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The False Hope of Religion

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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Today is my Dad's first day of retirement. We found him on our front lawn this morning like this at 8:00 a.m. He couldn't wait to rub it in.
Congrats, Dad! We love you! — with Cor Chmielecki.

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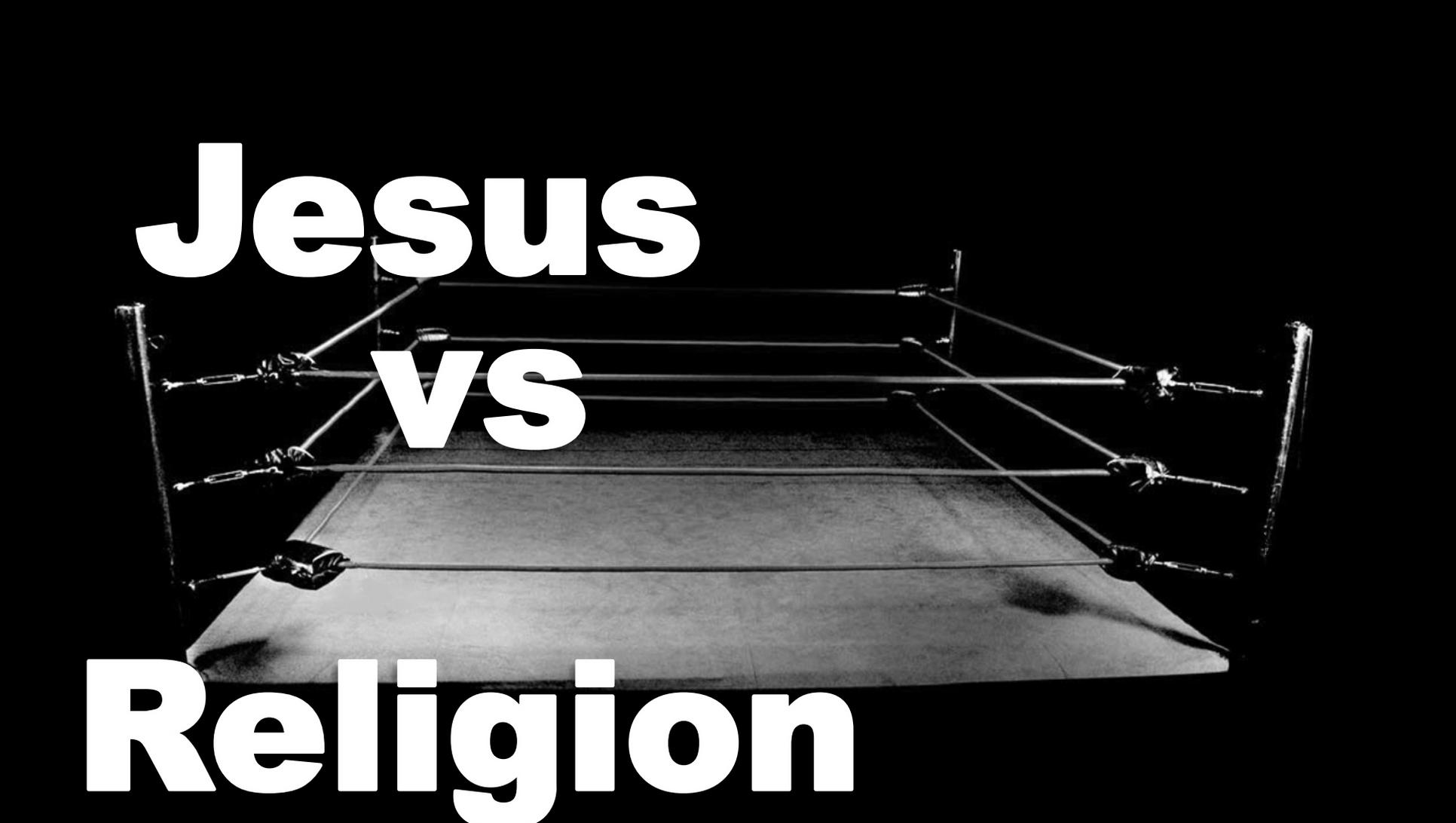
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The Gospel of
LUKE

