

# WHAT SIN WILL DO TO US

## Lesson One

Isa. 58:11; Prov. 14:9

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### INTRODUCTION

1. I want to study some lessons on SIN -- that SIN may appear exceedingly sinful to all of us -- Rom. 7: 13.
2. As Christians we must abhor sin -- Rom. 12: 9 -- "*Hate what is evil*".
3. We must work to eradicate sin from our lives -- Rom. 6:12; Col. 3: 5 - 6; Eph. 5:27; I John 2:1.
4. We all need to appreciate the sacrifice made for the forgiveness of our sins -- Matt. 26:28.
5. Let us begin our study:

### I. SIN IS DIVISIVE

1. SIN will divide and separate a man from his God -- Isa. 59:1 - 2; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:13; James 4:4.
2. Sin will divide/separate a man from his better self.
  - (1) David -- Psa. 323:1 - 5.
  - (2) Judas -- Matt. 27:3- 5.
3. SIN will divide/separate a man from his family.
  - (1) Jesus said families would be divided because of His teaching -- Lk. 12: 51 - 53.
    1. Some would obey the gospel and some would not; this would bring division.
    2. The problem would be SIN.
  - (2) All divorce is the result of SIN.
    1. There is only one reason for divorce and remarriage -- fornication -- Matt. 19:9.
  - (3) SIN brings unhappiness to husbands and wives.
    1. Selfishness -- I Cor. 7: 2 - 5.
    2. Angry words -- Prov. 15:1.
  - (4) SIN divides children from parents.
    1. Rebellious attitudes.
    2. Disobedience -- Eph. 6:1; Rom. 1: 30.
4. SIN will divide/separate a man from his brethren:
  - (1) When one is unfaithful in his duty to God in the church -- Heb. 10:25; 2 Thess. 3:6.
  - (2) When one causes divisions over false doctrines -- Rom. 16: 17 - 18.
  - (3) A Divisive person -- Tit. 3:10.
  - (4) The brother who brings a lawsuit against his brethren -- I Cor. 6: 5 - 8; Matt. 5:40.
  - (5) When one lives an immoral life -- I Cor. 5: 5 - 7.
  - (6) When one is worldly -- I John 2: 15 - 17.
5. SIN will divide/separate a man from his friends:
  - (1) "*A whisperer separateth chief friends*" -- Prov. 16:28.
  - (2) Prov. 17:9.
6. SIN will cause the great separation at Judgment -- Matt. 25: 31 - 46; 2 Thess. 1: 7 - 9.
7. SIN causes a great separation between the Lost and the Saved in Hades -- Luke 16: 19 - 31.
8. Instead of SIN dividing and separating, we should separate ourselves from SIN, putting as great a gulf between us and SIN as possible.

- (1) 2 Cor. 6:17
- (2) Tit. 2: 11 - 12
- (3) Col. 3:8
- (4) I Pet. 2:1
- (5) Rom. 6:12

## II. SIN IS DECEPTIVE

1. The scriptures assert the fact that SIN and Satan are deceptive:
  - (1) Satan is deceptive:
    1. He deceived Eve -- I Tim. 2: 14; 2 Cor. 11:3.
    2. Satan has deceptive MESSENGERS -- 2 Cor. 11: 13 - 15
    3. His messengers have a deceptive MESSAGE -- Matt. 24:24; Col. 2: 8; 2 Cor. 4:2; Rom. 16:18; 2 Tim. 3:13; 2 Thess. 2: 9 - 10.
  - (2) SIN is deceptive -- Heb. 3:13.
  - (3) Repeatedly we are warned not to be deceived.
    1. Christ warns -- Matt. 24:4 - 5.
    2. Paul warns -- Eph. 5:6; 2 Tim. 2: 16 - 18.
    3. John warns -- I John 3:7.
2. When are we deceived by SIN?
  - (1) We are deceived when we say we have no SIN-- I John 1: 8 - 10; Rom. 3: 9 - 10.
    1. Sin blinds -- 2 Cor. 4:3 - 4; Matt. 7:1 - 5.
  - (2) We are deceived when we think evil communications will not corrupt -- I Cor. 15:33; Rom. 16: 17 - 18.
  - (3) We are deceived if we are hearers, but not doers, of the Word -- James 1: 22 - 25.
  - (4) We are deceived when we are puffed up with pride, self-esteem, and self-importance -- Gal. 6: 3 - 4.
  - (5) We are deceived when we think that a pious religious effrontery will compensate for an unbridled tongue -- James 1: 26; I Pet. 2:1.
  - (6) We are deceived when we think we can sow to the flesh and reap of the Spirit -- Gal. 6: 7 - 8; Gal. 5: 19 - 21.
3. Some practical ways in which SIN is deceptive and disillusioning:
  - (1) SIN promises liberty, but brings slavery-- John 8:24; 2 Pet. 2:19; Rom. 6: 16 - 23.
  - (2) Observe those who are shackled to the sins of DRUNKENNESS, DRUGS, TOBACCO, IMMORALITY, WORRY, PESSIMISM, UNLAWFUL RELATIONSHIPS, etc.
  - (3) SIN appears attractive, but is hideously UGLY -- Gen. 3:5, 15 - 19; 2 Pet. 2: 20 - 22; Matt. 23:27.
  - (4) SIN appears to be right when it is wrong -- Prov. 14:12; Acts 23:1; Acts 26:9.
  - (5) Satan would have us to believe that we can do evil that good may come -- Rom. 3: 8.
    1. Saul found out that the end does not justify the means -- I Sam. 15: 1 - ff
  - (6) SIN appears so satisfying and fulfilling when it is so disappointing and misery-ridden.
    1. The prodigal -- Luke 15: 11 - 32.
    2. David -- Psa. 51:3; Psa. 32: 1 - 5.
    3. Sin's pleasures are so very short -- Heb. 11: 25.
  - (7) SIN appears to be so insignificant when it is so major:
    1. It was a *little* fruit -- Gen. 3:6

