

The Message • Pastor Ron Smith

Ten Shekels and a Shirt



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The Truth

JUDGES 17:1-13 • JUDGES 18:1-6 • JUDGES 18:14-21



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THE LEVITE
an opportunist



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PRAGMATISM

Utilitarian religion and expedient
Christianity and a useful God?

Pragmatism means if it works it's true.
If it succeeds it's good.



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THE GREATEST FAILURES OF THE AGES:

Noah • Jeremiah • Jesus



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Is God an End or Is He a Means?



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HUMANISM

Humanism says the reason for existence is
man's happiness.



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HAPPINESS THROUGH POWER

Nietzsche



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HAPPINESS THROUGH PLEASURE

(Existentialism)
sensual experience



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PUBLIC EDUCATION

No absolute standards

John Dewey (1859-1952): “Children shouldn’t be brought to any particular standard, that the end of education was simply to allow the child to express himself and expand on what he is and find his happiness in being what he wants to be.”



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The Churches

**BOTH LIBERALS and
FUNDAMENTALISTS**



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WHAT IS THE PHILOSOPHY OF A CHRISTIAN?

God said to Reidhead, “I didn’t send you to Africa for the sake of the heathen, I sent you to Africa for My sake.”



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Christianity says, “The end of all being is the glory of God.”

Humanism says, “The end of all being is the happiness of man.”



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WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Why did you repent?



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THE PREACHERS . . .

. . . now preach a seeker friendly Gospel that is focused on man's comfort instead of being God-focused for God's glory. A pragmatic Gospel and a useful God.



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THE DIFFERENCE!

The old preachers were not trying to convince a GOOD MAN that he was in trouble with a BAD GOD!

They were convincing BAD MEN that they had deserved the wrath and anger of a GOOD GOD!



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The Humanist Gospel:

“Come to be saved so you can go to heaven, come to the cross so that you can have joy and victory, come for the fullness of the Spirit so that you can be satisfied.”



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