

The Ransom Money

Exodus 30:11-16

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Main Point:

Combat your proclivity toward self-trust by remembering who you are by nature and what God has mercifully done for you in His Son.

1. Like Israel, you are prone to trust in yourself.
2. Instead of trusting in yourself, remember your sinfulness and need for redemption.
3. Instead of trusting in yourself, remember also that God has mercifully met your need for redemption in His Son.

Numbers 1:1-2a ¹ Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of meeting, on the first *day* of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying: ² "Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel ... (NKJV)

Philip Ryken "If there is anything we can count, we keep checking to see how we're doing. When we're doing well, we use the numbers to boost our sense of importance. On the other hand, when the totals don't add up, we make excuses or get angry and discouraged. But either way we're always keeping score."

1 Corinthians 4:7 ⁷ For who makes you differ *from another*? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive *it*, why do you boast as if you had not received *it*? (NKJV)

J.V. Fesko "The census tax was a reminder to the Israelites not to consider themselves too important or somehow worthy of their redemption ... a reminder to keep their pride and arrogance in check."

Deuteronomy 7:7-8a ⁷ "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; ⁸ "but because the LORD loves you ... (NKJV)

Mark 10:45 ⁴⁵ "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (NKJV)

John Gill "For though some sins and sinners are greater than others, and some are redeemed from more sins than others, yet all sins being infinite, as committed against an infinite God, but one price is paid for all, and that is the precious blood of Christ, the Son of God."

Romans 3:25 ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood ... (NKJV)

Titus 3:5 ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us ... (NKJV)