2. A *little* look -- Gen. 19:26
3. A *little* anger -- Num. 20: 7- 12
4. A *little* fire -- Lev. 10:1 - 7
5. A *little* touch -- 2 Sam. 6: 1- 11
6. A *little* neglect -- Matt. 25:1 - 13
7. A *little* talent-- Matt. 25: 14 - 31
8. A *little* word -- Matt. 12:36
9. A *little* money -- Matt. 26:15
10. A *little* lie -- Acts 5: 1 - 11
11. A *little* leaven -- I Cor. 5:6
12. A *little* tongue -- James 3: 5 - 8
13. SIN appears ever so innocent and non-possessing, when in reality it is so dominating -- Prov. 5:22; John 8:34; Rom. 6:16 - 18.

**III. SIN IS DESTRUCTIVE -- decaying, ruining, dissipating -- Ezek. 18:30; Isa. 59:7; Lk. 15: 13,14; Prov. 5: 10 - 11**

1. SIN will destroy your good name -- Prov. 22:1; Eccl. 7:1.
  - (1) A few names that SIN destroyed:
    1. Cain -- I John 3: 12
    2. Judas --Matt. 27: 3 - 5
    3. Hymenaeus and Philetus -- II Tim. 2:16 - 18
    4. Demas -- 2 Tim. 4:10
  - (2) May our names never be associated with dishonesty, immorality, division, or false doctrine.
2. SIN will destroy your traits of Character:
  - (1) Sin will destroy such traits as honesty, self-respect, sensitivity -- Prov. 2:17
  - (2) Sin will leave you without character.
3. SIN will destroy your body:
  - (1) Fornication -- I Cor. 6:18; Rom. 1:27.
  - (2) Drinking -- Gal. 5: 19 -21
  - (3) Smoking
  - (4) Worry -- Matt. 6: 24 - 34; Heb. 11:6.
4. SIN will destroy you emotionally.
  - (1) Inner conflicts -- Psa. 32: 1 - 4.
5. SIN will destroy your talents, destroying you spiritually -- Matt. 25: 14 - 30.
  - (1) Many who have good talents to do the work of the Lord have gone off into sin and destroyed their talents.
6. SIN will destroy you economically -- Luke 15: 13, 14.
  - (1) Harlots -- Prov. 5: 10; Luke 15:30.
  - (2) Drinking.
7. SIN will destroy your prayer life -- Psa. 66:18.
  - (1) Improper marital relationships -- I Pet. 3:7.
  - (2) Lack of faith -- James 1: 5 - 7.
  - (3) Not forgiving -- Matt. 6: 14 - 15.
  - (4) Selfishness -- James 4:3.
8. SIN will destroy your conscience:

- (1) Eph. 4: 18, 19
  - (2) I Tim. 4: 1 - 6.
9. SIN will destroy your home:
- (1) Fornication
  - (2) Drinking
  - (3) Selfishness
  - (4) Unloving
  - (5) Sin ruined Lot's home -- Gen. 19
10. SIN will destroy local congregations:
- (1) Churches leave their first love -- Rev. 2: 4 - 5.
  - (2) Churches become lukewarm -- Rev. 3: 14 - 19.
  - (3) Churches have men who love to have pre-eminence -- 3 John 9 - 10.
  - (4) Churches become filled with worldliness -- I Cor. 5: 1 - 5.
  - (5) Churches become filled with envying, strife and divisions -- I Cor. 3:3.
  - (6) Warning to all -- I Cor. 3:17
11. SIN will destroy or ruin your posterity -- Ex. 20:5.
- (1) David sinned grievously, resulting in his son Absalom becoming a murderer, his daughter Tamar being defiled, his son Amnon becoming a rapist -- 2 Sam. 13.
12. SIN will destroy your soul:
- (1) Rom. 6:23; Rev. 20: 12 - 15.
  - (2) Lk. 16: 19

