

Stewards of the Community Doing Justice II

“Corporate and systemic evil”

Multidimensional leaders are stewards of a new community.

Is sin personal only?

Is sin only individual choice?

Is it possible for a community, government or group to do evil?

Matthew 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Revelation 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and **the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God:** and I will write upon him my new name.

As we labor together with God, for the kingdom of God and for a just community, we need an awareness of various kinds of evils.

I

Sin may be personal, however it not private.

Sin impacts others and is far reaching.

KJV Joshua 7:1 But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and **the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.**

Achan's sin caused trouble and death in all of Israel.

NIV Joshua 7:24 Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold bar, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor. ²⁵ Joshua said, “**Why have you brought this trouble on us?** The LORD will bring trouble on you

today.” Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them.

There were corporate consequences for one man’s sin.

- Achan’s sin cost him his livelihood, his family and his livestock.

II

Daniel, a prophet, understood corporate responsibility for systemic sin.

NKJ **Daniel 9:4** And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, ⁵ **we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.** ⁶ Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, **who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.**

Daniel identified with systemic sin he had not done.

Daniel understood the consequences of systemic evil.

Daniel says we did evil and are reaping the consequences of that evil. **Vs 6**

- *Individuals and nations sin and national sins are corporate evil!*

III

Corporate evil and shame can come from the actions of an individual or a group.

NKJV **Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as **through one man sin entered the world**, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Adam’s sin produced condemnation to come on all men.

Adam’s sin produced misery.

Adam’s sin produced death to come on all men.

Corporate evil and shame can come from an individual's actions.

- Germany felt shame because of the systemic evil of the Nazi party.
- In the black, brown and Islamic community when evil happens from an individual or a group, we feel corporate shame "*I hope they weren't black, brown or Muslim*".

IV

The good news says by one man's righteousness we are all made righteous.

NKJV Romans 5:18 Therefore, as through **one man's offense judgment came to all men**, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, **so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.**

Jesus' obedience made many righteous.

- Because of corporate grace we are not condemned.
- Because of corporate grace death has no hold on me.
- Because of corporate grace we are justified.
- Because of corporate grace we are declared righteous.

America feels corporate pride because of...

- **The "Miracle on Ice" was an ice hockey game during the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York.** It was played between the hosting United States and the Soviet Union on February 22, 1980, during the medal round of the men's hockey tournament.
- **The 1992 United States men's Olympic basketball team**, nicknamed the "Dream Team", was the first American Olympic team to feature active professional players from the National Basketball Association (NBA). The team has been described by journalists around the world as the greatest sports team ever assembled.

Our just God is always working towards removing the condensation, misery and death.

Our just God is always moving towards granting justification, right standing, life and peace.

God is at work correcting the systemic sin of the past in the community.

Godly people are laborers together with God in bringing right standing, life and peace to all the members of the community.

- *Let's do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.*