

Moses Saw

Intro:

Isa 52:13-15

This Friday is good Friday...the day Jesus was crucified and killed.

Why call it Good Friday why not bad Friday or sad Friday

What makes Good Friday so good? How can the brutal murder of Christ be something to celebrate?

Depends on your perspective - can you see it? Do you understand it?

Problem:

Isa 53:1-

You will find no Good this Friday without a real grief over your sin

No solace without a real sorrow

No triumph without a real understanding of your transgression

No impact without a bearing the real weight of your iniquity

No peace without a real picture of your provocation

No healing without the true sense of the nature and harm of your sin

In short we need to see as God sees it - We need to see what Moses saw...

Main Idea:

Moses saw sin from God's perspective

Aaron didn't

Whose perspective will you choose?

Only one comes with a Savior

Implication:

Rejoice you are disciplined as sons - lift up your drooping hands - God is for you - we have a better savior than Moses...can you see it?

Application:

Palm Sunday -

Do you understand the triumph of palm Sunday?

Depends on your perspective...

They wanted a king to save them from their enemies. A savior to save them from the derivative consequences of a fallen world. They wanted a first class ticket even though the plane was going down

Their perspective was wrong

They needed a King to save them from their sin...and there He was triumphantly marching towards the cross. Can you see it? I guess it depends on your perspective.

Articles for further study:

<https://www.reformation21.org/articles/a-godcentered-understanding-of-sin.php>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/god-loves-the-sinner-but-hates-the-sin>

<https://www.oneplace.com/ministries/grace-to-you/read/articles/sin-and-what-to-do-about-it-10391.html>

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Text:

Moses saw sin from God's perspective

Ex. 32:15 ¶ Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with **the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written.**

Ex. 32:16 **The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets (the most valuable objects on earth).**

Ex. 32:17 When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp."

Ex. 32:18 But he said, "It is not the sound of shouting (anot - piel) for victory, or the sound of the cry (piel anot) of defeat, but the sound of singing (piel - anot) that I hear." (*not reverent song but something else*)

Ex. 32:19 And **as soon as he came near** the camp **and saw** the calf and the dancing, **Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. (ex 19:12, 17; 24:4 the meeting place of God and His people - this is a total repudiation of the covenant - broken violated voided)**

Ex. 32:20 He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

1 Tim 1:15 (the natural man understand the heinous of other people sins - the gospel helps us to get a glimpse of the heinousness of our own)

Mk 2:15-17 (why et with tax collectors and sinners - I did not come for the "well" or the "righteous" but the sinner)

Matt 15:1-14 (easy to see others sins when you are blind - leading the blind - even the natural man can see sin in others - plank vs speck but that is not what Moses was doing)

rev 6:10-11; 7:9-17 (but until we see Him truly we will never understand the true terribleness of sin)

Aaron didn't

Ex. 32:21 ¶ And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you that you have brought such a great sin upon them?"

Ex. 32:22 And Aaron said, "**Let not the anger of my lord burn hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil.**"

Ex. 32:23 For they said to me, 'Make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.'

Ex. 32:24 So I said to them, 'Let any who have gold take it off.' **So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf.**"

prov 12:15; 21:2 (right own eyes - every man a fool)

(judges 17:6; 21:25 (worst time in Israel's history - no good guys)

(jer 17:5-10 (heart deceitful)

Lk 10:25-29 (good Samaritan given not to show you that you are the good Samaritan but to show you are not)

Lk 16:14-15 (parable of rich man and Lazarus is not to show you are Lazarus but that you are not)

Lk 18:9-14 (do you get it yet - our perspective on our own sin is faulty - we need His perspective)

(i am the one who complains. I am the one who takes, who tears down, I am the one who gets angry, I am the one who lusts. I am the one who slanders. I am the one who covets. I am the one who doubts, who rebels. I am the one who sins. I am the sinner. Forgive me)(is this your perspective?)(James 1:22-25 (look to the Law and the perfect standard of Christ it will help)

Whose perspective will you choose?

Ex. 32:25 ¶ And **when Moses saw** that the people had broken loose (**for Aaron had let them break loose (no restraint)**), to the derision of their enemies),

Ex. 32:26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, "**Who is on the LORD's side? Come to me.**" And all the sons of Levi gathered around him.

Ex. 32:27 And he said to them, "**Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Put your sword on your side each of you, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and each of you kill his brother and his companion and his neighbor.'**"

Ex. 32:28 And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And that day about **three thousand men of the people fell.**

Ex. 32:29 And Moses said, "**Today you have been ordained for the service of the LORD, each one at the cost of his son and of his brother, so that he might bestow a blessing upon you this day.**"

deut 7:1-2 (same as command to treat as canaanites)

deut 13:6-11 (applied to family - rebellion choosing another side)

Ezekiel 9:1-6 (one day will happen again)

Acts 5:1-14 (in the meantime just because judgment doesn't come doesn't mean it shouldn't)

(James 4:1-7 (whose value system will you choose friendship with the world enmity with God)

(2 cor 10:1-5 (not a nation - not geopolitics - different kind of warfare - spiritual warfare - still you must choose)

(1 Jn 2:15-17 (to love the world is to be without the love of the father)

Lk 12:49-53 (came to cause you to choose - polarize)

(Lk 16:13 (cannot serve two masters hate the one and love the other cannot serve God and money)

(matt 12:30 (whoever not with me against me)

(matt 12:46-50 (division even including family)

Mk 10:26-39 (this is the real choice - everyone is saved through a turnstile)

Only one comes with a Savior

Ex. 32:30 ¶ The next day Moses said to the people, "You have sinned a great sin. **And now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.**"

Ex. 32:31 So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold.

Ex. 32:32 **But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.**"

Ex. 32:33 But the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book.

Ex. 32:34 **But now go, lead the people** to the place about which I have spoken to you; behold, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them."

Ex. 32:35 ¶ Then the LORD sent a plague on the people, because they made the calf, **the one that Aaron made.**

2 sam 12:1-24 (just because a sin is confessed and forgiven doesn't mean everything goes right back to normal)

Heb 12:1-13 (David comforted Bathsheba after their child died (2 sam 12:24) and they had Solomon who reigned over the most powerful picture of

Heaven on earth in the Bible - in the midst of discipline look to Christ and rejoice...God is for you, you are not under His wrath...why? We have a better savior than Moses)

rom 9:3 (neither Paul nor Moses could pay for their sins - only One could)

Mat 21:1-11 (their shouts of Hosanna would later turn to shouts of crucify Him - they had the wrong perspective they couldn't see their real need)