

Psalm 36 - Sin Speaks

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Psalm 36:1-2 ESV *To the choirmaster. Of David, the servant of the LORD.*

1 Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.

Sin is not benign, inanimate nor unintelligent. It does not operate independently of spiritual power and/or consequence. All sin operates and is empowered by the kingdom of darkness and possesses the spirit of its inventor - Satan. Sin is your connection to and cooperation with Satan's kingdom.

Genesis 4:7 ESV

7 [God speaking to Cain] "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Romans 7:8-9 ESV

8 But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.

9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.

The Simple Will Suffer

Human nature will not simply trust God's Word, but will need to suffer the consequences of sin before believing that sin always destroys, always kills, always ends in misery.

Proverbs 7:6-23 ESV

6 For at the window of my house I have looked out through my lattice,

7 and I have seen among the simple, I have perceived among the youths, a young man lacking sense,

8 passing along the street near her corner, taking the road to her house

9 in the twilight, in the evening, at the time of night and darkness.

10 And behold, the woman meets him, dressed as a prostitute, wily of heart.

11 She is loud and wayward; her feet do not stay at home;

12 now in the street, now in the market, and at every corner she lies in wait.

Proverbs 22:3 ESV

3 The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.

Matthew 5:29 ESV

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

The Deceit and Hypocrisy of Religion

The one who knows the Word without doing (not surrendered to) the Word, not only deceives himself but others as well. Using the Word, he/she invents ways to twist and distort the Word to defend, justify or excuse their sin.

Proverbs 7:6-23 ESV

13 She seizes him and kisses him, and with bold face she says to him,

14 "I had to offer sacrifices, and today I have paid my vows;"

James 1:21-22 ESV

21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Pride of Life - Lust of the Eyes - Lust of the Flesh

"For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life--is not from the Father but is from the world." 1 John 2:16 ESV

Proverbs 7:6-23 ESV

15 so now I have come out to meet you, to seek you eagerly, and I have found you. [pride of life]

16 I have spread my couch with coverings, colored linens from Egyptian linen; [lust of the eyes]

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. [lust of the flesh]

18 Come, let us take our fill of love till morning; let us delight ourselves with love.

2 Corinthians 4:4 ESV

4 ...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 11:3 ESV

3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Genesis 3:6 ESV

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

No One Will Ever Know

Some of the first and most persistent lies that sin speaks: "there will be no judgment, nothing bad will happen, no one will know."

Proverbs 7:6-23 ESV

19 For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey;

20 he took a bag of money with him; at full moon he will come home."

Psalms 94:1-10

1 O LORD, God of vengeance, O God of vengeance, shine forth!

2 Rise up, O judge of the earth; repay to the proud what they deserve!

3 O LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked exult?

4 They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast.
5 They crush your people, O LORD, and afflict your heritage.
6 They kill the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless;
7 and they say, "The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive."
8 Understand, O dullest of the people! Fools, when will you be wise?
9 He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see?
10 He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke?

Ecclesiastes 8:11-13

11 Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil.
12 Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him.
13 But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

2 Peter 3:1-6

1 This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,
2 that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,
3 knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.
4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."
5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,
6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.

Temptation's Relentless Persistence

The intelligent strategies of temptation will be warring against me until the day of my death or rapture.

Proverbs 7:6-23 ESV

21 With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him.

Romans 7:21-23 ESV

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.
22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,
23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Sin's Consequences

Proverbs 7:6-23 ESV

**22 All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast
23 till an arrow pierces its liver; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life.**