



Midweek Meditation



"Godly sorrow produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly sorrow produces death." 2 Cor. 7:10

I witnessed an instance... A wicked person had committed perjury. He would not admit it but began to be agitated every time someone spoke to him about it. During a call which I made on him, he had to take hold of the table to keep down his trembling, but he could not be induced to confess his sin. The result was that I could not preach the Gospel to him... (because) when a healing salve is spread on an open wound that still contains pus, the pus will eat deeper into the person, and the wound will not heal. (C.F.W. Walther)

God's accusing Law is the scalpel which cuts us open and shows us the magnitude of our wretched sinfulness. We do not simply commit sinful acts now and then; we are steeped in sin. Sin is a condition, a disease within us. No doctor would open up a patient with his scalpel and, upon finding severe infection inside, allow just a little bit of the infection to come out, but stop short of cleaning out all the infection before putting on a healing balm. Just so, the sinner who refuses to acknowledge that his heart is unclean before God, is not ready for the healing balm of the Gospel. But the sinner who wants to be cleansed, admitting his wretchedness, has true godly sorrow, and needs to be given Jesus. Jesus accepts this sinner and forgives him completely.

I am a poor, miserable sinner, O Lord, but You are a gracious God who forgives sinners like me. Let Your scalpel never cease to cut me open exposing the magnitude of my sinfulness so that in Jesus I am cleansed and healed. Amen.