

Worthy of the Gospel

Who is worthy to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ? Are there people who are so despicable or who are so entrenched in sin that they are simply not deserving of the gospel message?

Imagine for a moment that you are in a foreign country with no language barrier. In this country there are many idols. The people willingly bow to 'gods' that you know to be false gods.

Their gods greatly influence their thinking and behavior. One of their gods is a god of sensuality. As a result, the people accept all kinds of sexual practices as normal, or even good. To us, their practices are perversions of what God intended as a part of His creation. A prostitute in their culture could be just as prominent a citizen as a well-known businessman.

Another of their prominent gods is a god of war. Violent acts are often justified as tributes to this god. To us they seem bloodthirsty and brutal, but such brutality is common and honorable to them.

Because of our moral values that are based on biblical teaching we would find their practices barbaric, pagan, and completely immoral.

Is there any hope for these people? How many barriers must be overcome to reach them with the gospel? Many gods; sensuality and immorality; violence, and what else?

Hopeless!

Would you waste your breath sharing the gospel with a prostitute in this foreign country of idolatry and paganism?

Would you waste your breath to share the gospel with a prostitute or a child molester?

There once was a prostitute in a land of idolatry, sensuality and violence. We read about her in the Book of Joshua, chapter two. She was known as Rahab the harlot. She and her people were so deep

in sin that God had discerned in his wisdom that it was time for judgment – The city of Jericho and all her inhabitants were to be wiped off the face of the earth!

In reality, no one is 'worthy.' Yet, all are called by God to humbly respond in faith to the gospel of Jesus Christ. So, we must never think that anyone is a lost cause!

Rahab believed in God.
Rahab responded in faith.
Rahab was *justified* before God.

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