

John 13:20-30 | Satan's Slave, The Son of Perdition

Congregational Reading

The Heart of Man

Matt. 15:15-20 'Peter said to Him, "Explain the parable to us." Jesus said, "Are you still lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated?"

But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man."

Prayer.

Ascribed Glory of God.

Responsive Reading.

Q1: What is our only hope in life and death?

A1: That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Scripture. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:7-8)

Q2: What is God?

A2: God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. God is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through God and by God's will.

Scripture: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God...But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. (Psalm 86:8-10 & 15)

Question. How many persons are there in God?

Answer. There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Scripture: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Sermon intro: What do we make of Judas? Satan's Slave

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What do we make of Judas? on the 'ethnicity'/εθνος, **γενοσ/nation, people, class, kind, race**
1 Pet. 2:9 But you are **A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION**, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

Divine Mercy and Divine Reprobation. Those who God has chosen/elected and those who God has passed over and death looms over them.

Race – nation; people, class, a kind, descendants, family, relatives

chosen – elected, a choice has been made about this race of people

priesthood – a fraternity of priests

royal – kingly – ultimacy of authority

nation – ethnos/εθνος, race, tribe, foreigners

holy- sacred, pure, blameless, beyond reproach, dedicated to God

Christians are a holy nation, that serve as royal priests, because they are a chosen race of God.

Children of God. **Q:** Now does that sound like an inclusive topic or an exclusive topic?

a people, his own possession –

περιποιουσιν/peripoiesin: by acquisition, kept safe, preserved, property of,

Eph. 1:13-14 'after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having also believed, you **were sealed** in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of

our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of **God's own possession**, to the praise of His glory.

Were sealed; aorist passive, meaning this has been done to you if you have heard and believed. Sealing – **Down payment**. Ownership shown through an initial event. Cleansing seen through an initial event.

We need to understand a Christian and Christians as a people. A race of people. A race of people that have been chosen. Chosen to be a royal priesthood. Chosen to be a holy nation. And ultimately doing this as a people that are God's own possession.

The word **possession in the Greek has 8 different expressions** in the NT.

υπαρχω, be/exist – most passages deal with personal possessions but look at this **Be in Readiness. Luke 12:35-44. Turn to.**

κτημα, possession, land property ownership

εχω, have

Mk. 3:22 'the scribes were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul by the prince of demons he casts out the demons'

Who is Judas is one question, BUT, a **better question might be, Whose is Judas?**

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'I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, "HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME."

From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

When Jesus said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me."

The disciples began looking at one another, at a loss to know of which one He was speaking.

There was reclining on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

So Simon Peter gestured to him, and said to him, "Tell us who it is to whom He is speaking."

He, leaning back thus on Jesus' bosom, said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus then answered, "That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him."

So when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

After the morsel, Satan then entered into him.

Therefore, Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

Now no one of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him.

For some were supposing because Judas had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, "Buy the things we have need of for the feast" or else, that he should give something to the poor.

So after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night."

Lord/Slave relationship. The difference between Peter and Judas.

Rom. 6:17-23 'thanks be to God that though you were slaves to sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became **slaves of righteousness**. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

For when you were **slaves of sin**, you were free in regard to righteousness.

Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those is death.

But now having been freed from sin and **enslaved to God**, you derive your benefit, **resulting in sanctification**, and the outcome, eternal life.

For the **wages of sin is death**, but the **free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Everyone is a slave. The importance is who you are a slave to.

John 8

Gettysburg. Slaves sold for \$1000 for a field hand. \$800 for a cook. \$1200 for house maid. These people were purchased for a going rate. There was a purchase price to own a person that could perform a service. A \$1000 slave in the 1860's is equivalent to about a \$20-30K asset in today's market.

Judas sells Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. **Tetradrachma** – 4 drachmas is a days wage, so tetra/four drachma's, Judas sold Jesus to the Sanhedrin for the price of about 120 days wages.

Every person has a piece tag on their life. Judas' life was purchased for less than half a years wage. If you recall, in John 12, Judas suggested selling the oil that Mary used, a years wage, so he took a lower deal to sell Jesus.

Peter and the disciples are also being purchased. 'they have been bought with a price.'

1 Cor. 6:20 'you were bought with a price, you were **actually purchased** with the precious blood of Jesus and **made His own.**'

Jesus 'knows His own.' He has 'chosen' them. and He 'loves them until the end.' Jesus loves His own until the end of what? The end of their sanctifying results of this life, where they are yoked to Him.

