

WISDOM SPEAKS TRUTH

- i. The texts: Proverbs 6:16-19
- 16 There are six things that the Lord hates,
seven that are an abomination to him:
- 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,
- 18 a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste to run to evil,
- 19 a false witness who breathes out lies,
and one who sows discord among brothers.

Proverbs 8:1-8

Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

- 2 On the heights beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- 3 beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:
- 4 “To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the children of man.
- 5 O simple ones, learn prudence;
O fools, learn sense.
- 6 Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right,
- 7 for my mouth will utter truth;
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- 8 All the words of my mouth are righteous;
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

Intro. Ol’ Diz and the optical illusion

- I. We are conflicted about the Truth.
- A. We value the Truth.
 - B. We can’t handle the Truth.
 - C. Technology records unwanted Truth.
 - 1. Deeds exposed and recorded
 - 2. Words exposed and recorded
 - 3. Thoughts revealed on Gilligan’s Island – Sit right back and you’ll hear a tale.
- II. God’s omniscience is a scary thought.
- A. We hide from the Truth.

- B. We suppress the Truth.
- C. We redefine the Truth.
- D. We exchange the Truth.
- E. We settle for “truthiness..”
- F. We lie to ourselves.

III. The 9th commandment – Thou shalt not bear false witness against your neighbor. Ex. 20:16

- A. Matt 5:37 – Integrity does not require an oath – it is a way of life.
- B. Lying is often a secondary offense.
- C. Westminster Larger Catechism on the 9th Commandment.
 - 1. What are the duties required in the ninth commandment?
 - 2. What are the sins forbidden in the ninth commandment?
- D. The Law is the mirror into which we look to see God’s character and our lack thereof.

IV. How Jesus spoke the Truth to various individuals

- A. A meeting with Nathanael - John 1:47-50
 - 1. Jesus knows all about Nathanael.
 - 2. Jesus gently exposes Nathaneal.
 - 3. Nate gets it.
- B. A meeting with a Samaritan woman - John 4:7-26. Same pattern
- C. A meeting with a woman and the Pharisees - John 8:3-11.
 - 1. Jesus does not deny the Truth about the woman.
 - 2. But Jesus also exposes the Truth about the Pharisees.
- D. So, again, it’s all about grace.
 - 1. Grace does not deny the Truth.
 - 2. Grace does not cover up the Truth.
 - 3. Grace does not exchange the Truth for a lie.
 - 4. Grace does not suppress the Truth.
 - 5. Grace speaks the Truth in Love.

V. Grace deals with the Truth.

- A. Jesus died to deal with the Truth that we can’t handle.
 - 1. Thy Word is Truth. John 17:17
 - 2. Wisdom speaks Truth because it reflects God’s character.
- B. The Truth about us is exposed – We need a covering.
- C. The blood of Jesus covers us.
 - 1. We have been reconciled to God in Christ.

2. The Truth will set you free. Jn 8:32.
3. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Rom 8:1.
 - a. Do you believe that?
 - b. Do you TRUST that?
4. These words are trustworthy and true.” Rev. 21:5