Setting His Face to Jerusalem

Luke 9:51 to Luke 19:44

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Jesus

vs

Religion

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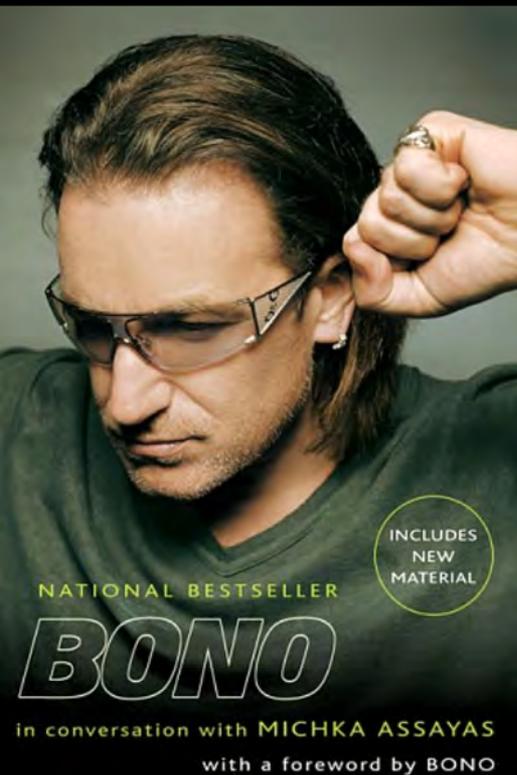
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Religion operates on the principle of “I obey -- therefore I am accepted by God.”

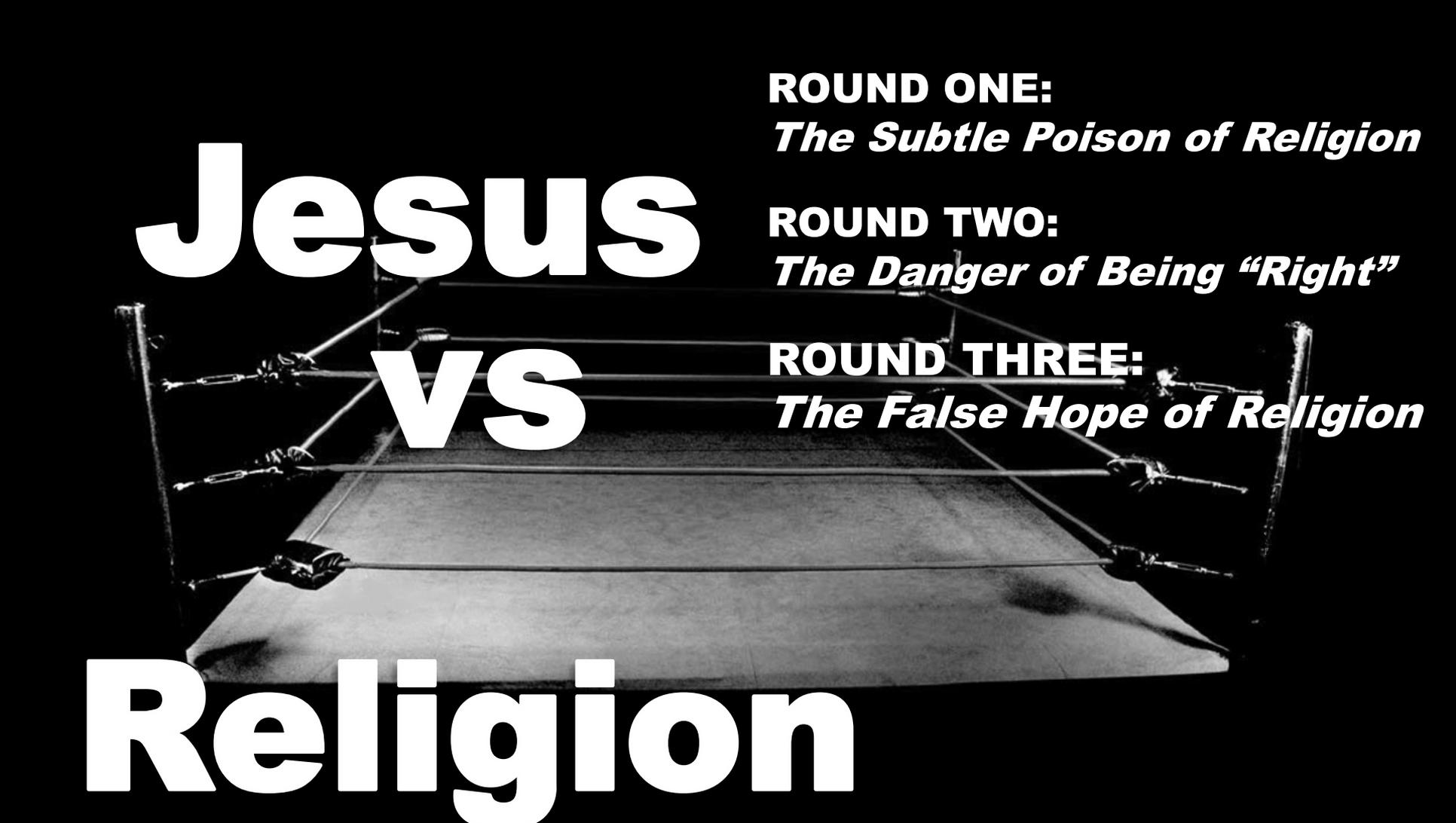
The message of Jesus is:

