

SIN AND THE BIBLE (1)

Introduction: What does the Bible teach about sin? It would seem that many religious people have little or no idea. We hear it seldom mentioned. Let's consider what the Bible teaches us of what sin is and the consequences it brings.

A. GOD DEFINES SIN.

1. The Bible teaches clearly that sin is a violation of God's law (1 John 3:4).
2. Man and God may not agree on what is sin. Some ways man may sin includes:
 - a. **With his tongue:** *"I said, 'I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, While the wicked are before me'"* (Psa. 39:1).
 - b. **With his thoughts:** *". . .whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart"* (Matt. 5:28).
 - c. **With his deeds or actions:** *"lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced"* (2 Cor. 12:21). See how these all fit together in Matt.15:10-20.
 - d. **With his failure to do God's will** (sin of omission): *"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin"* (Jas. 4:17).
3. Sin is any action or thought that is not in harmony with God's will.

B. GOD HATES SIN.

1. Through Bible study we learn to hate every false way (Psa. 119:104,128).
2. Proverbs 6:16-19 lists six sins that the Lord hates of which seven are detestable.
3. Proverbs 12:22 states, *"Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD. . ."*
4. God hates imagined evil in others and loving false oaths: *"Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate, ' Says the LORD"* (Zech. 8:17).
5. Some definitions of crucial terms: (1) "Hate" - *to feel animosity or hostility to-ward; a strong feeling of dislike; detest;* (2) "Abomination" - *an extremely dis-gusting thing.* God views sin with strong feelings of hostility, disgust, & dislike.
6. The Scriptures affirm God hatred for sin by describing sin's horrible power:
 - a. Sin is a putrefying disease that affects the entire person (Isa. 1:2-6)
 - b. Sin is a burden from which man cannot rid himself (Matt. 11:28-30).
 - c. Sin is a defiling filth that robs a person of his own dignity (2 Cor. 7:1).
 - d. Sin is a binding debt that man cannot repay on his own (Matt. 6:12-15).
 - e. Sin leaves its victim in darkness (1 John 1:5-10; John 3:19-21).
 - f. Sin is like the blemishing stain caused when wool is dyed scarlet (Isa. 1:18).
7. Mosaic Law was given to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7-12). Sin is truly awful!