Wearing Disguises (1 Kings 22:30)

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INTRODUCTION

- But I want to talk to you tonight about wearing disguises.
- I want to look at a couple of old testament stories of people who wore disguises.

1 Ahab: I Will Disguise Myself

1 Kings 22:28; 1 Kings 22:30; 1 Kings 22:34

- If you indeed return safely, the Lord has not spoken by me.
- And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself and go into the battle. But you put on your robes.
- A certain man drew his bow at random. He was not shooting at the king of Judah or the king of Israel.
- A divinely guided arrow struck between the joints of the king's armor and ended his nefarious antics.

2 Josiah Disguised Himself to Make War

2 Chronicles 35:22–23

- Because your heart was tender, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, so your eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring on this place and its inhabitants.
- Josiah comes on ahead because he did not listen to the words of Necho from the mouth of God.
- So Josiah is going to get around this by doing something similar to what Ahab has done in the past.
- And at random, archers shoot, and somebody takes out King Josiah. Disguises didn't work.

3 The Real You Cannot Be Hidden from God

Psalm 139; Luke 12:2–3; Hebrews 4:13

- God's arrows never miss their mark. Wearing disguises before God will never work because the real you cannot be hidden from God.
- There is not any place that you can go where God's eyes are not on you.
- The eyes of the Lord are in every place. Beholding the evil and the good.
- There is nothing covered up that will not be revealed. And hidden that will not be known. Whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light.
- Nothing is hidden from his sight, but all things are open and laid bare before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.
- The good that you do is not overlooked either. God is not unjust.

4 The Harmful Hiding of Sin

- God is absolutely aware of all of our conduct.
- I marvel again at how we would do anything to protect our image with people, our image with the brethren, our image with the world, and not be foremost concerned about our image with God.
- As we attempt to hide sin, that sin, whatever it is, can come to control us and get a grip on us.
- Another aspect of the harmful hiding of sin is that over time causes one to be disingenuous. The result is hypocrisy.
- The longer one practices the hiding of sin, again, you can't fool God about these things. The result is a false hope as you attempt to justify the behavior.

5 God's Provision for Pain

1 Thessalonians 5:18

- A positive side of the fact that the real you cannot be hidden from God is that He knows when you hurt. And He can help in a way that no one else can.
- Sometimes we're not doing great. And I worry sometimes that we wear masks. When we shouldn't.
- We're not to be whiners, but sometimes it's okay to say I'm not having a good day.
- You've got to be you. And the real you need to be seen by others.
- But I guess if you don't ever say you're in pain, people can't weep with you.

THE CHALLENGE

Because in the end, I don't want to be like the people of Psalm 50. I want to be like David in the presence of God. Don't you?

MY NOTES