

The Weight of Glory

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned. "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure — pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return." And He also spoke a parable to them: "A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit? Luke 6:36-40

Life and relationships are filled with things that are unfair and out of balance. We all want an equal share of the candy bar. Proposition: It requires a relentless and unfair kind of love to overcome. *Mercy triumphs over justice.*

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The Scale (3D picture of scale)

Righteous, tzadok, balance beam on the scale. Justice is trying to make the balance beam straight and level, Righteousness is when the scale is balanced and the requirements met.

Where did this begin? On the first Sabbath God said, "It is finished!" "Hineh kulletah!" And then rested. Gen 2. Then doubt entered the world from the serpent and things got out of balance. Unrest entered the world. Gen 3 The devil convinced Adam that God was holding something back from him. We see Our relationship with God is this complicated system of weights and balances. (3D scale going out of balance)

Judgments: The weights of the scale

We also have our own personal justice system with its weights and scales. Someone hurts us and we hold onto that offense as if it was money or valuable. We carry judgments around like a bag of weights. Each offense is another weight. (3D graphic of scale with weights)

We have our own justice system of weights and balanced. But never get to the point of balance. Never at rest!

- We judge other people This system also I know I hold judgments when I meet a person and my desktop opens a file with evidence and judgments about the one I see. I feel heavy and no longer see the person.
- We judge ourselves/ Some are sins, shortcomings.
- We do works to counter balance

The effects of judgment: They make us weary, sick, live in separation. We cannot see or hear God. When we live with these weights we are bound and cannot see just as the woman in Luke 13:10-13 was bound under. She cannot see Jesus but Jesus can see her. Jesus releases, she sees and worships.

Jesus on the scales

When Jesus says not to judge he is saying that we carry around a bag of weights and place them on a scale with each offense.

- We cannot be in law and grace at the same time. It is one or the other. We want to accept grace for ourselves but hold others to the law.
- Never at rest!

Mark 11:15, Jesus drove out the money changers and overturned the tables of those who sold pigeons, the offering of the poor in the court of the gentiles where people seek God. The table was for fellowship not and merchandise. I wonder if Jesus was overturning the tables because of the scales and the weighing out of the relationship with the Father.

What shall we do to end this system?

Leveling/balancing the scale

Mercy. (The Mission) Use the scene for the Mission where Mendosa is hauling around the weights of his sin...one act of mercy brought restoration.

- Mercy is the glory / kavod / of God and only the weight of glory can outweigh the offenses and the justice system in our hearts. Exodus 34:6 Mercy is the counterweight...We extend mercy to those whose weights we drag around with us.
- Grace and truth are together. God will not put his nature on hold for us. The weight is there and it must be paid. Only God can bring the beam level and in balance at the cross of Christ! Justice is a balanced scale. Jesus took the weight of our sin on himself Bore our grief and sorrows. Is 53.
- To forgive, Calach, to sprinkle of cover offense. Gk apiemi, to release of let go, to send away or cover the cost/ balance the scale or level the balance beam.

Cross, the ultimate balancing of the scales (3D scales brought to balance over cross, mercy on one side and offenses on the other)

Now, as at the beginning, on the eve of another Sabbath, the declaration goes out from the cross, "It is finished! (Hineh KuLLeTaH). "Behold." Nothing has been held back. Man restored to rest in Christ

Hebrews 11:13b, "mercy triumphs over judgment!"

Response

What weights are we holding onto regarding others of ourselves? We can leave them at the level ground of the cross of Christ.