

Sunday Morning, February 5, 2017
Counterfeit Repentance
Ps. 32; Matt. 27:1–5; Heb. 12:16, 17; Exo. 32:34

- I. Counterfeit Repentance of the Mind Speaks of "Mistake"
 - A. Examples of "Mistake"
 - 1. Biblical Examples Matt. 27:1–5
 - 2. Common Examples of "Mistake"
 - B. Biblical Analysis of "Mistake"
 - 1. Expresses Wrong Thinking about Sin Ps. 32:5
 - 2. Expresses Wrong Thinking about Oneself
 - 3. Expresses Wrong Thinking about the Response
 - C. Biblical Correction of "Mistake" Ps. 32:5; 1 Jn. 1:9; Prov. 28:13
- II. Counterfeit Repentance of the Heart Speaks of "Misery"
 - A. Examples of "Misery"
 - 1. Biblical Examples 2 Cor. 7:10; Heb. 12:16, 17; Gen. 25:29ff; Gen. 27:1–40
 - 2. Common Examples of "Misery"
 - B. Biblical Analysis of "Misery" Ps. 32:3–4
 - 1. Expresses Wrong Thinking about Oneself
 - 2. Expresses Wrong Thinking about the Response
 - C. Biblical Correction of "Misery"
- III. Counterfeit Repentance with the Will Speaks of "Mistreatment"
 - A. Examples of "Mistreatment"
 - 1. Biblical Examples Gen. 3:8–13; Exo. 32:22–25
 - 2. Common Examples of "Mistreatment"
 - B. Biblical Analysis of "Mistreatment"
 - 1. Expresses Wrong Thinking about Oneself
 - 2. Expresses Wrong Thinking about Sin
 - 3. Expresses Wrong Thinking about the Response Rom. 7:18, 19
 - C. Biblical Correction of "Mistreatment"
 - 1. You Need Humility Matt. 7:1f; Lk. 5:32; Jas. 4:6
 - 2. You Need to Own Your Responsibility

Quotes

“Repentance is not something God demands of you before He will take you back and which He could let you off if He chose; it is simply a description of what going back is like.” C. S. Lewis

"Repentance damns many." Augustine

“If pain and trouble were sufficient to repentance, then the damned in Hell should be most penitent, for they are most in anguish.” Thomas Watson

“When we forget the freeness of grace, the purpose of our repentance becomes the appeasement of God. When we aren’t sure that God loves us in Christ, then confession and repentance become a way of keeping on God’s good side with expressions of sorrow that we hope impress him with our sincerity and move him to take pity on us. If that is what repentance becomes, it is self-righteous and will be bitter all the way to the bottom. It will lead only to a forced compliance of the will, not a change of view, motivation, and heart.” Tim Keller

“Godly regret grieves that God’s name has come into disrepute. The focus of godly regret is God.” John Piper

“The Gospel is this: we are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.” Tim Keller

“True confession and repentance begin when blame shifting ends.” Tim Keller

“We have a choice to make when we come to God about our sin. Either we justify ourselves or we justify God. We cannot do both. If I am right, then God is wrong. If I say, ‘you would be wrong to condemn me altogether because I cannot really be held responsible.’ and so forth, I am challenging the righteous judgments of God. Whether I realize it or not, I am putting God in the wrong.” John White

“The repentant person will be a humble person. If they are not humble, they will not think they need to change. Actually, it is impossible to change without this characteristic. There’s no such thing as a proud (self-righteous) repentant person. The two cannot cohabitate in the same heart at the same time. A humble person will focus on themselves in regards to their sin and what they are responsible for. They will be keenly aware of the enormous log protruding from their eye, not the speck in their spouse’s.” Chris O’Donnell