“I am accepted by God through the work of Jesus Christ -- therefore I obey.”



I'd be in big trouble if karma was going to finally be my judge. I'd be in deep s[tuff]. It doesn't excuse my mistakes, but I'm holding out for grace. I'm holding out that Jesus took my sins onto the Cross, because I know who I am, and I hope I don't have to depend on my own religiosity.

~ Bono, from the book: *Bono: In Conversation with Michka Assayas*.



Jesus vs Religion

ROUND ONE:

The Subtle Poison of Religion

ROUND TWO:

The Danger of Being "Right"

ROUND THREE:

The False Hope of Religion

Today's Message:
Jesus vs Religion: Round Three
The False Hope of Religion
Luke 12:1-12

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Luke 12:1-12

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The Scene

Luke 12:1a

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Jesus' warning about the Pharisees

Luke 12:1b-3

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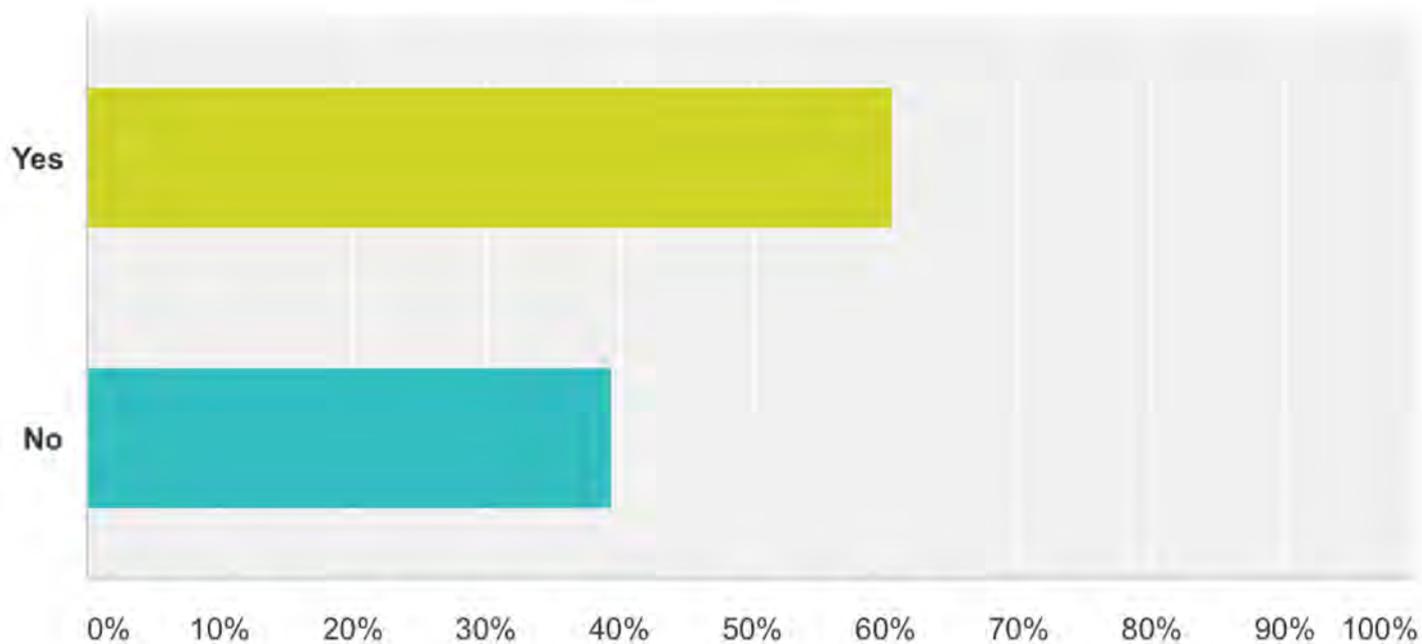
**I've got nothing
against God**

