

- Any questions about the sermon on SUBMISSION this morning? Dare I answer them in the open... ;-]
- Not back in book yet - questions came up after last time - “Voting like a Christian”
 - If both Dem & Rep are bad then what is the difference - 6 one way; 1/2 dozen the other
 - “I thought all sins were the same....in God’s eyes?”
 - “Since they are both evil how is one is “lesser” or “greater” than the other”
- Catechism (on bulletin flap this morning)
 - Q. Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous? A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of various aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than other.
- John 19:11
 - Pilate, the Jewish rulers and Judas all sinned.... but not equally heinous
 - Jewish rulers were worse than Pilate and Judas was worse than them all - Matt. 26:24
 - Different degrees of the same sin
 - Our laws recognize different degrees of offences.
 - Murder (1st, 2nd, 3rd,...) manslaughter
 - Matt. 5:21-22 to be angry with brother without cause breaks 6th
 - anger violates law against murder but not same as “murder murder”
 - Jesus even separates 3 classes/degrees of “anger murder” - 5:22
 - Court....supreme court....hell
- All sins are not the same and all laws do not carry the same weight.
 - What is the greatest commandment? Matthew 22:35-36
 - Is there then a greatest (*most important/weightiest*) commandment?
 - Breaking the 1st Table of the Law is worse than breaking the 2nd Table
 - 1st Table (love of God) is greater than the 2nd Table (love of neighbor)
 - Matt. 12:30-32
 - To blaspheme the Father or Son is terrible but forgivable.
 - Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is not forgivable - unpardonable sin
 - We shouldn’t neglect even the least commandment...but some are LEAST
 - Matt. 5:19
 - Matt. 23:23-24 Some laws are gnats (small) Some are camels (big)
 - Tithing is a gnat (small) Justice, mercy & faithfulness are camels (big)
 - Matt. 7:1-5
 - We are not to judge hypocritically....but judge righteously - John 7:24
 - We are distinguish between “specks” and “logs”
- Different degrees of sin
 - 1 John 5:16-17 some sins are “not unto death” (prayed for) some are unto death (~~prayer~~)
 - Some kings were worse than others - 1 Kings 16:25-26, 30-31 2 Kings 17:1-2
 - No moral equivalence between evil kings or kingdoms (Israel -vs- Hamas)
 - We are to judge between *speck & beam* and *gnat & camel*. (R -vs- D)
 - There are sins that God hates - Prov. 6:16-19 God hates all sin, but some sin “loath entirely”
 - (Grinch movie paraphrase) “Pride, lying and shedding of innocent blood....hate, hate, double hate, loath entirely”

