

Is Sin So Bad?

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Hebrews 3:12–14

12 **TAKE HEED** (*to perceive by the use of the eyes, turn the eyes to, to take care*), brethren, **LEST THERE BE IN ANY OF YOU AN EVIL HEART OF UNBELIEF, IN DEPARTING** (*desert, depart, withdraw, become faithless*) **FROM THE LIVING GOD.**

- *we are to be concerned and watching one another in love and relationship (not suspicion, jealousy or competition)*
- *we are to be watching for clearly-defined sin, not discretionary matters*
- *we are NOT to respond to momentary lapses, isolated failures or spiritual immaturity, but a digression in character and life direction*

13 **BUT EXHORT ONE ANOTHER DAILY**, while it is called To day; **LEST ANY OF YOU BE HARDENED THROUGH THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN.**

14 **FOR WE ARE MADE PARTAKERS OF CHRIST, IF WE HOLD THE BEGINNING OF OUR CONFIDENCE STEDFAST UNTO THE END.**

James 1:14–16

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 **Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and SIN, WHEN IT IS FINISHED, BRINGETH FORTH DEATH.**

16 **DO NOT ERR**, my beloved brethren.

- *Do not err into sin because you will suffer the consequences.*
- *Do not err in thinking you can sin without consequences.*

THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN:

- *God's name and glory dishonored*
- *God's heart grieved and His holiness offended*
- *fellowship with God broken*
- *conscience defiled*
- *carnality strengthened*
- *moral boundaries surrendered*
- *consequences set in motion*
- *access given to demonic activity*
- *no guarantee of recovery*
- *can corrupt an entire community*

GOD'S NAME AND GLORY DISHONORED

1 Peter 2:9

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; **THAT YE SHOULD SHEW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM who hath called you OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELLOUS LIGHT."**

John 15:8–11

8 **HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT; SO SHALL YE BE MY DISCIPLES.**

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 **These things have I spoken unto you, THAT MY JOY MIGHT REMAIN IN YOU, and THAT YOUR JOY MIGHT BE FULL.**

Philippians 1:20

"According to **MY EARNEST EXPECTATION AND MY HOPE**, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also **CHRIST SHALL BE MAGNIFIED IN MY BODY, whether it be by life, or by death.**"

Colossians 3:23–24

23 And **WHATSOEVER YE DO, DO IT HEARTILY, AS TO THE LORD, AND NOT UNTO MEN;**

24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

GOD'S HEART GRIEVED AND HIS HOLINESS OFFENDED

Exodus 34:12–15

12 **TAKE HEED TO THYSELF, LEST THOU MAKE A COVENANT WITH THE INHABITANTS OF THE LAND WHITHER THOU GOEST, LEST IT BE FOR A SNARE IN THE MIDST OF THEE:**

13 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:

14 **FOR THOU SHALT WORSHIP NO OTHER GOD: FOR THE LORD, WHOSE NAME IS JEALOUS, IS A JEALOUS GOD:**

15 **LEST THOU MAKE A COVENANT WITH THE INHABITANTS OF THE LAND, and THEY GO A WHORING AFTER THEIR GODS, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;**

Ezekiel 6:1–10

1 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,

3 And say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.

4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

5 And I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.

6 In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

8 Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.

9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because **I AM BROKEN** (*brokenhearted, crush, injure, shatter, break in pieces*) **WITH THEIR WHORISH HEART, WHICH HATH DEPARTED FROM ME, AND WITH THEIR EYES, WHICH GO A WHORING AFTER THEIR IDOLS: AND THEY SHALL LOTHE THEMSELVES FOR THE EVILS WHICH THEY HAVE COMMITTED IN ALL THEIR ABOMINATIONS.**

James 4:4

"Ye **ADULTERERS** and **ADULTERESSES**, know ye not that **THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE WORLD IS ENMITY WITH GOD? WHOSOEVER THEREFORE WILL BE A FRIEND OF THE WORLD IS THE ENEMY OF GOD.**"

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD BROKEN

Genesis 3:23–24

23 **THEREFORE THE LORD GOD SENT HIM FORTH FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN,** to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 **SO HE DROVE OUT THE MAN;** and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Isaiah 59:1–2

1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 **BUT YOUR INIQUITIES HAVE SEPARATED BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR GOD, AND YOUR SINS HAVE HID HIS FACE FROM YOU, THAT HE WILL NOT HEAR.**

