

Sins Of Omission – Guilty Silence

Matthew 22:36-40 [New King James] *“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*

The greatest commandment is to love the Triune God, so the greatest sin is not praising and loving the Only true God. This is called a “sin of omission” because no positive act has been made, though it may be designated as passive guilt rather than active, it is nevertheless real.

James 4:17 [New King James] *“Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”*

Many clean-living, decent, religious people could be guilty of the sin that does not show, the sin of silence and inaction.

There are moral situations where it is immoral to say nothing and basely immoral to do nothing.

The Word of God, the Christian Bible, has much to say in praise of prudence and circumspection, but nothing but condemnation for a coward.

Matthew 10:32-33 [New King James] *“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”*

It is plainly taught here and in other parts of the New Testament that people who are too timid to own Jesus Christ and admit being His bond slave before other human beings will be rejected by the Triune God.

Revelation 21:8 [New King James] *“But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”*

The cowardly are listed among murderers, sexual perverts and liars.

Obviously moral cowardice is a sin of grave proportions.

The fear that prevents us from acting when the honour of the One true Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is disloyalty to our Creator God and will **not** be overlooked by Him.

If persisted in, He will **not** forgive such lack of action.

The sin of silence and inaction is more than academic, it is sharply real and practical and may impinge upon our lives at any time.

The world situation today is such that sin by silence may be more widespread than at any other time in the history of humanity.

A shockingly wicked ideology has been organised into a world conspiracy, shrewd, cruel, inhuman and fanatically determined.

1 John 4:1-3 [New King James] *“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and*

every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.”

There is a spirit behind this wicked ideology that rejects Jesus Christ to be the Son of God and is seeking to kill all Christians who accept Jesus Christ as God, demoting Him to a prophet of less stature than the dead human being by the name of Muhammad, whom they follow and worship.

War against the non-Muslims [“*Jihad*”] is a prominent theme in the Koran.

The “God” of the Muslims not only permits it, he orders it to be waged till his cause prevails. Those who go out to fight will earn from the Muslim god a far greater reward than those who sit at home, [Koran 9.112].

Alongside the war against non-Muslims, the Koran also reflects a struggle against the hypocrites, [“*munafiqun*”] in the community. Though these people have accepted Muhammad’s message, they harboured unbelief in their hearts. They are lazy in performing the duty of prayer, sceptical about Muhammad’s revelations, politically unreliable and destined for eternal punishment in hell.

One passage in Koran envisages a definitive break with them, after which they will be liable to be taken and killed wherever they are found, without remorse.

The message that the True Christian Church has will lead to a new world in which there is peace and no more sorrow and pain, [Revelation 21:1-8].

Those who will be part of this new world will be those who “*overcome*.”

What will they overcome?

Revelation 12:7-11 [New King James] *“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And **they overcame him** by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.’”*

True Christians overcame Satan’s influence on humanity, blinding them to the gospel message that Jesus Christ the Son of God, One Person of the One Triune God, brought from God the Father, [2 Corinthians 4:4].

Satan who is like a roaring lion is seeking to destroy every human being, [1 Peter 5:8].

Satan who is a liar and murderer, [John 8:44].

Satan who has humans working for him who seem to be so “*religious*,” [2 Corinthians 11:13-15].

1 John 3:10-16 [New King James] *“In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother’s righteous. Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. **By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**”*

The religion of Cain is now in the ascendancy.

Using only those parts of the Old Testament and the names of some of the great men of the true Creator God to seek to make their claims authentic, while ignoring those scriptures that point towards Jesus Christ as the coming Messiah, and Creator Son of God.

At this hour in human history the true Christian Church is in grave danger of losing out on the reason for its existence, to proclaim the soon Second Coming of Jesus Christ, this time to rule all humanity as King of kings, but also the Prince of Peace, [**Revelation 19:11-16; Isaiah 9:6**] to prepare a people for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as John the Baptist did for His First Coming, [**John 1:19-23**].

I for one am waiting to hear loud voices of present-day prophets and reformers sounding once more over a sluggish and drowsy church.

Such people will pay a price for their boldness, but the results will be worth it.

Revelation 6:9-11 [New King James] *“When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.”*

These people did not remain silent but lost their lives as a result of their preaching the Word of God to a godless world.

Revelation 20:4 [New King James] *“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”*

This scripture speaking about the same group of people who died as a result of their Christian witness, tells us how they died, “beheaded”!!!