

THE HANDWRITING OF GOD

- ⇒ **Text:** Ex. 32:16
- ⇒ **Intro:**
 - There are three places in the Bible where God physically wrote something with His own hand.
- ⇒ I. **The Handwriting on the tablets COMMANDS US**
 - **Ex. 20:1-17** — Writing that reveals God's Demands:
 - ⇒ A. Sin is a transgression of these commandments
 - **1 John 3:4**
 - ⇒ B. No one has obeyed these commandments
 - **Rom. 3:10-12**
 - ⇒ C. To offend in the least is to be guilty of all
 - **James 2:10**
 - ⇒ II. **The Handwriting on the wall CONDEMNS US**
 - **Dan. 5:1-30** — Writing that reveals a Glaring Deficit.
 - ⇒ A. We lack righteousness because we have broken God's Law.
 - ⇒ B. We are weighed in the balance and found wanting.
 - **Rom. 3:23**
 - ⇒ III. **The Handwriting in the sand CLEARS US**
 - **John 8:1-11** — Writing that precedes a Gracious Deliverance.
 - They were trying to trap Jesus.
 - The same problem God faced when Adam sinned:
 - How can God be holy and just and still be merciful and gracious to sinners?
 - Can justice and mercy meet?
 - Here is a case of a guilty sinner leaving the presence of Christ UNcondemned!
 - ⇒ A. The first writing (**John 8:6**) indicated that the original Ten Commandments were written by His finger
 - **cf. Lev. 20:10; Dt. 22:22-24**
 - 1. The first tablets were BROKEN.
 - **Ex. 32:15-19**
 - 2. They were all as guilty as she was – **John 8:7**
 - Because no one whoever lived could keep the Old Testament Law except Jesus Christ.
 - 3. In essence what Jesus is saying to the scribes and Pharisees is –
 - "You remind Me of what the Law saith! It was My finger that wrote the Law!"
 - ⇒ B. The second writing (**John 8:8**) indicated the second set of tablets that were placed in the ark and covered by the mercy seat where the blood was sprinkled
 - **Ex. 40:20** – **"the testimony"**
 - ⇒ C. Law and Grace are not in competition with each other.
 - They compliment each other.

- Before we can be cleared by God's grace we must be see ourselves condemned by God's Law.
- There must be conviction, before conversion.
- o 1. The basis for Jesus statement, "**Neither do I condemn thee**," was the fact that shortly He would be "**condemned**" in her place.
- o 2. Notice the order of Jesus' words to the woman.
 - It was not, "**Go and sin no more, and I will not condemn thee.**"
 - That would have been works, not grace.
 - **Romans 8:1**, reminds us, "**There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,...**"

⇒ **Conclusion:**

- o My friend if you are a saved, born again child of God and have been washed in the blood of the Lord Jesus then you are in Christ Jesus.
 - Then if you are in Christ Jesus then you will never come under condemnation of God for you sins because Jesus Christ was condemned in your place.
 - He suffered the pain, agony, and finally death on the cross of Calvary.
 - He shed every ounce of His precious sinless blood so you would never have to spend a second in the lake of fire.
- o My friend if you are here today and are not saved.
 - You cannot save yourself.
 - You cannot keep the Ten Commandments, the demands of God.
 - The Word of God says that you have been weighed in the balance and come short.
 - Come short of the glory of God.
 - You are under the condemnation of God.
 - Someday you will wake up and find yourself in a literal lake of fire and there will not way out.
 - It will be late.
 - You will spend time and eternity burning in that lake of fire.
- o The Good News is Jesus want to clear you just as He cleared that woman in John 8.
 - But before you can be cleared by God's grace you must see yourself condemned by God's Law.
 - My friend won't you be saved today.
 - Won't you call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to save you?
 - Scriptures say – **See Romans 10:9-10,13.**