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Mark 15:16 — King James Version 1611

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature

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“I’m a Good Person” But Salvation By Grace Excludes Works

Most people who do not understand the gospel or who have never taken the time to learn it feel confident that their good works and the fact that they are a relatively good person will qualify them to go to Heaven after they die. They fail to understand the principle of God coming as a man and sacrificing himself as a payment for their sin because their works are not good enough to get them to Heaven. Doing good things does not wash away sins, and the Bible says that no matter how many good things we do we are still sinners ([Romans 3:23](#)).

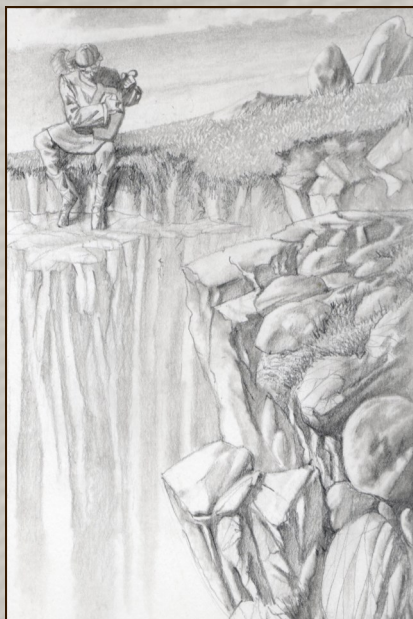
The common argument that ensues is that a man’s sins are not all that bad, and his good outweighs his bad. But if you search the scripture you will see that only **one sin**, no matter how small, will prevent us from going to Heaven if it is not paid for.

If you thought you could not sin, think about what the scripture says about lying: *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor* ([Exodus 20:16](#)). That is one of the ten commandments. So if you’ve ever told any lie, no matter how small, you’ve broken that commandment.

Look again in the ten commandments: *Thou shalt not kill* ([Exodus 20:13](#)). Of course you’ve never killed anyone but Jesus said that if you are angry with your brother it is the same as murder: ([Matthew 5:21-26](#)).

Look again: the ten commandments said *thou shalt not commit adultery* ([Exodus 20:14](#)). But Jesus said you may not have committed the act in real life but if you think it in your heart to have a passion for someone who is not your spouse, it is the same: ([Matthew 5:27-30](#)).

So you see that with only a few examples, no one can keep the law—that’s the reason why God gave it to us. Paul called the law a *schoolmaster* ([Galatians 3:24](#))



David Plays a Psalm, pencil by Jim Robinson.

The comfort we get from being good workers for God will not be enough to wash away all of our sins when we stand before God to enter Heaven. Jesus Christ is our Savior for that reason. [Order Print.](#)

whereby we would learn that we are sinners and the only hope for us is salvation by grace through Jesus Christ.

Many times people have a problem with pride. They simply can not humble themselves to the simplicity and humility of the Gospel. It is simple to be saved. One needs only to let go of the cords that bind him to believing his works are good enough to get him to Heaven. A life of rituals of good things including going to church, tending to the needs of your family and spouse and helping the poor is often the reasons people give as to why they will go to Heaven. But salvation from Hell is not dependent upon **any** good work, only on the blood of Christ washing away our sins.

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The Good Samaritan

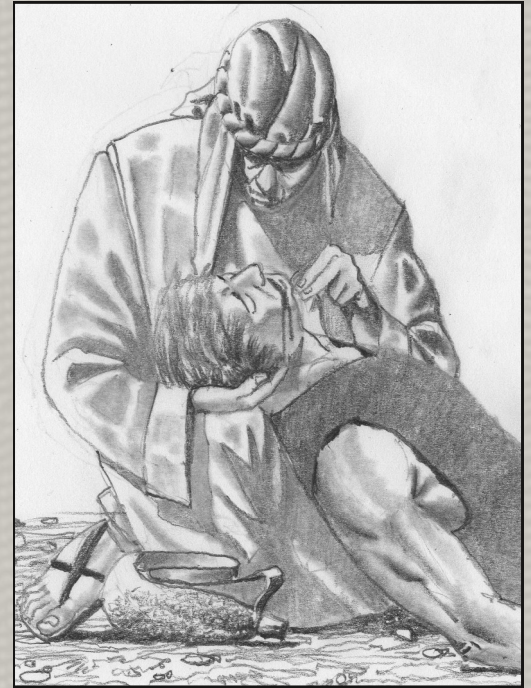
Jesus' Answer to a Lawyer's Justification of Himself

When Jesus was teaching the people, the greatest contentions he had were with the Pharisees, Sadducees, chiefs of the people, chief priests, religious leaders, lawyers, scribes and the wealthy. Whereas the common man received him gladly, most of this other group asked questions to corner him and accuse him, and they spent a great deal of time discrediting him. They were also the ones responsible for promoting his crucifixion and stirring up the common man to change his mind about Jesus.

