

v.24 *But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.*" [NIV]

"First," said Harold, "I think it is important to notice who is talking here. It is Jesus Christ. He is not an *analogue* of God; while he is man, he is God as well. And whatever may be mysterious about his mental processes and his status as an epistemic agent (and I grant that much is), I think we need to agree that such mysteriousness cannot encompass a radically divided mind in terms of what Van Til and his followers mark off by the analogicity/univocity distinction. What he speaks to his contemporaries of Korazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum is meant for human understanding; it is firmly among the 'things revealed' of the Deuteronomy text.

"Second, he speaks the truth—an angrily delivered truth of considerable importance both to those who first heard him and to those of us who have the benefit of reading Matthew's Gospel. That truth has to do with rational accountability to *evidence* on the part of the wicked and unconverted. And dramatically it has to do with an operational epistemic competence of the wicked and unconverted to find God's evidence compelling and even convincing.

"Third, Jesus's words make sense only if it is granted that evidence comes in *degrees of salience* in support of whatever the evidence is evidence for. This is in stark contrast to the presuppositionalists' democratization of evidence. The latter insist that *every* fact proves that God exists, proves that the Christian message is true, because *every* fact is rationally implicated in the one complete system of truth. Thus the presuppositionalists democratize the evidential worth of each and every fact because of their rationalistic epistemological holism. Since, in their view, each fact is interpretable only as God-created and God-interpreted, each fact is *equally probative* with respect to God's existence and the truth of Christian theism.

*[I pause here to allow two presuppositionalists to speak for themselves on this point—Thom Notaro and Van Til himself. First Notaro:*

*". . . the uniqueness of Van Til's system is highlighted by his*