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☞ Sin cost Jesus His life on Earth.

“And that he died for all ...”

II Corinthians 5:15

The most expensive thing on this earth is not gold, nor even precious gems. The most expensive thing on this earth is one's sin. Payday for sin's commission may not necessarily be today, but payday will be someday. That is why God warns us repeatedly to stay away from the tenacious tentacles of sin. It is not that He wants to rob us of our “fun”; it is because God knows that there is always a terrible price for sin. No one can escape its penalty.

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near could you drive to danger?”

He responded, “Madam, I never tried. It has always been a rule with me to drive as far from danger as I possibly can.”

The lady hired him at once. In like manner, I believe that the man who is careful to run no risks and to refrain from all sinful conduct, having the fear of God in his heart, is most to be relied upon. If your salvation is really

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built upon the Rock of Ages, you will not want to see how close you can get to sin. You will want to keep as far as possible from its dangerous grasp.

The Burglar in the Heart

C. H. Spurgeon

I do not believe that a man becomes a villain all at once. He puts his soul to school. His thoughts are his teachers; or rather, they are the schoolbooks in which his soul reads. At last, he becomes capable of transacting the deeds of a scoundrel.

If you think long upon any sin, the chances are that, as soon as the temptation to that sin comes, you will commit it.

Beware, then, of all thoughts of sin. If you show a thief all the locks and bolts and bars in your house, and tell him how the cellar window could be opened, or the back door be made to give way, do not be surprised if, one of these nights, you should find all your goods stolen. If you introduce these evil thoughts into your habitation, you cannot wonder at the consequence.

C. H. Spurgeon wrote this more than 150 years ago. If he were alive today, how much more would he write on the temptations to do wrong by the influence that television has on poisoning one's thought-life, or by the ideas put into young heads by sex-education and other means of “sin “education”?



How Much Does Sin Cost?

Bill Brinkworth

Sin is the breaking of God's commands. God hates our sins, and our committing them, no matter who we are, has dire consequences. No one commits a sin and does not have to face its consequences, one day or another. Here is a biblical study on what sin has cost others and what it can cost us:

☞ Sin cost Adam and Eve their lives. Adam



and Eve would not have died, if they had not committed the sin of disobedience. Because of their sin, the desire to sin was passed to all generations.

“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

Genesis 2:17

☞ Sin cost Adam and Eve fellowship with God. They

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From a C. H. Spurgeon Article

A lady advertised for a coachman and was waited upon by three candidates for the job.

She put to the first one this question, “I want a really good coachman to drive my pair of horses, and, therefore, I ask you how near you can drive to danger and yet be safe?”

“Well,” he answered, “I could drive very near indeed. I could go within a foot of a precipice, without fear of any accident so long as I held the reins.”

She dismissed him with the remark that he would not do. To the next driver she put the same question, “How near could you drive to danger?” Being determined to get employment, he said,

“I could drive within a hair's breadth, and yet skillfully avoid any mishap.”

“You will not do,” said she.

When the third one came in, his mind was cast in another mold. She asked the third applicant the same question, “How

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were kicked out of the garden of Eden because of their sin. *"Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims ..."*

Genesis 3:23-24

☞ **Sin cost some innocent animals their lives.** God killed some animals; so that He could clothe Adam and Eve. From the commission of the first sin, others have often been hurt and affected by the sins of other people.

"Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them." *Genesis 3:21*

☞ **Sin cost this earth many changes.** Because of sin, there are now weeds, sweat, and death. Before the first sin was committed, those things did not exist on this earth. *"... cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou*

return." *Gen. 3:17-19*

☞ **Sin cost Cain an unhappy, lonely life after he killed his brother.**

"And now art thou cursed from the earth, ... When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear."

Genesis 4:11-13

☞ **Sin by others cost Joseph a normal life with his family.**

Because of their sin of jealousy, Joseph's brothers threw Joseph in a pit, sold him into slavery, and from then on, Joseph's life was much different than it could have been. *"... that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; And they took him, and cast him into a pit: ..."*

Genesis 37:23-24

☞ **Sin cost Moses a life in the Promised Land.**

God told Moses to speak to the rock, and that water for the people of Israel to drink would flow from it. In his anger Moses, hit the rock with his staff instead. Water did come out. God still provided for Israel, but because of Moses' disobedience to God's command he was never allowed to go into the Promised Land. He died

just on the other side of the Promised Land.

See Numbers 20:11-12

☞ **Sin cost Samson his eyesight.**

Samson knew he was to live apart from many temptations. He disobeyed God, and had a relationship with an ungodly woman. Because of his disobedience to God, he also suffered much embarrassment and may not have achieved all he could have if he had obeyed God. *See Judges 16:20-21.*

☞ **Sin also costs others much including: Miriam, Abel (killed by brother), Absalom, Ahab, Barabbas, Bathsheba, David, Eglon (oppressed Israel), Herod, Jezebel, Jonah, etc.** Sin costs all of us!

☞ **Sin can cost each of us a life in hell, unless we accept Jesus' payment for our sins!**

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

Romans 5:12 Also: I Cor. 15:21, Rev. 20:11-14

☞ **Sin always has consequences.** No one ever gets away without paying for their sin!

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." *Romans 6:23*

☞ **Sin costs us our freedom.**

When one lies, often another lie is needed to cover the first

"He who sows thorns should not go barefoot!" — Unknown

lie. When one steals one thing, it is usually easier to steal again. One alcoholic drink is often followed by another. Sin leads to more sin, and soon we are enslaved to sin.

☞ **Sin costs one his self-respect.**

Most have lost much self-esteem when they discovered they were down a terrible road that their sins had led them to.

☞ **Sin costs one his joy.** Sin's consequences often rob one of much happiness and bring pain and suffering into one's life.

☞ **Sin costs having God not guide and direct one's life.**

Because sin can break our fellowship with God, we may not have His directing our lives. In Romans 1, it cost many, because they did not do what they knew God would have had them do; so much so that God gave up on them.

"Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:" *Roman 1:24*

☞ **Sin cost Satan a life in Heaven, and eventually will cost him an eternity in the Lake of Fire.**

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone ..."

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"In diving to the bottom for pleasures we bring up more gravel than pearls."

— Unknown