

1. Nathan didn't need to tell David that he had sinned; David already knew intuitively because of his conscience.
2. We are created in the image of God, meaning we are endowed with a keen sense of justice.
3. God embodies perfect justice and displays no favoritism. He is remarkably patient and utterly Holy.
4. God's natural revelation and our conscience hold us accountable for our sins. Everyone will be judged based on their response to what God has revealed.
5. Hearing God's Word and feeling intrigued isn't enough. We must act on God's commands with faith in Jesus.
6. Our own conscience is a witness of God because we are acutely sensitive to the knowledge of justice and the knowledge of guilt.
7. David's guilt is overwhelming and he responds with pure and genuine confession. He is responding in faith to what God has revealed.
8. All immorality is repulsive to God. Jesus intercedes for us as our Judge who died in our place.
9. Jesus knows everything about us—every secret we have. Yet, He loves us and forgives us when we truly repent.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

Prosōpolēmpsia (*pros-o-pol-ape-see'-ah*) *partiality, i.e. favoritism :- respect of persons*

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Be Thou My Vision
Come Thou Fount
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Crown Him (Majesty)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think motivates people to come regularly to church?

Why do you think God wants us to regularly participate in church? (See Acts 2:42, Hebrews 10:25)

2. Mark said that “God does not want ‘auditors’ of His Word.” People who are just intrigued or curious to hear or learn about God.

A central truth of the Gospel is that God saved us so that we would have the opportunity to be fully transformed into His image bearers - people who embody His Word, reflecting Him in all parts of their lives - as Jesus did. This is a lifelong process called sanctification. While we are justified by faith, we are sanctified through obedience. God is not interested only in what you believe to be true. That is often just the first step toward fuller transformation. He desires to also see alignment in the way we live and what we love or value.

- How do these statements challenge your current thinking about what it means to be a Christian?

3. Read what Jesus said in Luke 12:47-48. Mark also said, “The greater the hearing, the greater the judgment.” And then (half-jokingly), “If you don’t want to be responsible, don’t come.”

- Knowing the consequences of hearing but not doing; why do you think God wants His people to continue exposing themselves to hearing the truths He has revealed to us in His Word?

4. What truth or revelation of God have you been largely setting aside or ignoring because it is inconvenient? What step of obedience do you think would honor God?