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If Eve Had Said, "NO!"

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Genesis 3:1-19 tells the well-known story of Eve and Adam's disobeying God. Because of this first sin, mankind has been plagued with more sin and its consequences. One bad decision changed all mankind and the earth. Sin has a terrible price tag. No one gets away from sin's wages.

What happened when Eve disobeyed:

- She thought God was not right. The fruit did taste good, and they didn't die — right away.
- Adam and Eve had to be clothed. Animals lost their lives so they could be clothed.
- Adam and Eve could not have fellowship with God anymore. The one-on-one conversations with the Creator in the garden ceased.
- Eve, and all women after her, have had pain in childbirth. Women would not have that experience, if sin had not entered the human race.
- The ground was cursed. Now there are weeds and thistles; before there were none.
- Work would not have been as hard. There would have been no sweat in hard labor.
- Physical death entered into our lives.
- Sin entered into mankind

What happened when King David sinned:

- King David's bad decision started with his staying home from battle.
- He did not obey God by going to battle. He tarried.
- He looked on a bathing woman. His "look" led to adultery between him and Bathsheba.
- David conceived a child out of wedlock with her.
- The King deceived Uriah, his faithful soldier and the husband of Bathsheba.
- David was involved in Uriah's death.
- David and Bathsheba's baby died.
- His sons were disobedient and some died early deaths.

Other great men and women sinned and "paid" its terrible consequences.

- If Samson had not sinned, he would not have lost his strength, sight, and position of being a judge of Israel.
- If the people of Israel had not sinned, they would not have been attacked by serpents, faced starvation, and would have been allowed to see the Promised Land.
- If Moses had spoken to the rock, as God commanded him, he would have entered the Promised Land.

- If Herod had not boasted, he would not have been eaten by worms.
- If Aaron and Miriam had not talked about Moses, Miriam would not have had leprosy.
- If Jonah had obeyed God, he would not have ended up in the belly of a whale.
- If Haman had not been bitter against Mordecai, he may not have died by hanging.
- If Judas had not “given place to the devil”, he would not have been used to identify Jesus, so He could be killed.
- If the soldiers had gotten saved, they would not have nailed Jesus to the cross.
- ... and on the list could go from biblical examples of sins’ wages.

No one gets away with sin. There is a price tag. The Bible is a lesson book on this subject. What would you be, if you didn’t make that one mistake?

- Some will have a divorce, because they did not wait on God’s choice of a mate.
- Some will flunk in school because they would not learn the right way, and cheated their way through school.
- Some may end up in jail, because they cheated on their taxes, stole cars, did drugs, etc.
- Some may hurt someone physically, because they watched the wrong TV shows and got desensitized about harming others.
- Someone may be addicted or killed by drugs, because their desensitization to sin started with a sip of daddy’s beer.
- Some may be killed in a car accident, because they disobeyed parents and snuck out at night.
- Some girls may have children out of wedlock, because they would not listen to their parents about how, who, or when to date.
- Some may be crippled in a fight, because they did not listen to parents and stay away from the wrong kids.
- Some may not graduate high school, because they were too lazy to study.
- Some may go to Hell, and burn forever, because they worried about what their friends would think and never got saved!

All sin has consequences — either here or in eternity. Most already know this, because they have seen what others have reaped by sowing sin in their lives. Why do we sometimes think we can get away with it?

“God hates the sin, but He loves the sinner.” — D. L. Moody

Clouds and Sin

John Bate

- Clouds sometimes obstruct the beneficial influences of heaven coming upon the earth. Sin also prevents the blessings of God flowing into the hearts and lives of men.
- Clouds have their origin in the earth. Sin originates from below and never from heaven.
- Clouds can create a powerful, damaging electric field. Sin also does much damage to humanity and ruins lives with the storm it can bring.
- Clouds assume every variety of shape, color, and duration. Sin also has no set form, but varies according to persons, circumstances, times, and places.
- Clouds cannot be dispersed by any human force. Sin also cannot be forgiven by any power except for one that is Divine!

**“Oh, what authority and show of truth
Can cunning sin cover itself withal!” — Shakespeare**

The Curse of Sin

Dr. J. Parker

O sin! How it has cursed us! It has thrown up a barrier between ourselves and God. With its chilling breath it has extinguished the light of our household joys. It has robbed us of joys and filled the air with discordant cries. Sin has unsheathed the sword, and bathed itself in human blood. It has dug every grave in the earth.

Without it we should not have known the name of a widow or orphan, tear or sigh, and sorrow. Because of sin, our hearts are torn by pain and anguish and our joy is gone!

“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” II Timothy 2:22

The Tree-killing Worm

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While touring a park of towering trees, one was pointed out by a guide. “That fine tree,” he said, “was killed by a single worm.”

We learned that two years previously, the tree was as healthy as any in the park. A wood-worm, about three inches long, was observed to be forcing its way under the bark of the trunk. It caught the eye of our guide. Although he was warned that the worm could kill the tree, our guide left it alone as it seemed improbable to him that the black-headed worm could do such damage.

After time, it was found that his assumption was wrong. The worm indeed had tunneled its way a considerable distance under the bark. The next summer the leaves of the tree dropped off very early, and in the succeeding year it was a dead, rotten tree.

I am reminded that there is a lesson to be learned from that tree’s demise. How many have ruined their lives by a single, harmlessly-appearing sin!

“To cover a sin with a layer of earnest efforts to do right, will not take the sin away. The underlying sin will assimilate all the dead works that may be heaped upon it, and the result will be a greater mass of sin.” — Arnot

Love of Sin

T. Watson

It is worse to love sin than to commit it. A man may commit sin through a temptation, or of ignorance; and when he knows it to be sin, he is sorry for it. He that loves sin, however, puts his will into the sin, and heaps the danger onto one’s life. The heart is allowing it to continue, and sin’s consequences will reap much havoc.

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