

October 18th, 2015 – Travesty, Part V

Casting Stones

In these scenes we see the moral decline of David Briar, his attempted escape with his secretary and the money from his company and ultimately to his suicide.

The Lord always makes away of escape from sin. I Corinthians 10:13 says; *“No temptation [regardless of its source] has overtaken or enticed you that is not common to human experience [nor is any temptation unusual or beyond human resistance]; but God is faithful [to His word-He is compassionate and trustworthy], and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability [to resist], but along with the temptation He [has in the past and is now and] will [always] provide the way out as well, so that you will be able to endure it [without yielding, and will overcome temptation with joy].”*

Sin always starts in the heart. James 1:14-15 says; *“But each one is tempted when he is dragged away, enticed and baited [to commit sin] by his own [worldly] desire (lust, passion). Then when the illicit desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin has run its course, it gives birth to death.”*

This is what happened with David. He shunned the conviction of the Holy Spirit in his life, allowing his conscience to be seared which led to his falling into temptation, sin and ultimate death.

However, as terrible as these sins are, Jesus always raises the ante on us in our lives! For example, the adulterous woman in John 8 is caught in the very act of adultery and what’s His response; *“He who is without [any] sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”* He raises the ante even more in Matthew 5:27-28 where He says; *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery’, but I say to you that everyone who [so much as] looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”* He goes beyond the act and takes it back to the HEART. That’s where sin is conceived as we’ve just read. [Please click on this link](#) to see a short clip from the movie Jesus of Nazareth to see this scene.

How many today are ‘throwing stones’ at those who’ve committed adultery, male or female, yet they’re lusting in their hearts toward someone who isn’t their husband or isn’t their wife? Their vain imaginations are running wild, without restraint ... Jesus says it’s the **very same thing as the ACT!**

How about murder? Matthew 5:21-26 says; *“You have heard that it was said to the men of old, ‘you shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be guilty before the court.’ But I say to you that everyone who continues to be angry with his brother or harbors malice against him shall be guilty before the court; and whoever speaks [contemptuously and insultingly] to his brother, Raca (You empty-headed idiot)! Shall be guilty before the supreme court (Sanhedrin); and whoever says, **‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of fiery hell.**”* Again, Jesus raises the ante!

Daily we’re being bombarded with the atrocities of murder around the world, and we’re horrified and angered about it. As horrible as it is, Jesus brings it again to our individual hearts that if we say what he’s just mentioned...it’s equal to murder! So how many people do we murder with our tongues every day? Proverbs 8:21 says; *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”* Our words bring life or death.

Jesus always took things beyond the Law; He took it one step higher to our heart, thoughts and tongue. What words does Jesus use with the adulterous woman in John 8:11; *“... Go. From now on sin no more.”* Let’s close by reading [Romans 6 in the Amplified Bible](#).