The process of the Christian's life.

Rebirth/Regeneration, Justification, Sanctification, Glorification.

The results of justification, lead to sanctification, and sanctification leads to glorification. Each being done and perfected by the work of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is sanctifying the life of every saint.

What is the difference between Judas and Peter? Peter is born again. 'you are already clean, **but not all of you**' John 13:10 **Q:** How is he clean? **Spirit baptism.** 'The baptism that now saves' 1 Pet. 3:21

‘For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you – not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.’ 1 Pet. 3:18-21

Peter has been washed. Yes the literal foot washing but that is symbolic. Peter has been washed clean by the Spirit of Christ/The Holy Spirit, and he **‘does not realize’** now but will shortly.

Peter is being sanctifying and Judas is going to commit suicide.

Acts 1:16-20 ‘Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry. (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out.

And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is Field of Blood.)

For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO ONE DWELL IN IT’ and, ‘LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE HIS OFFICE’

The reason Judas goes to hell is not because he commits suicide. The reason Judas goes to hell is because he has not been chosen by Christ. ‘I know the ones I have chosen, but not all of you’

John 13:18

The reason Judas goes to hell is because he rejects Christ.

Judas is a slave to his master, Satan. Judas is not doing this by accident. Judas is not making a mistake.

When Peter denies Christ, he denies Christ because that is a fulfillment of what Christ said He would do.

Christ said, he would build His church using Peter and he said Peter would deny Him 3 times.

Peter does both things. **Q:Why?** Why does Peter do this? Because Jesus is His Lord and the Lord said that He would.

v. 20 is an Apostolic Commission. The Apostles are now directly commissioned to do directly what Christ has done. ‘blessed are they if they do this’ and the results will be bound together in unison. ‘if they received Me they will receive you’

Satan has come to the forefront of the story.

Who is Satan?

The reality that evil exists in the world is undeniable. Given that evil existences it must have a perpetrator, a doer of evil, that perpetrator is Satan.

The overt expression of Satan is mentioned 27 times in the OT, as to the 74 times in the NT.

Satan is identified as the adversary, the one who opposes, the slanderer. We can know the work of Satan because it works in adversary to righteousness, it opposes what is good, and it slanders those who are righteous and do good. The attributes of Satan manifest themselves in the actions of human behavior.

God has chosen to create a world where people are vessels of doing His will. Those people who are vessels of living out God's will are **slaves to righteousness**. However, God has also chosen, in His plan of the world, that there are also vessels that live out Satan's will.

The Bible calls them, **vessels of wrath (Rom.9:21-23)**. Judas is a vessel of wrath. Judas is a slave to do Satan's will.

God does not do evil. However, God does rule all things and that includes evil.

Is. 45:7 'I am the LORD, there is no other, The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these.'

Q: Why is this? Why would this be? Wouldn't it just be a better plan for God to remove all evil and therein, removal all doubt of His goodness?

No it is not a better plan. **Q:** Wouldn't it be a better life for you to never experience pain?

Do you know that if you did not experience pain you would be dead.

Anhidrosis – a rare medical condition where a person is insensitive to pain.

Leprosy – no feeling. Die a physical death from lack of feeling.

Dead people do not get sick. Dead people do not get cuts and bumps and bruises. Dead people do not get in disagreements with people. Dead people do not struggle with relational problems. Dead people do not experience the pains and shortcomings of life because dead people have no life. They have no awareness.

To the degree that you begin to become aware of the death and sickness and hostilities of this world is to the degree that the Holy Spirit is beginning to show you all of this world's darkness by illuminating your mind. You are becoming alive to Christ in your conscience.

So let me show you, **to the degree** that you recognize pain is to the degree that you are recognizing that you are living life.

Cut and a bruise, you're alive. Disagreement with someone, welcome to reality. Tension in a relationship, congratulations you're alive.

We do not live in a world devoid of pain. We live in a world that is wrought with pain and suffering and shortcomings.

But here's the difference; **Who are you going to credit for the pain?**

Depression: If you are depressed who are you going to credit with the mental depression you have? Satan? Does Satan really have access and control over your mind? Are you going to credit Satan as rendering your mental estate?

Anxiety: A big test is coming up and you're nervous and can't focus and neglect to study and prepare. Are you going to blame Satan and say, Satan interrupted my ability to study? Or is it possible that the Holy Spirit is highlighting a lack of discipline and diligence, showing you the sin of slothfulness and that you are to resist this evil and overcome it.

Sick: If you get sick **who are you going to credit** for your physical estate?