Psalms 66:18

"IF I **REGARD INIQUITY IN MY HEART, THE LORD WILL NOT HEAR ME.**"

Matthew 27:45–46

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, **MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?**

CONSCIENCE DEFILED

Genesis 3:6–11

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 **AND THEY HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD GOD WALKING IN THE GARDEN IN THE COOL OF THE DAY: AND ADAM AND HIS WIFE HID THEMSELVES FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD GOD AMONGST THE TREES OF THE GARDEN.**

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, **I HEARD THY VOICE IN THE GARDEN, AND I WAS AFRAID, BECAUSE I WAS NAKED; AND I HID MYSELF.**

11 And he said, **WHO TOLD THEE THAT THOU WAST NAKED? HAST THOU EATEN OF THE TREE, WHEREOF I COMMANDED THEE THAT THOU SHOULDEST NOT EAT?**

1 John 3:21

"Beloved, **IF OUR HEART CONDEMN US NOT, THEN HAVE WE CONFIDENCE TOWARD GOD.**"

CARNALITY STRENGTHENED

Matthew 26:69–75

69 Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

70 But **HE DENIED BEFORE THEM ALL**, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

72 **AND AGAIN HE DENIED WITH AN OATH**, I do not know the man.

73 And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

74 **THEN BEGAN HE TO CURSE AND TO SWEAR**, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

1 Peter 2:11

"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS, WHICH WAR AGAINST THE SOUL.**"

1 Corinthians 9:24–27

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

25 And **EVERY MAN THAT STRIVETH FOR THE MASTERY IS TEMPERATE IN ALL THINGS**. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 **BUT I KEEP UNDER MY BODY, AND BRING IT INTO SUBJECTION**: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

MORAL BOUNDARIES SURRENDERED

Judges 16:15–17

15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

16 **AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN SHE PRESSED HIM DAILY WITH HER WORDS, AND URGED HIM, SO THAT HIS SOUL WAS VEXED UNTO DEATH;**

17 **THAT HE TOLD HER ALL HIS HEART**, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

CONSEQUENCES SET IN MOTION

Galatians 6:7–8

7 **BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP.**

8 **FOR HE THAT SOWETH TO HIS FLESH SHALL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION; BUT HE THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING.**

2 Samuel 12:13–14

13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, **THE LORD ALSO HATH PUT AWAY THY SIN; thou shalt not die.**

14 **HOWBEIT, BECAUSE BY THIS DEED THOU HAST GIVEN GREAT OCCASION TO THE ENEMIES OF THE LORD TO BLASPHEME, THE CHILD ALSO THAT IS BORN UNTO THEE SHALL SURELY DIE.**

ACCESS GIVEN TO DEMONIC ACTIVITY

Matthew 16:21–23

21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 **BUT HE TURNED, AND SAID UNTO PETER, GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN: THOU ART AN OFFENCE UNTO ME: FOR THOU SAVOUREST NOT THE THINGS THAT BE OF GOD, BUT THOSE THAT BE OF MEN.**

NO GUARANTEE OF RECOVERY

2 Timothy 2:24–26

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; **IF GOD PERADVENTURE** (*if perhaps*) **WILL GIVE THEM REPENTANCE** to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

1 Corinthians 9:27

“BUT I KEEP UNDER MY BODY, AND BRING IT INTO SUBJECTION: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, **I MYSELF SHOULD BE A CASTAWAY** (*rejected, disqualified*).”

CAN CORRUPT AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY

1 Corinthians 5:1–7

1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father’s wife.

2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, **THAT HE THAT HATH DONE THIS DEED MIGHT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM AMONG YOU.**

3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 **TO DELIVER SUCH AN ONE UNTO SATAN FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FLESH,** that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your glorying is not good. **KNOW YE NOT THAT A LITTLE LEAVEN LEAVENETH THE WHOLE LUMP?**

7 **PURGE OUT THEREFORE THE OLD LEAVEN, THAT YE MAY BE A NEW LUMP, AS YE ARE UNLEAVENED.**

2 Timothy 2:16–18

16 But shun profane and vain babblings: **FOR THEY WILL INCREASE** (*advance, make progress*) **UNTO MORE UNGODLINESS.**

17 And **THEIR WORD WILL EAT** (*to graze*) **AS DOTH A CANKER** (*gangrene, eating sore*): of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

18 **WHO CONCERNING THE TRUTH HAVE ERRED,** saying that the resurrection is past already; and **OVERTHROW THE FAITH OF SOME.**