In [Luke 10:25-37](#), a lawyer, tempting Jesus, had asked Him, *"Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"* Jesus had him answer his own question saying, *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself."* But the lawyer, trying to justify himself as to who qualified to be loved, asked, *"Who is my neighbour?"*

Jesus' reply was the Parable of the Good Samaritan. A man had fallen among thieves down a certain road and they left him beaten and half dead. A priest came down the road and saw him and crossed to the other side and passed by, completely ignoring the assaulted man. A Levite (religious leader) came down the road also and saw him, and he passed by and left him to die. Then a Samaritan (the people the Jews always considered wicked) came down the road and saw the man who had been beaten bloody. He stopped and helped him, tending to his wounds. He then put him on his beast and brought him to an inn and paid the keeper of the inn money to take care of him. And Jesus asked the lawyer, *"Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?"* And the answer was the Samaritan. And Jesus said, *"Go, and do thou likewise."*

Many times we justify our righteousness before God by comparing ourselves to those who are "worse off" than us. But we find that *each of us* has the potential to be saved, and we can not be made righteous by our heritage, our good works or our religious rituals. God would rather we love our brother than follow pharisaical laws.



The Samaritan was the one a Jew would least expect to help someone, but he was the only one who stopped to care for the beaten man in Jesus' parable. [Order print.](#)

Noah and the Ark

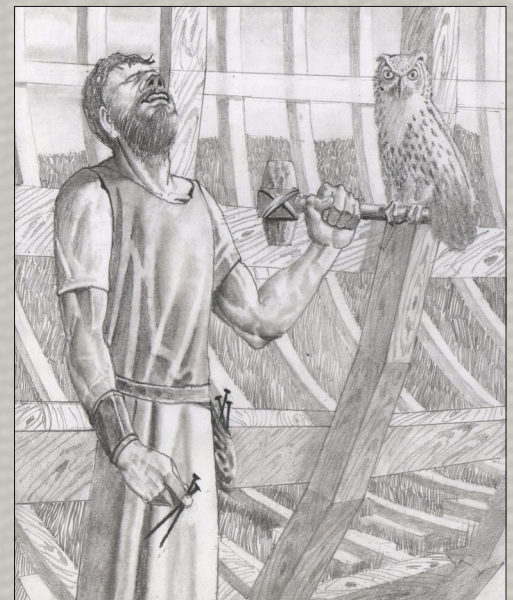
God Purges the World of Wickedness—Only to Have It Come Back Again

In the book of [Genesis 6:1-8](#), Moses explains the condition of the world after the Garden of Eden when man had multiplied on the face of the earth. Man had become wholly evil, and there was violence all over. The Bible says, *"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."*

Since Noah found grace in the eyes of God, he could of have been considered the only righteous man on the earth at that time along with his family. God decided to use Noah and his family to preserve mankind and destroy every other man with a flood ([Genesis 6:9-22](#)). He told Noah to build an ark with his sons, and for all of the 100 years it was in building Noah was preaching righteousness. The men of the world at that time rejected Noah's reproaching and called him foolish, for there had never been rain on the earth before and they simply did not believe God was going to flood the world.

So when Noah was done building, and the men had all mocked him, he called two of every animal into the ark, and his three sons and their wives also into the ark. Then he entered the ark and shut the door. The rain started to fall for the first time, and in all their curiosity the men of the earth could see that maybe Noah was right. The Bible says the fountains of the deep were opened up, and the rain came and the world was flooded, but Noah's ark lifted up on top of the waters as all the men of the earth that had mocked Noah drowned. Once the door of the ark was shut, God would not open it again until after the flood ([Genesis 7, Genesis 8:1-23](#)).

Although God purged mankind of evil at that time in Genesis over 4000 years ago, the wickedness of mankind is prophesied to be just as bad now while we are near the time of the Rapture when Jesus will come back ([Matthew 24:36-44](#)). Mankind did not learn from the flood, and today the scoffers deny that there even was a flood.



Noah Building the Ark, pencil by Jim Robinson. God flooded the world thousands of years ago to eliminate sin, but today, in the last days, it is the same as it was then.

