

BIBLE TRUTHS ABOUT SIN

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Sin according to the Bible is a deadly, serious matter. In fact, just as far as heaven, the eternal reward of righteousness, surpasses any earthly treasure; so hell, the eternal punishment for sin, far surpasses the anguish of any earthly pain or torment, Mk.9:42-48; 2Th.1:6-9.
2. With this serious Bible truth about sin before us let us seriously consider other Bible truths about sin as to what it is and what it does.

II. DISCUSSION

A. 1ST, THE BIBLE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT SIN IS.

1. 1Jno.3:4, "...sin is the transgression of the law."
 - a. It is the transgression of the law of God, or "lawlessness."
 - b. Elsewhere, the term "transgression" is used with the same essential meaning.
 - c. Ac.1:25 says, "Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."
 - d. Rom.4:15 "Where no law is there is no transgression," meaning whenever there is transgression law has been violated; sin has been committed.
 - e. 1Tim.2:14, "...the woman being deceived was in the transgression."
2. 1Jno.5:17, "All unrighteousness is sin..."
 - a. "Unrighteousness" is "a deed violating law and justice, act of unrighteousness," Thayer, 12.
 - b. Strong, 93, adds: "injustice; moral wrongfulness; iniquity, unjust.
 - c. See Mt.7:21-23, "ye workers of iniquity", workers of lawlessness."
3. Prov.24:9, "The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men."
 - a. Strong (191,200), "to be perverse; fig. silliness, folly."

- b. Cf. Mt.7:20-23 for evil things that come out of the heart that defile a man, which include “foolishness.”
 - (1) Strong, 877, “senselessness, i.e., (euphemistically); moral recklessness, folly.”
- c. Cf. 1Cor.1:18, “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness...”
- 4. Jas.4:17, “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doth it not, to him it is sin.”
 - a. The idea is, if a person knows to do good and has the opportunity and the ability to do good, but refuses to do it, to him it is sin!
 - b. Or, when and if a person knows he ought, that he is under obligation, to do good in a certain situation and refuses for whatever reason to do it, he is sinning!

B. THE BIBLE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT SIN DOES.

1. Sin deceives! Heb.3:13 says: “...exhort one another daily...lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”
 - a. Eve, “being deceived was in the transgression,” 1Tim.2:14b. Cf. Gen.3:13; 3:1-6.
 - b. There is great danger of our being deceived either by others or by being self deceived.
 - c. Deception is the devil’s most effective tool or means of leading men astray.
2. Sin ladens! 2Tim.3:6:”For this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly (foolish) women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts.
 - a. “Laden” Strong (4987) “to pile up, heap load.” Thayer, 612, “to heap together, to heap up.”
 - b. To overwhelm one with a heap of anything. Rom.12:20.
 - c. To load one with the consciousness of many sins, passively, 2Tim.3:6.
3. Sin holds! Prov.5:22, “His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords (snare) of his sins.”
 - a. “Holden,” “to sustain, keep fast; retain.
4. Sin destroys good! Eccl.9:18, “Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.”

- a. The happy consequences which the wise man's counsel might accomplish, or has already accomplished, may be overthrown or rendered useless by the villany or perversity of a bad man.
 - b. Adam's sin adversely affected the whole race of man.
 - c. Achan's transgression caused Israel's defeat, Josh.7:11,12.
 - d. Rehoboam's folly occasioned the great schism in Israel, 1Kgs.12:16.
 - e. Consider what those who have promoted Institutionalism has done to the Lord's church in the last 60 years!
5. Sin destroys love! Mt.24:11,12, "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive man. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax (grow) cold."
 6. Sin destroys the conscience! 1Tim.4:1,2, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared (rendered unsensitive) with a hot iron (or, as with a hot iron)."
 - a. Cf. Eph.4:17-19; Heb.6:4-6;10:26-29.
 7. Sin rules and enslaves! Jno.8:34, "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."
 - a. Cf. Rom.6:16-18.
 8. Sin consumes! Num.16:26, "And he spake unto the congregation saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of those wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, let ye be consumed in all their sins." I.e., destroyed, perish.
 9. Sin brings reproach! Prov.14:3, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is reproach to any people." i.e., "a wicked thing."
 10. Sin brings shame! Hos.4:7, "As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame." I.e, "dishonor, reproach."
 11. Sin separates and alienates one from God, Isa.59:1,2; Col.1:21.
 - a. Which means the sinner is lost in sin without God.
 - b. If he dies in sin, he is separated from God eternally, lost forever!

III. CONCLUSION

1. Salvation from sin is needed by all, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, Rom.3:23;Gal.3:22; Eccl.7:20,29; Rom.1:18-20.
2. Regardless of sin's corruption and the hopelessness of the sinner without Christ, today's world seems to play with sin with reckless abandon as if it means nothing to sin and come short of the glory of God.
3. Today's world takes the sin out of sin!
4. The Scriptures declare such as the folly of the fool, Prov.14:9: "Fools mock at sin..." (NASV)
5. Is there any hope? Yes! As long as there is life, there is hope! Isa.55:6-11; Rom.5:6-8.