

## The Betrayer John 13:18-30

Last week we were looking at Jesus as the model servant through his actions at the Last Supper.

- The context is the Passover meal
- Jesus washed the disciples' feet
- He then challenged them to do the same
- As such, Jesus presents himself as the model servant

We stopped just before -

### Fourth: The Serving Challenge. 15-17

- a) Jesus's life is an example for us. 15

*"that you also should do just as I have done to you."*

The 7 *I am's* and the 7 signs proved that Jesus is God. Now to serve the disciples powerfully demonstrates the true meaning and use of authority and power. This turns power and authority on its head.

Can a model be so attractive that it is compelling?

The Christian life is like the limbo, answering the question, *"How low can you go?"*

- b) Christ is greater, not us. 16

To live contrarily, to abuse our authority and power, is to consider ourselves the Master and not the servant.

- c) We are blessed to live as Christ. 17

To 'know' is experiential knowledge. You don't really 'know' it if you aren't practicing it.

According to Wisdom personified, this is the 'blessed' life.

### Fifth: A Serious Warning. 18-20

*I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' <sup>19</sup> I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.*

**18** - *I know whom I have chosen*

Genesis 3:15 - *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*

Ever since the protoevangelium God has been moving toward this point.

Does God choose people for certain tasks?

**Exodus 9:13-16** - *Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. <sup>14</sup>For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth. <sup>15</sup>For by now I could have put out my hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth. <sup>16</sup>But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.*

This is a hard thought. How does God choose sinners to do his will through sinning and yet God remain holy?

**Habakkuk 1:1-13** - *The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. <sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. <sup>5</sup>"Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your day that you would not believe if told. <sup>6</sup>For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own. <sup>7</sup>They are dreaded and fearsome; their justice and dignity go forth from themselves. <sup>8</sup>Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press proudly on. Their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle swift to devour. <sup>9</sup>They all come for violence, all their faces forward. They gather captives like sand. <sup>10</sup>At kings they scoff, and at rulers they laugh. They laugh at every fortress, for they pile up earth and take it. <sup>11</sup>Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!" <sup>12</sup>Are you not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. **O LORD, you have ordained them as a judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.** <sup>13</sup>You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?*

Habakkuk only thought his problem was the wickedness of Israel. Now his problem is that God will use sinners to sin as the means to judge Israel.

If God ever chooses a sinner to do his bidding through sin:

1) The sinner is doing what comes naturally to him/her

**Exodus 9:17** - *You are still exalting yourself against my people and will not let them go.*

Do you see that? Pharoah is only doing what is natural to him.

2) This means that God is not the author of sin

3) It also means that God is separate from the sin that is committed

In theological terms, this is called a theodicy, an attempt to understand how our good God and evil both exist in the world –

a) God is good

b) Evil exists

c) Why and how?

But if God is sovereign, and God is, nothing can occur apart from his will. We sometimes say, “Well God permits it,” but that means God could stop it and chose not to, which really puts us back in the same dilemma.

But, since we know that:

a) God is good

b) Evil exists

c) God must have a good reason for it and it must exist without infringing on his nature

What we know right now, from this text, is that God chose Judas and Jesus is telling his disciples that, no matter what happens, he knows and controls the future.

In the interim, we have been warned by Jesus to focus on Jesus

**John 21:20-22** - *Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?”<sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?”<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”*

1 – I know whom I have chosen

2 – The Scripture will be fulfilled

ILL – Think on Lucifer’s 5 “I will’s” (Isaiah 14:13-14) and God’s five “I will’s in Gen 12:1-3

*“He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me”*

Psalm 41:9 – David – *“Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.”*

### 3 – Proving Jesus’ divinity 19

**19** - *I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he.*

### 4 – And commissioning the disciples 20

**20** - *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.*

This brings us to our present text: **John 13:21-30**

*After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”<sup>22</sup> The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke.<sup>23</sup> One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side,<sup>24</sup> so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.<sup>25</sup> So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, “Lord, who is it?”<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.<sup>27</sup> Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.”<sup>28</sup> Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him.<sup>29</sup> Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor.<sup>30</sup> So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.*

**21** – A ‘will’ by Jesus is a ‘done’ in the world

This is good news –

How do we know **Romans 8:28** is true?

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,<sup>[h]</sup> for those who are called according to his purpose.<sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.<sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

- a) Statement – All things work together for the good of those who are called according to God’s purpose
- b) Reasoning –
  - a. God foreknew those whom he predestined to conformed to Jesus
  - b. Those he predestined, he called
  - c. Those he called, he justified
  - d. Those he justified, he glorified
- c) Conclusion – If you were justified, you were foreknown, predestined, called, and glorified.

**22** – This is troubling news

**23-25** – Peter encourages John to ask

**26a** – Jesus plainly declares the identity of his betrayer

**26b** – He gave the bread to Judas

**27a** – Satan entered Judas

Demon possession is real. Jesus faced it. Can the devil do that to Christians?

**Good article** - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/demon-possession/>

**Ephesians 4:30** - *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

**John 17:12** - *While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.*

**27b** – Jesus acknowledges Judas’s betrayal

**28-29** – No one else knew what Judas was doing

**30** – Judas leaves “And it was night.”

**Isaiah 9:2** - *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.*

**John 1:1-5** - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life,<sup>[a]</sup> and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

**John 3:16-21** - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."*