

October 1, 2017 Message of Blessing

Slide 1: target with arrows all in the wrong place (idea of missing God's mark)

I. All The World is In Need

- A. We Have short memories Exod 32
 - 1. Miraculous experiences have short lived results
 - 2. Experiences don't often affect the will - we still will to do our own thing
- B. We have passions that hurt us
 - 1. The first attack was on God
 - 2. The second wave attacked the family
- C. We crave independence
 - 1. The calf was something that they created in their own image
 - 2. The calf was a visible symbol of strength

Teach: People's greatest need is a Savior.

Slide 2: Romans 3:23

Illus: Global implications

Don't be controlled with substances Eph 5:18 - no more opioid crisis and no more drug cartels

Don't commit adultery (later don't do fornication)

Do raise your children in the nurture of the Lord - much fewer kids at risk of suicide, foster care, broken homes

Don't work, don't eat - labor crisis

Do care for those who can't care for themselves - less hopelessness

Personal implications

I still need a savior every day.

Men's group - accountability - number of pastors who fell morally - no accountability
All of us are in need... no one has it all together.

Appli: This is a good way to look at people with whom we disagree (Football players)

North Koreans

Isis

We can assume that everyone is fallen and in need - compassion for those who seem like our enemies.

II. The Holy God provides consequences to our actions (God is Holy) and just

Slide 3: Kid poking a stick at a bee-hive

A. Natural consequences

1. They would have starved to death in the wilderness
2. They would have been destroyed by other stronger nations
3. Their lack of self-control probably would have turned violent against themselves v25

B. Divine consequences

1. Choices v26

Whoever is for the Lord come to me
Sons of Levi walk forth

2. Death 32:33-34

- a. Man against his brother
- b. Man against God
- c. God smote them v35? Other infirmities?

3. Distance 33:3 I will not go with you

- a. Distressed the people v4
- b. Loss of ornaments (joy)

C. Regional consequences 34:10

1. I will drive out the bad guys
2. I will not tolerate prolonged mercy - don't make covenants with them.

Slide 4: Leviticus 19:33

Slide 5: Deut 12:29-31

Teach: There are consequences to sin

Slide 6: Romans 6:23

Illus: North Korea - hardest against the gospel. World isolation; famine; fear; and secrets
Middle Eastern countries - violence
Gossip - no close friends
Rage - Isolation
Pride - lose the blessing of God

Appli: Part of the message of the Gospel is that unless there is confession and contrition everyone will experience the penalty for their own sins.

2. That we should empty our sin bucket every day, lest we too fall from the blessing of God and experience the consequences of our own sin.

III. God is a God of Mercy (God is Love) 32:10-14

Slide 7 Maybe a pic of Jesus restoring man's sight (or some kind of healing)

- A. He worked through a mediator v10
Moses had the position of interceding for his entire nation v10, 34:8
32:30 Moses believed that he could atone for their sin

*Radical idea... how could someone atone for someone else's sin?

Confession v31
Request for forgiveness

- B. He kept His covenant 34:10
I will drive out the Amorites etc
- C. God gave us back the stone tablets 34:28
- D. God transformed Moses by being in his presence
34:29 Moses' face shown

Teach: God still does grace through His Mediator

Slide 8. 1 Peter 3:18

Illus: Peace Child

Appli: 1. Know the peace child. You cannot come to the Father except through the mediator, His son.

Ask God to give you opportunities to communicate words of Christ to someone who does not understand.

IV. God personally engages with His people

Slide9: An extended hand (as initiating a hand shake)

- A. Through law
34:2 - Keep my Sabbath - intent is to focus on God.
 - 1. Involved obedience - don't even start a fire
 - 2. Involved presence - lets be together
- B. Through Offerings 34:4-5
 - 1. From what you have v5
 - 2. From those who are willing v 5b, 20-24
 - 3. For better worship
 - a. Articles of the priest's clothing v9
 - b. Materials for the tabernacle
- C. Through building 35:10
 - a. 35:25 Skilled women
 - b. 35:30 Skilled leaders
 - i. They were filled with the Spirit v35:31
 - ii. They had ability and knowledge v31b

- iii. They could teach 35:34
- c. The made stuff - very “do” oriented kind of relationship
 - 1. For the tabernacle
 - 2. For the priests 39

D. Through Procedures 40:1-33
Set up the tabernacle the way I want it

E. Through Presence 40:34-36
God dwells among men

Teach: God continues to initiate a relationship with His people.

Illus: Thanksgiving - I still provide and you still enjoy it, live by my provision, and honor me for what I provide. We are still connected through personal and corporate worship.

Appli: Engage with the one who made you .
Ask God to let you spread the gospel.
Support efforts of those who spread the gospel.