 - **"matter"** - deed, business, affair
 - **"against"** - not for one another, not one anothering, not knit, not the same
 - 1 Cor. 4 - "puffed up for one against another"
- **"go to law before the unjust"**
 - So here is a Christian that has been offended by another Christian, was sin against in

some manner and such a one is going to law with another.

- **"before the unjust"** - unjustified, opposite of "the saints"
- **"and not before the saints?"**
 - "saints" - 1 Cor. 1:2, 6:11
- The Remedy
 - 1 Cor. 6:7-8 - suffering, forgiveness, righteousness
 - These 3 characteristics should be hallmarks of the church

{:2} - Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"

- **"Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?"**
 - **Obs. #1** - the use of questions, interrogate, to draw out of them what they know and how they are not using it - a measuring tool of examination
 - **Obs. #2** - **"do ye not know"** - they know what they ought, but they are not living in view of that knowledge - they are not ignorant, but willfully ignorant
 - **Obs. #3** - **"that the saints shall judge the world?"** - Future vocation - we will be judges of the world in the life to come
 - **Obs. #4** - **"judge the world?"** - we will be making judgments and decisions about matters in the life to come as it concerns the world
- **"and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"**
 - **Imp. #1** - The superiority of the body of Christ. The church holds the highest offices in the world, not because who we are, but because of who we belong to and who He is and therefore what He has given us
 - **1 Corinthians 15:23-28** - regime change not by vote or war, but by resurrection
 - The reign of the risen Lord Jesus Christ
 - Subdue all things - all rule, authority, power, enemies under feet
 - **Ephesians 1:19-23** - {:21} "not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:"
 - God's purpose is to manifest His glory throughout the ages to come, world without end, in Christ and those that are His in the context that reflects God's glory that is offices of authority, rule, and power displaying godliness.
 - **Imp. #2** - The inferiority of the world. Although God ordained government the offices therein have been manipulated (different kinds of govt) and the wisdom that man uses to carry out those offices has been corrupted (ungodliness).
 - Thus what "shall" come will be the reconciling of government to their proper structure and kind and the wisdom that occupies and runs the offices (ultimately

Christ).

- **Colossians 1:16-17** - the creation of all government
- **Colossians 1:18-19** - preeminence by resurrection
- **Colossians 1:20** - reconciling of all government

- **Colossians 2:2-3** - all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge in Christ

- **1 Corinthians 1:30-31** - no flesh, nor fleshly system will endure

- **Summary** - the knowledge of the Lord of glory concerning His position now and execution to come in His kingdom and our vocation therein is supposed to impact our judgments, decisions, conduct and behavior today.
 - We are to know the will of the Father and seek to show the honor the Father through us
 - We are to put on display His wisdom, righteousness, forgiveness, and suffering amongst a lost and dying world, to shine as lights and allow our profiting of Him appear to all.

- Where or how are they/we to know?
 - Prophetically - Dan. 7:22, Matt. 19:27-30, Matt. 25:14-31, Luke 19:12-27, Heb. 2:1-18
 - Paul
 - Romans 5:17 - reign in life,
 - Romans 8:19-23 - glorious liberty of the children of God,
 - Romans 12-15 - wisdom, justice, judgment, equity
 - Romans 14:9 - "for to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living.",
 - Romans 14:17 - "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."
 - 1 Cor. 1-4 (1 Cor. 2:6-16 - natural vs. spiritual and spiritual vs. spiritual)
 - Eph. 1, Col. 1, Php. 2

- **Summary** - the life and mind of His kingdom (:9) is where we get our laws, commandments, policies, edicts, instructions, roles, and jobs.
 - Such knowledge of things was to make impact upon judgments of each other. The knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord isn't some passing thought effective one day but surpassed another - it is the all-surpassing knowledge effectual every day when believed.
 - It is learning the economy and breathe of heaven and displaying that now and getting ready for it then.
 - Therefore, the Corinthians with such a vocation of judging the world in the kingdom of God to come were to reflect that not only by not going to law against one another before the unjust, but to make judgments reflective of His glory as the Father of glory He is and the Lord of glory Christ is.

{:3} - "Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?"

- **Edif. #1** - The world and angels
 - Romans 1:22-25 - the creature, Romans 8:16-25 - the creature, :35-39, Romans 13:11-14 - works of darkness and light
 - 1 Corinthians 2:8 (Eph. 6) - princes of this world, 1 Corinthians 4:9 - spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. (1 Cor. 8:5-6, 10:20-21, 11:10, 26; Eph. 3:9-12; 1 Tim. 3:15-16)
- "Know ye not that we shall judge angels?"
 - **Obs. #1** - "know ye not" - this was another matter they were not to be ignorant of and a vital point of understanding in which they make judgments from
 - **Obs. #2** - "that we shall judge angels?" - part of our future vocation (Eph. 4:1) in the life to come, not only judging the world, but angels.
 - **Obs. #3** - "that we shall judge angels?" - judgment of angels, mostly viewed as the condemnation of the devil and his angels (that is consistent to just restituting this world), I understand it in a Hebrews 2 sense, that is, God has not subjected the world to come to angels, thus it is subjected to man whereby the angels will be subject to us and our judgments will be the substance of their ministering.
- "How much more things that pertain to this life?"
 - **Imp. #1** - "How much more" - the extent or degree, the means by which (not simply the knowledge of judging in the future, but the provision of wisdom by which we are to judge - 1 Cor. 1:30-31)
 - **Imp. #2** - "How much more" - the value and worth of that which will we do in the time to come is much more, thus in this world we should be able to judge things more easily.
 - **Imp. #3** - "things that pertain to this life" - this life is inferior to the life to come not simply based on its eternity, but also based upon the things that "pertain" to it.
 - The things that pertain to this life to the one to come are vastly different
 - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 - the time is short, it remaineth
 - Have wives, be as though they had none
 - They that weep, as though they wept not
 - They that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not
 - They that buy, as though they possessed not
 - They that use this world, as not abusing it
 - For the fashion of this world passeth away (Jas. 1:10-11)
 - 1 Timothy 4:7-9

- How can those that are not in the kingdom judge the subjects of the kingdom? And how you being princes and powers in His kingdom cannot judge things pertaining to this kingdom?

IV. Conclusion: