

SERMON SERIES
THE WEIGHT OF SIN & THE POWER OF GOD
“THE WEIGHT OF HYPOCRISY”

Romans 2:17-24
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I. Hypocrisy focuses on privilege (vv. 17-18).

“But if you call yourself a Jew” begins with identity as a privilege. Focused on identity.

“and rely on the law” rest in having the law as distinct from Gentiles. Great privilege.

“and boast in God”

“and know his will and approve what is excellent”

Jeremiah 9:23-24

“Hypocrisy is a sin that besets us all.”

-Martyn Lloyd-Jones

“We must apply the truth to ourselves and be humbled by it.”

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“(Moralism) is the religion of people who compare themselves with others, who notice that they are “a lot more decent than other people,” and conclude: If there is a God, he’ll certainly accept me. I’m a good person.”

-Tim Keller

II. Hypocrisy forgets one’s mission (vv. 19-22).

“if ... sure you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness”

“an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children”

“Do you not teach yourself?”

“... do you steal ... do you commit adultery ... do you rob temples?”

Psalm 26:4
Matthew 23:23-32
Galatians 2:12-14

“... the increase of murder, adultery, sexual vice, commercial and judicial corruption, bitter sectarian strife and other evils.”

-Rabbi Jochanan Ben Zakkai, contemporary of Paul

III. Hypocrisy fails to honor God (vv. 23-24).

“you who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law.”

“The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

Isaiah 52:1-10
Ezekiel 36:20-21

“In the same manner do they at this day dishonor Christ, but transgressing the gospel, who prattle idly about its doctrine, while yet they tread it under foot by their unbridled and licentious mode of living.”

-John Calvin