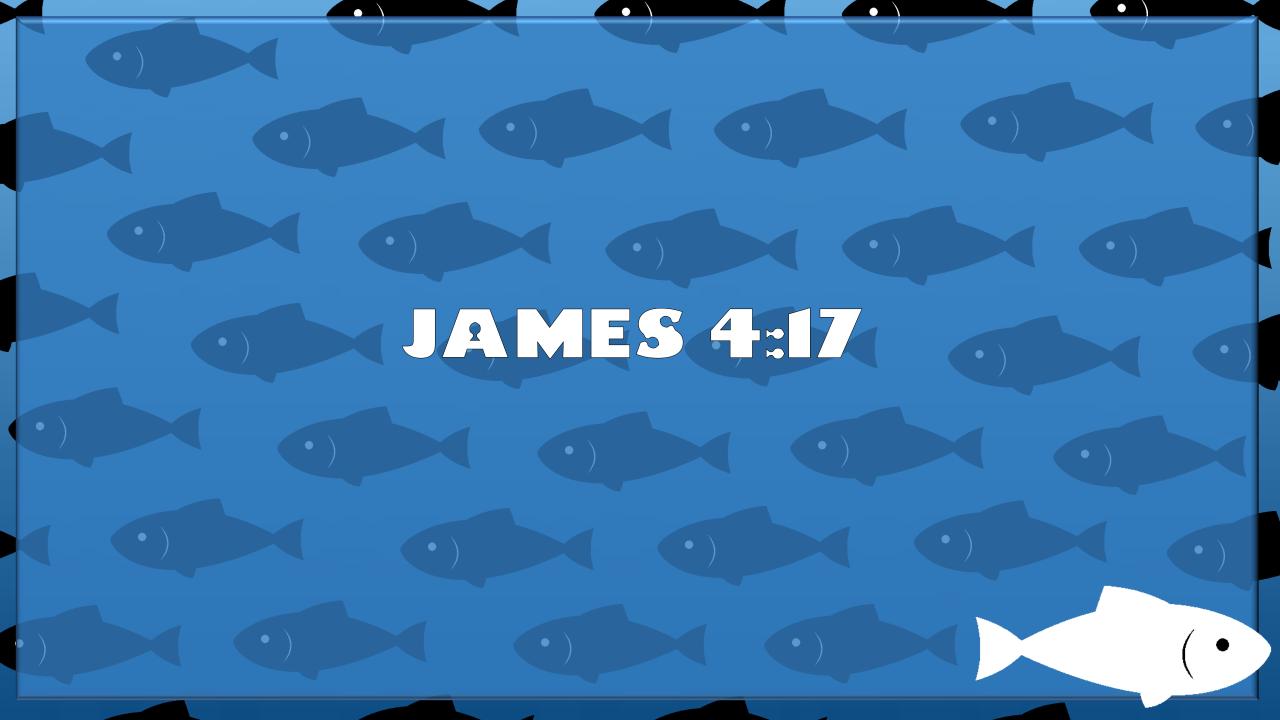


IN JESUS' DAY, THE LAW WAS THE STANDARD USED TO DETERMINE HOW "GOOD" A JEWISH PERSON WAS

1. SCRIBES WERE HIGHLY TRAINED EXPERTS IN THE INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF THE LAW. 2. "PHARISEES" COMES
FROM A HEBREW WORD
MEANING "SEPARATE"

TO BE A PHARISEE MEANT HOLDING TO A LEYEL OF MAN-MADE SEPARATENESS, WHICH EXALTED AND MADE THEM SELF-RIGHTEOUS-

IT IS NOT HARD TO SEE WHY JESUS TOOK SUCH EXCEPTION TO THESE INABEQUATE, SELF-RELIANT, RELIGIOUS LEADERS



THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES KNEW THE RIGHT THING TO DO, ONLY PROBLEM, THEY DECEIVED THEMSELVES INTO THINKING THEY COULD PERFECTLY FOLLOW THE 613 LAWS AND ALL THE ADDED ORAL TRADITIONS

LIKE SOMEHOW, THEY COULD STAND BEFORE HOLY GOD AND IN THEIR OWN MERIT BE VIEWED ACCEPTABLE WHATAUDACITY

THEIR FORM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WAS INADEQUATE (THEIR BEST ATTEMPTS WERE STILL SATURATED IN SIN AND THEY STILL NEED SALVATION





THE JEWISH SOCIETY (IN JESUS DAY) WERE OUTWARD FOCUSED

LUKE 16:19-31

TO THE JEWISH AUDIENCE, THEY WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THE GOOD GUY WAS THE RICH GUY AND THE BAD GUY THE GUY STEEPED IN SIN WASLAZARUS

THE ENTIRE PICTURE, WHICH JESUS PAINTED, WOULD HAYE REVOLTED THE JEWISH AUDIENCE

LUKE 15:22-23 LUKE 15:24-25

TWO DRASTICALLY DIFFERENT DESTINATIONS CA COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED OUTCOME

-LUKE 15:27-31

JESUS FINISHES THIS STORY, BY ALLUDING TO WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO

THE ONLY RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT HAS ANY VALUE IS JESUS'

MATTHEW 5:20

THE SCRIBES AND PHARISES' RIGHTEOUSNESS COULD NEVER BE ENOUGH

IF YOU ARE BANKING ON YOUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS _ IT MUST BE WAY BETTER THAN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES

YOU BETTER BE COMPLETELY FLAWLESS, 100 PERCENT PERFECT IN EVERY TINY AREA WITHOUT A SINGLE SPOT OR BLEMISH ON YOUR RECORD?

YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS WOULD HAVE TO EQUAL THAT OF HOLY GOD

ISAIAH 54:5A

THE POINT THAT JESUS IS MAKING IS-YOU GAN'T NOW, IN ME, YOU ARE!!