God takes His disciples through trials to bless them. Being depressed is not enjoyable. Being anxious is difficult. Having relationship tensions and sicknesses are the two worst things in life.

But **who is going to get the glory and recognition** for that in your life? Satan? Really!?! Look at Paul's conclusion on the matter.

Who sent the messenger of Satan?

2 Cor. 12:7 'because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to **torment me** – to keep me from exalting myself!'

Paul doesn't credit Satan for the outcomes of his life. Paul recognizes that God is doing things, whether it is painful, uncomfortable, Paul gives God the credit!

Paul does not credit God with evil. Paul credits Satan with the evil but attributes the outcomes/Providence of his life, not to Satan, but ultimately to God.

'all things work together for good for those who love God and keep His commandments' Rom. 8:28

Paul is being tormented, Christ is being betrayed then crucified – Why? Are we going to credit Satan? In a proximate sense, yes. But in an ultimate sense, Absolutely not! This is ALL to the glory of God!

You will never have peace or rest or joy in your life if you believe that Satan has providence over your mind, your health, your life.

Giving Satan authority in your life is a massive theological error. The only authority Satan has is the authority God has given him and that authority is only given for the purpose of leading the unredeemed astray.

Satan can bring affects on your life but Satan, if you are chosen by Christ, Satan has no authority over your life. **Q: WHY?** Because you are not his. You are Christ's. If Christ has purchased your life, then what happens with your life is a result of His ownership of your life.

You are not your own, you have been bought with a price.

1 Cor. 6:20 'you are not your own, you were bought with a price'

Let's look back at Peter and Judas again. Two people. Two people who are slaves to their master.

Divine Election or Divine Reprobation. Divine Mercy or Divine Justice.

How does Satan work?

v. 27 'Satan entered' Judas.

Satan needs:

a. An access point.

b. A foothold.

c. A base of operations.

Your heart is an access point. Satan didn't have an access point on Paul so he had to torment his side.

'guard your heart with all diligence for out of it will flow the issues of life' Prov. 4:23

Your mind is an access point. Satan didn't have an access point with Peter, he didn't even realize what was happening. **Look at the world today.** How many Satanic access points to the mind are there? There has been such a dulling effect of Christian discernment because people's minds have been turned over to Satanic influence. It makes conclude that they have a different master if they are so easily influenced by world philosophy.

'how can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your Word.' Ps. 119:9

'we take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ' 2 Cor. 10:5 In one respect a Christian is a passive agent to Christ's ownership of our life, in another respect we have responsibilities to do what is right and we will be held accountable for righteousness. **'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' Phil. 4:13** – that's statement of obedience not about being #blessed

Christian fellowship and discipleship has to do with more than social graces. It has to do with influence and protection from Satan. Satan does have an access point in the fellowship of the Jewish population, the Pharisees/Sadducees/Sanhedrin, but with the 120 in the upper room and the disciples, he no longer has a fellowship with these men and women.

'iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens/influences another. He who tends the fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who faithfully protects and cares for his master will be honored. As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man.' Prov. 27:17

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How does Satan get into the heart of a person? How does Satan can access?

The Bible makes the answer to this very simple. There are only two people in the world. Those that are children of God and those that are children of Satan.

John 8:33 'They answered Him, 'We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free?' **Q:** How do you think you are free now? Roman occupation. Phariseetical obligation. How are you free? Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian slavery.

v. 34-36 'Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.'

v. 44 'you do not understand what I am saying...because you cannot hear My word. You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father.'

A Chosen people. A chosen race. A royal priesthood. A holy nation.

Looking forward we will find out **how do we determine** those who are these chosen people. **Who is this** chosen race? **How do we** identify the royal priesthood? **How does** the holy nation operate?

There is a **new commandment** given. John 13:34 'a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Kids/Small Group Questions:

1. Is a Christian possessed by God, owned by God? If not, why. If so, what Biblical proofs do we have for this concept.
2. Why is Jesus troubled in spirit? Where else did we see that Christ was troubled in spirit?
3. How do we reconcile the idea that God is Sovereign over all things but evil still exists? Where do we attribute responsibility when good and bad things happen? Is it possible that God uses what we previous as bad events for our actual good?
4. Judas misuses the money box, what is the purpose of money box/church treasury, both biblically and historically in the Christian church? Ref. v. 29, Acts 6, Calvin's Institutes
5. We see in the NT that God has chosen an elected group of people to live an foreigners/aliens in this world; how do we recognize God's chosen race? John 13:34

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