

Sin Changed Their Lives

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Words to Find:

Aaron
Abraham
Adam
Ahab
Balak
Cain
David
Eli
Elijah
Eve
Jacob
Jonah
Martha
Miriam
Moses
Noah
Peter
Samson
Sarai
Saul
Solomon

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Sin robs us of our freedom. God's hand of protection is off the unrestrained sinner.

"Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." John 8:34

We should love His law, and sin is contrary to His law. A saved person is a changed person (II Cor. 5:17). He is a new crea-



ture that should have new desires to please God. How can a life of unrestrained sin please the Saviour that hates sin? A Christian will still sin, but he should do all he can to keep away from it and from committing sin. God desires us to stay away from it as far as possible, because committing sin will cost the sinner more than he would ever want to pay.

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What Is Wrong with Sin?

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The Bible reminds us of something most of us already know about ourselves: *"For all have sinned, ..."* (Romans 3:23). Not only do we all commit it, we were born sinners. So, if all are guilty, what is wrong with sin? Here is some of what the Bible says is wrong with sin:

♦ Sin is against God.

When Joseph was tempted to commit adultery with Potiphar's wife, he knew if he sinned, it would be against God: *"There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I*

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The Leopard Is Out of Control

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I have heard of one who kept a tame leopard in his house. He had nursed it from the time it was a cub, and it wandered and played about



the house like a cat. One day, while the master was asleep, it licked his hand. As the cat licked a place where the skin was thin and broken, the man's blood began to flow.

All the wild instincts of the beast of the forest flashed in its furious eyes. The man suddenly woke, and saw the situation. His end was near, unless he should be quick and skilful enough to destroy the animal. Do you think he paused or hesitated? No. A loaded pistol was within his reach; so he stretched out his hand quietly, grasped it firmly, aimed it steadily, fired it instantly, and the creature lay dead at his feet. It had come to the time that either he must kill it, or it would kill him.

It may be so with you. Your sins begin to draw blood from you already. Those stings of conscience, that empty purse, those alcohol-induced red eyes all are beginning to tell what sin can do.

Not yet do you know all its horror. Before the leopard springs upon you and speedily tears you in pieces, God help you to give it up!

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do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" Gen. 39:9

The prophet Samuel knew that if he failed to pray for Israel it would be a sin against God: "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you..." I Sam. 12:23

Although this instance was prophetic at the time, the people of Israel knew that sin was wrong: "And it shall come to pass ... what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?" Jer. 16:10 Also: Jer. 51:5

King David knew sin was against God: "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: ..."

Psalm 51:4

◆ God hates sin.

God was unhappy he had made man, because of their sin. That is why God sent the worldwide flood on the earth: "And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." Gen. 6:6 See also: Psalm 11:5

"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in run-

ning to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." Proverbs 6:16-19

◆ Sin violates His commands.

"If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD..."

Leviticus 6:2

◆ Sin separates us from God.

Israel's commission of sin separated them from receiving the blessings and protection of the Lord. "Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you."

Joshua 7:12

◆ Sin will harm you. There is a wage for committing sin now, while we are living, and eternally.

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

Some sins physically affect the body, and make one sick. Some alter one mentally. Sin will interfere with one's social and marital life. God knows how damaging sin is, and that is why He hates it so. It is not that He does not want you to have any "fun"; it is because God loves us so much that He does not want us to suffer the damage sin

"Lusts of the flesh are much like enemy soldiers encamped within us, foraging amongst us, and ready to enforce their military control against us."

will do.

◆ Sin cursed mankind (Gen. 3:16-19), because of Adam's and Eve's first sin. Because of their sin, mankind has been cursed by the plague of sin to this day.

"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:" Rom. 5:12

◆ Sin is contagious. Sin passed from Adam to his children and has not stopped spreading (Rom. 5:12). Also, when one is exposed to sin, it is easier to commit it. Much of the sin we have committed was planted by the idea we got from something we saw, felt, or heard.

◆ Sin has an eternal price tag. For those that have not trusted Christ's death to cover their sins, they will spend eternity in hell. For the believer, he will never lose His salvation, but sin will result in the loss of rewards for serving God as he should.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

◆ Sin ruins one's testimony.

We will be tagged and remembered for the sin others know we commit.

"The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot." Pr. 10:7

◆ Sin robs us of our joy. We are so busy being tempted and ruined by sin, that we cannot enjoy life.

"... for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: ... Behold, O LORD; for I am in distress: my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me..." Lam. 1:18-20

◆ Sin always has consequences. NO ONE gets away without damage being done by their sin. A sinner reaps sin's consequences later than the sin was sown. Israel wandered in the desert for 40 years because of their sin. Some of us today are still reaping damage done by sin committed earlier in our lives!

"And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness." Numbers 14:33

"Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation." Exodus 34:7

"The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish." Proverbs 14:11

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"I have never heard one person ever say, at the end of their life, that they ever were glad they sinned. All usually regret it."