

that day when God will judge the secrets of all men."

Conscience 4-6 Our "*life*" created in God's image (Gen. 1-2) has the inner "*light*" of conscience. We know instinctively that some things are right and some are wrong. If a dog kills its puppy that is *SAD* but if a man beats a puppy to death for the fun of it that is *BAD* and we feel he should be restrained and punished.

One glory of being human is that we cannot do bad without feeling bad. No animal *feels* bad about the food it has stolen and brings it back. It can be trained to do it but never feels it "ought" to do it. That is a human trait. This truth turned C.S. Lewis from atheism to Christianity.

Years ago, a man was to be executed for rape and murder and the week of the execution another man walked in, confessed to committing the crime and gave enough details to let them know he was telling the truth. When asked why, he said he learned that the man to be executed was an ex-Marine who served in Vietnam, and he was a Marine who served in Vietnam. and he said, "I could not let a fellow Marine be put to death for something I did".

As evil as this man was, he could not silence the voice of conscience. Conscience also tells us there will be a *day of reckoning*, a judgment, for all the wrongs we have done – especially the people we have hurt and the people we could have and should have helped but did not. Almost every culture has "karma" a "payday someday".

A former child actress on television was talking about her battles with drugs and depression.

She told how her "rock star" father began having improper relations with her when she was in her early teens. This continued into her early 20s' until one day she walked in and said, "Daddy you and I are going to hell for what we've been doing" and walked out.

All the glitter, glamor and gold of Hollywood could not silence the voice of conscience telling

her there will be a "payday someday" for every human being.

A man walked out of the restroom of a very fashionable restaurant and a bell started ringing and lights started flashing the words, "*This man did not wash his hands.*" It will be like that when what we have "**done in secret will be shouted from the rooftops.**" (Lk. 12:3)

Acts 7: 1-29

Day 3

Hebrews 1:1-3

"In many separate revelations [each of which set forth a portion of the truth] and in all kinds of ways, God spoke in the past to our ancestors by the prophets."

Chosen People and their Bible

John the Baptizer is mentioned here because 60 years after Jesus went back to heaven some people believed he and not Jesus was the Messiah. But in this context of God revealing himself John represents the of the New Testament. The OT said the Savior was coming. John pointed to Jesus He said he is here – "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the of the world."

If I walk past your house for years, you will know a little about me, gender, height, race etc. but you will not know *me* – the kind of person I am. For all you know, I could be Billy Graham or Adolf Hitler. In the universe [creation and conscience] God *passes by* us but does not tell us who He is.

You get to the kind of person I am when I speak to you and have conversations with you. These "words" come from my inner "**word**" – **who I am as a person.** The universe does not tell us if God is good or evil, or if He loves us and will forgive us. This is why God gave us His written "word" the Bible.

On the walls of a Georgia prison, that was shut down because of its cruelty, the words "**They ain't no God!**" were written on one cell wall. This man was not an atheist, he was one of life's walking wounded saying, "If there is a God he