**It's his Fan Club
I can't stand**

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Have you ever been accused of being hypocritical in your Christian faith?

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- Telling others about their need for Christ

What is hypocrisy?



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Jesus' warning to the disciples

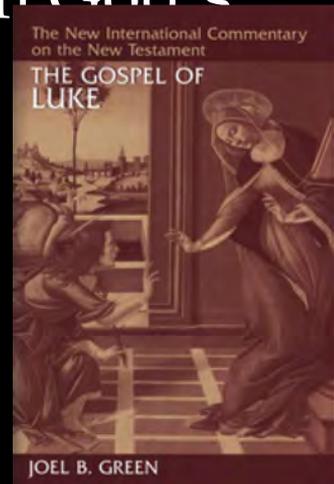
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What does it mean to fear God?

Fear, in this case, is not awe in the face of divine splendor but the trepidation indigenous to situations of life imperilment... Jesus has spoken of his own impending death and promised few alternatives for those desiring to become his followers (9:22–23)... Fear in the face of death, then, is more specifically fear in the face of life-threatening persecution on account of one's identification with God's purpose as this is expounded by Jesus...

~Joel Green, New International Commentary
of the New Testament , The Gospel of Luke



By insisting on the substitution of one fear for another – fear of those who can kill the body versus fear of him who has the authority to cast into hell – Jesus introduces a logic whose point is not immediately obvious... Jesus asserts that, in hostile situations of life imperilment, God is the only one who should be feared, but the character of God is such that one need not fear him!

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Numinous Awe

How do people, in any religion at all, respond when they get near the divine being?

Numinous Awe is a violent contradiction of fear and fascination, of approach and avoidance.

Rudolph Otto, German Sociologist of Religion, *The Idea of the Holy*



The Doctrine of Hell

OBJECTIONS:

“God could NEVER make such a place!”

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1. Universalism
2. Annihilationism
3. Second Probation

The Doctrine of Hell

Isaiah 66:24

²⁴“ And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

The Doctrine of Hell

Matthew 5:27-30

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’

²⁸But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.”

The Doctrine of Hell

Matthew 8:28, 29

²⁸When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no-one could pass that way. ²⁹“What do you want with us, Son of God?” they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?”

The Doctrine of Hell

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

⁵All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. ⁶God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power ¹⁰on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

What is the proper response to hell?



If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies; and if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay, and not madly to destroy themselves. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.

Charles Spurgeon

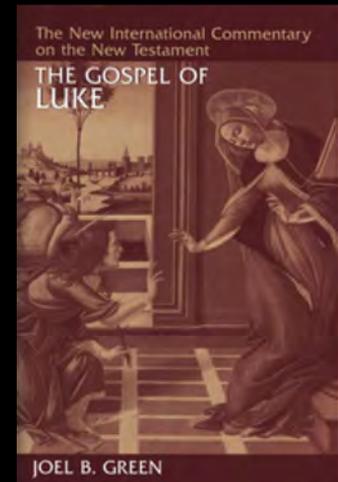
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This is the conceptualization of God as one who can count what humans cannot count and, so, whose knowledge surpasses that of humans and whose design, therefore, cannot be grasped fully by humans. The point, then, is that sparrows can be bought and sold and that humans can suffer persecution, but not apart from God's attentiveness, not outside of God's care, not in a way that circumvents the redemptive plan of God. Jesus' words contrast the limited knowledge of human beings with the mysterious omniscience of God.

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of the New Testament , The Gospel of Luke



How we are to relate to God the Son

Luke 12:8-10a

8 “I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. 9 But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God. 10 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.”

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