

# Our First Priority

by Andrew Murray

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*The sermon emphasizes the critical importance of making humility the foremost priority in our spiritual lives, reflecting the nature of Jesus and enhancing our relationship with God.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 50:18, Isaiah 9:2, Mark 14:10, Luke 11:48, Acts 8:1, Romans 1:32, Romans 5:8

**Topics:** "Moral Decay", "Gospel Redemption"

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## Description

Pastor Ray Stedman delves into the concept of 'suneudokeo,' which means to give hearty approval or consent to something, as seen in various Bible verses where individuals approve of sinful deeds. The preacher highlights the dire moral state of humanity, emphasizing the rebellion against God's ordinances and the fellowship of evil among wrongdoers. He points out that the ultimate example of giving hearty approval is seen in the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot and the psalmist's accusation of those who associate with wrongdoers. The sermon underscores the deepening darkness of society when individuals celebrate evil, leading to disaster and degeneracy, ultimately necessitating the intervention of the gospel of Jesus Christ for redemption.

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## Transcript

If this be the root of the tree, its nature must be seen in every branch and leaf and fruit. If humility be the first, the all-inclusive grace of the life of Jesus - if humility be the secret of His atonement - then the health and strength of our spiritual lives will entirely depend upon our giving this grace first priority in our lives. We need to make humility the chief thing we admire in Him, the chief thing we ask of Him, and the one thing for which we sacrifice all else. Is it any wonder that the Christian life is so often feeble and fruitless when the very root of Christ's life is neglected - is unknown?

We must have a humility in which we rest in nothing less than the end and death of self.

A humility which gives up all the honor of men, as Jesus did, to seek the honor that comes from God alone. A humility which absolutely makes and counts itself nothing so that God may be all and the Lord alone may be exalted.

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