

Beholding him, He loved him

Jesus is no doubt the very grace of God. When we see Jesus, we have seen the Father (John 14:7) and the grace of God. Nothing less, nothing more, yet when you study the life of Jesus, the sinless son of God, God manifest in the flesh, you will discover that He was no joke, no pushover, bolder than anyone that ever lived and will ever live.

Jesus never hated anyone. He came for all of us. He loved us so He came. This is very telling, even if in some cases it appears as though He did not care and was too blunt with the people—a side of Jesus that many have not recognized or have neglected.

Mark 10:17-23 *And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? 18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. 19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. 20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. 21 **Then Jesus beholding him loved him**, and said unto him, *One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. 22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. 23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, **How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!****

- a) Jesus said some hard things because He loved him (Mark 10:21).
- b) Beholding this rich young ruler, He loved him, yet he said some hard things. Why? Because He loved him. The reason Jesus said what He said was because He loved him.
- c) Beholding him, He loved him and **"said"**
 - i) Love will say or speak to a person! This passage says Jesus loved him and said. He said the truth to him.
 - o When we love a person, we can't help but tell them the truth in love because we love them (Ephesians 4:15 *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*)

- Leviticus 19:17 *Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.*
- Everything Jesus said that appears to be hard was coming from a place of love. He loved the people and was willing to tell them the truth.
- ii) Love will say hard things to a person because he is loved.
- iii) For Jesus, it was never personal but simply a love for the people at every point, hence some of the tough words He said.
 - Galatians 4:16 *Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?*
 - Does Jesus become one's enemy because He tells people the truth?
 - I should not become your enemy because I shared with you that you are a boy, not a girl, and vice versa. I should not be an enemy for telling you that Jesus is the only way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).
- iv) **When we love a person, we:**
 - Give to them
 - Tell them the truth
 - Discipline—Rebuke and reprove.
- d) If this man knew Mark 10:30, he would have sold all to follow Jesus.
- e) Notice: this man had a word from the Lord, straight up, yet he rejected it. With a word from the Lord, he could have gotten it all back and more.
 - i) Some people become sad anytime they hear someone talk or ask people to participate in giving. If you are sad when you hear about money and giving, it is the same wrong heart as this young, rich ruler.

Most people miss the boldness of Jesus on many occasions. **Jesus said some of the strongest statements ever.**

- Generation of vipers
Matthew 23:23 *Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?*
- Matthew 23:27 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.*
- If you don't hate your father and mother, you cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:26 *If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.*

Matthew 10:37 *He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.*

- Let the dead bury the dead.

Matthew 8:22 *But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.*

- Dogs

Matthew 15:26 But he answered and said, *It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.*

- Whip and overthrew the Tables in the temple.

Matthew 21:12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and **overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,**

- Den of thieves

Matthew 21:13 And said unto them, *It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

- He whom thou now hast is not thy husband

John 4:15-19 *The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. 17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. 19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.*

Jesus was not only the lamb of God, but He was also a consuming fire and the lion of the tribe of Judah.