

Isaiah 1:2-9
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Sermon Notes

According to John Calvin, we need to know two things to make meaningful contact with reality. We need to know God and ourselves. A new self-awareness "leads us by the hand," Calvin says, to find God.

1. God's broken heart

2 Corinthians 6:18 ESV

18 and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Ephesians 1:5 ESV

5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

Ephesians 3:14-15 ESV

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

2. Our broken lives

Romans 3:20 ESV

20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

The law expresses care as well as correctness.

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Romans 7:7 ESV

7 What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

Romans 3:10 ESV

10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;

Romans 2:4 ESV

4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

God is the measure of right and wrong. God is the measure of what is good and bad. God is the measure of what is true and false.

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3. God's unbroken grace

Mark 10:45 ESV

45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Isaiah 53:5 ESV

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.