

HOW DOES GOD REGARD SIN?

Prov.6:16-19

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. God in his holy scriptures tells us what sin is, how and when man is guilty of it, 1Jno.3:4; 5:17 (Psa.119:172); Jas.4:17; Rom.14:23.
2. Cruden's Complete Concordance sums up what sin is by saying it's "Any thought, word, action, omission, or desire, contrary to the law of God."
3. From Rom.3:9-19,23 we learn that both Jew and Gentle, thus all men, stand guilty of sin in thought, word and deed as charged. Cf. Gal.3:22.
4. The truth of what sin is and how we become guilty of it is one thing, while our attitude toward what it is, and our guilt and condemnation because of it may be altogether something else.
5. Our attitude toward or regarding sin and God's may differ, may be as far apart as is East is from West.
6. Therefore, we raise, discuss and answer the question: What is God's attitude toward sin? How does God regard sin?
7. Consider the following scriptural facts, which should influence and will influence all God-fearing people.

II. DISCUSSION

A. ACCODING TO REV.3:4 GOD REGARDS SIN AS A DEFILED GARMENT.

1. The original Gr. here properly denotes to besmear, as with mud or filth, to befoul; to pollute, stain, contaminate, defile.
2. In the N.T. this original word is used only in symbolic and figurative discourse.
 - a. In Rev.3:4 it is used of those who have kept themselves pure from the defilement of sin; as in Rev.14:4, of those who have not soiled themselves by fornication and adultery; they are virgins.
 - b. In 1Cor.8:7 it is used of a conscience reproached or defiled by sin
3. To defile one's garments with sin is to fail to keep "oneself unspotted from the world," Jas.1:27.
4. It grows out of a failure to hate "even the garment spotted by the flesh," Jude 23.

B. ACCODING TO ISA.1:6 GOD REGARDS SIN AS A SPIRITUALLY SICK, UNWHOLESOME, UNSOUND BODY, AFFLICTED WITH WOUNDS, BRUISES, AND PUTRIFYING SORES; THAT IS, AS ONE FESTERING SORE.

1. See Psa.38:3-7.
2. Then note how Jesus pictures the hypocritical Jews of his day in Mt.23:25-27.

C. GOD REGARDS SIN AS DARKNESS, WICKEDNESS, AND SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS, THE OPPOSITE OF TRUTH, LIGHT AND HOLINESSS, ACCORDING TO: --

1. Prov.4:19.
2. Jno.3:19-21 (1Jno.1:5-7)
3. Ac.26:15-18 (Cf. 1Tim.1:12,13; Eph.4:17-19; 2Tim.4:1-4; 2Pet.3:3-9; 1Tim.2:3-6).
4. Rom.2:19; 13:11-14.
5. Eph.5:11-15.
6. Eph.6:10-12.
7. Col.1:12-14.
8. 1Pet.2:5-9.

D. ACCORDING TO JNO.8:34 THE LORD REGARDS SIN AS A FORM OF BONDAGE. Cf. Rom.6:16-18; Gal.3:22; 2Pet.2:19b.

E. HE REGARDS SIN AS A SEPARATING POWER, ISA.59:1,2; Jno.8:21,24; 1Jno.1:6.

F. HE REGARDS SIN AS CORRUPTION, VOMIT AND FILTH, OR AS WALLowing IN THE MIRE, 2Pet.2:19-22.

G. GOD REGARDS SIN AS SOMETHING ABOMINABLE.

1. Prov.6:16-19.
2. In Jer.44:4,5 God spake to the Jews about their sins.
3. In the same manner he spake to them in Zech.8:17.

III. CONCLUSION

1. God's word requires us to so consider sin, Prov.8:13; Amos 5:15; Eph.4:26-29; 5:7-12; 1Pet.3:11.
2. Lest we forget note sins specifically identified by name many of which men often wink at or refuse to recognize as sin and/or practice even when they do recognize them as sin, Rom.1:23-32; 1Cor.6:9,10; Gal.5:19-21; Eph.5:3-6; Col.3:5-10.