Beware of Religious Privilege
Romans 2:17-29

PROPOSITION: An over-emphasis on what a Christian knows about or does for God can actually lead us away from God.

I. Understanding sin helps us more rightly see the challenges around us (quick review)
   A. The desire to do selfish or sinful actions is behind much unbelief
   B. More education will not solve all world or relational problems
   C. People wrongly elevate created things over the true God and His ways
   D. When everything seems to getting worse, God is at work
   E. God seeks to move us to repentance first through good/grace before pain
   F. When we judge (condemn) others, that same criteria is used on us
   G. People are judged by God by their actions and what they do know

II. Beware over-confidence in what one knows spiritually

   A. Privileges Christians have which can be wrongly relied on
      (Jeremiah 9:23–24; Deuteronomy 4:7–8)

   B. Benefits you think you bring which can wrongly magnified

   C. Hypocrisy dishonors God - Arrogant presumption is ugly hypocrisy
      (Isaiah 52:5; Matthew 7:21-23)

III. Beware over-emphasis in what one does spiritually

   A. Faith practices undermined without obedience
      (Ezekiel 33:30–32)

   B. God’s way is open to all

   C. Assurance when faith practices are spiritual & outward

   D. Who do we seek to please? Others or God

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