The Translation to the KJV

King James' Christian Court of Literary Experts

The internet has some references on the translating of the KJV, one being the [Who Were the KJV Translators](#). But perhaps the most important thing you should know about these men, outside of the fact that they were some of the greatest scholars of the day, is that they just about all were martyred for what they did. They were not seeking a reputation, and that may be why much of the information about them is scarce. These men were ordained by God to translate the *Textus Receptus* into the English from the Greek and Hebrew, using other languages for definition and clarification. Their work, resulting in the **1611 King James Version (KJV) Bible**, has led the world into the modern day and ministered the Bible to the world in America's and England's missionary work, as well as the missionary work of other Christian-seeking nations around the world.

Since the translation of the KJV was ordained by God, the *KJV* is always right, even if it creates confusion with the former languages (Greek and Hebrew). It is because of the King James and America's former dedication to it that our country has been blessed by God for 200 years in our initiation, government, freedoms, industrial development, wars, social condition, and many other things. Only

recently in the past 50 years or so has America plunged into the depths of the abomination of secular humanism and forfeited the KJV Bible, along with the creation of many new versions of the Bible that deter away from the truth of God in the KJV.

There were 47 translators and each contributed a specialty to the work. Some were profound in Hebrew, some Greek, some Biblical history, but together they gave us the Bible for the English speaking language of the modern day.



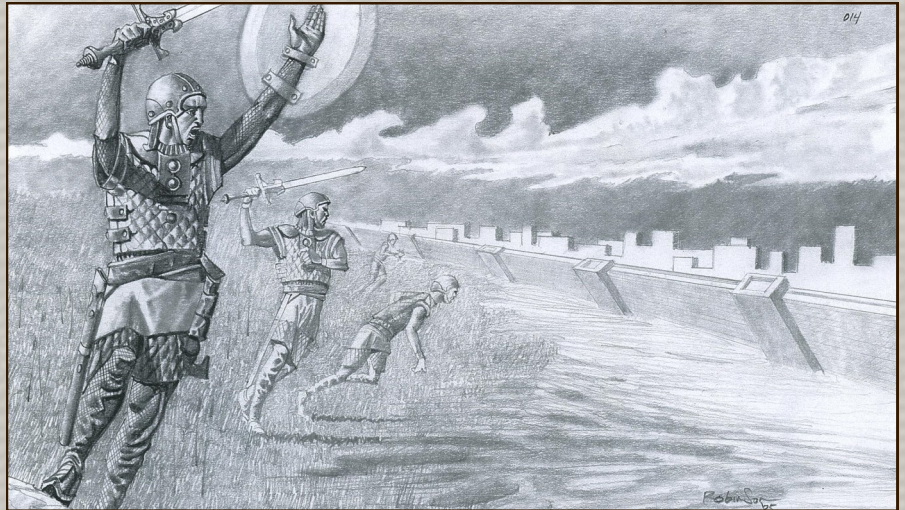
Joshua and the Wall of Jericho

Victory By the Hand of Man—or the Hand of God?

Moses was a great prophet that led the Hebrews out of bondage in Egypt and into the wilderness where they were to inherit the Promise Land; however, because of their rebellion, the people had to wait 40 years. After Moses died, Joshua took the leadership of the Hebrews and he was given the same fear as Moses by way of his miracles.

The Book of [Joshua Chapter 6](#) tells of the account of the city of Jericho. The wall of the city was great and the Hebrews could not conquer the wall. Joshua had sent spies into the city to seek it out, and the spies were kept by Rahab the Harlot. She was promised to be spared in the destruction of the city for her kindness to the spies.

When the day drew nigh that the Hebrews should attack the city Jericho to conquer its wall, God did not have the Hebrew army run up to attack the city with weapons. He had them march around the city (with the Ark of the Covenant and Joshua leading) once a day for six days. Then on the seventh day he had them march around the city seven times, and on the seventh time the priests blasted with the trumpets and the people shouted—and God caused the wall to fall down flat. Then the Hebrews went up into the city and took it, burning it with fire and slaying all of the people except Rahab and her family.



The people of Canaan (the inhabitants of Jericho included) were wicked idolaters who worshipped false gods. God's command was to destroy all of them and give their cities to His people. Joshua was the war general that led all of the attacks on the cities, but it wasn't the hand of his army that won the city. It was the hand of God's help in war. It may very well be that God's hand of help in war was present during America's conflict in WW1 and WW2 when she still had a fear of God. Would God's hand be in our wars now?



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