

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

8-24-14 Ken Carlton

Title: CLARIFIED BY CONFLICT

Main Text: Mat 15:1-9

Sermon Description: In the providence of God documented in the Gospels, it is not just the progressive, positive affirmation of Christ's followers that provides clarity for the reader – but also the offense of the pharisees. The occasion of conflict again in Matthew sheds light on the dynamics of Christ's kingdom and authority against the backdrop of imposters. The applications of this interchange scream from the pages with relevance for us today. The question of “who says?” is often answered by a hundred imposters rather than Christ alone even in the minds of confessing Christians. Every decision has an implicit “because” attached to our practical ethics. Mat 15 reminds us how important the placement of the commands of God are in relationship to our reasons for everything.

HEADING: 3 KINGDOM REFERENCE POINTS CLARIFIED BY CONFLICT:

1. SETTING: CAPITOL CITY AND COVENANT ULTIMATUM (Mt 5:1, 23:1-24:2, Is 29:1-8)

- a. Jerusalem politics / wilderness prophet
- b. Ariel lament
- c. Seven woes

2. STANDARD: THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD (Mt 15:3, Is 29:17-24, Ex 20:12,21:17 Mat 5:17-48)

- a. “Sanctify My Name”
- b. Unabrogated moral law
- c. Constitution revisited

3. SUBSTITUTE (for the sake of...):THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN (Is 29:9-16, Mt 15:2-5, Mk 7:1-23)

- a. Blindness, illiteracy, perversion, presumption
- b. Petty legalism /'corban' pietism
- c. FOR THE SAKE OF _____ I HAVE MADE VOID THE LAW OF GOD.

CONCLUSION: For the sake of: Pragmatism, convention, culture, the majority opinion, experience, experts, the constitution, modernism, evolution, environmentalism, tolerance, civil rights, our emotions, economic interests, fashion, safety, national interest, appearances, retirement, financial gain, the supreme court, or convenience....ARE WE MAKING VOID THE LAW OF GOD?

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FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Conflict and clarity	Theme: Jerusalem / Ariel	Theme: Jerusalem lament	Theme: God's command	Theme: Man's ideas	Theme: Man's commands
Verses: Mt 15:1-9	Verses: Is 29:1-8	Verses: Mt 23:37-24:2	Verses: Is 29:17-24	Verses: Is 29:9-16	Verses: Mrk 7:1-23