#### IV. SIN IS DOMINATING

1. The scriptures so assert:
  - (1) Psa. 119: 133-- "*Let not any iniquity have dominion over me*"
  - (2) Psa. 19:13 -- presumptuous sins.
  - (3) II Pet. 2:19
  - (4) Tit. 3:3 -- "*serving divers lusts*". . .
  - (5) Rom. 6: 16 - 17; John 8:34 -- "*whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin*". . .
  - (6) Sin starts off appearing to be our servant, but before long we are serving sin.
2. There are a number of specific sins which are very dominating:
  - (1) Drinking -- Prov. 20:1; Gal. 5: 19 - 21
  - (2) Drug use
  - (3) Smoking
  - (4) Cursing -- Eph. 4:29.
  - (5) Adultery -- Prov. 5: 22 -23; Matt. 19: 3 - 9.
  - (6) Anxiety -- Matt. 6: 24 - 34; Phil. 4: 6 - 7.
  - (7) Faultfinding -- Matt. 7: 1 - 5; Luke 18: 9 - 13.
3. SIN is a hard taskmaster -- Prov. 13:15 -- "*The way of the transgressor is hard*"
4. SIN can dominate to the point as to make it impossible for the sinner to render obedience to the Lord :
  - (1) Heb. 6: 4 - 6
  - (2) 2 Pet. 2: 20 - 22
  - (3) The time may come in your life when you desire to give up sin, but sin may not be ready to give you up.

## CONCLUSION

1. This lesson should have helped all of us to see what SIN will do to us.
2. Are you here and in SIN?
3. Won't you be obedient to the gospel now?



## WHAT SIN WILL DO TO US Lesson Two

### V. SIN IS DISGRACING

1. SIN will disgrace a NATION:
  - (1) Prov. 14: 34 -- "*Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people*"
  - (2) America is fast becoming a laughingstock internationally.
  - (3) Such has been brought on by the rapid increase in crime, divorce, and internal strife.
  - (4) There is a violent crime ( murder, forcible rape, robbery, or assault to kill) committed every 43 seconds in our nation, and one of every two marriages ends in divorce.
2. SIN will disgrace a city or COMMUNITY.
  - (1) Sodom and Gomorrah will live in eternal infamy -- Jude 7.
  - (2) Reno, Las Vegas
3. SIN will disgrace one's FAMILY:
  - (1) Prov. 19:26; Prov. 28:7 (violence).
  - (2) Children of drinking fathers and mothers often shamefully bear the brunt of disgrace and reproach brought on by such.
  - (3) Fathers and Mothers are filled with SHAME because of the sins of their children:
    1. On drugs.
    2. Becoming loose in their morals.
4. SIN will disgrace the CHURCH:
  - (1) Christians are exhorted to live godly lives before outsiders -- Col. 4:5; I Tim. 3:7; Matt. 5: 13 - 16.
  - (2) Lest they speak reproachfully -- I Tim. 5:14; I Tim. 6:1; Tit. 2:5.
  - (3) The church would have favor among the people on the outside -- Acts 2:47.
  - (4) In many communities, the church has been brought into disrepute through the ungodly or inconsistent lives of its members: preachers, elders and teachers.
  - (5) The church at Corinth, a man committed fornication with his father's wife -- I Cor. 5:1.
  - (6) The Laodicean church will live in eternal infamy because of the sin of lukewarmness -- Rev. 3: 14 - 22.
5. SIN will disgrace the INDIVIDUAL.
  - (1) The man who commits adultery with another man's wife -- Prov. 6: 32 - 33.

- (2) Sin will so disgrace and degrade the sinner that he will even lose every vestige of self-respect, even to the point of having no countenance.

## VI. SIN IS DISTURBING

1. SIN is disquieting (disturbing).
  - (1) Psa. 51:3
  - (2) Psa. 51:8
  - (3) Psa. 51: 12
  - (4) Psa. 38: 17
  - (5) Psa. 32:1 - 4
2. Herod's SIN of killing John the Baptist disturbed him -- Psa. 14: 1 - 2
3. An "*only once this time SIN*" can result in a lifetime of misery:
  - (1) The sin of adultery
  - (2) The sin of lying
  - (3) The sin of stealing
  - (4) The sin of drunkenness

## VII. SIN IS PROGRESSIVE IN NATURE

1. Scriptures which teach us that SIN is progressive:
  - (1) Gal. 5:9; "*A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump...*" -- I Cor. 5:6
  - (2) I Tim. 6:10 -- "*For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil*".
  - (3) 2 Tim. 3:13 -- "*wax worse and worse*"
  - (4) Heb. 3: 12 - 13
  - (5) Psa. 1:1 "*walk...stand...sit...*"
2. One reason SIN is progressive in one's life is because SIN is deceitful -- Heb. 3:13; Tit. 3:3; I Tim. 2:14.
  - (1) "Deceitfulness" means: "tending to mislead, deceive, or ensnare".
  - (2) A man fails to see sins of wickedness many times because of sins "*seasonal pleasure*"-- Heb. 11:25.
    1. Dancing -- Gal. 5:19; I Pet. 2:11-- produces sensual desire.
    2. Petting; familiarities lead to fornication.
    3. Immodest dress -- Matt. 5:28.
    4. The viewing of immoral movies.
    5. Flirtation between married people -- this leads to other things.
  - (3) The devil, through his agents, has taught "that sin is the fault of society" -- this causes men to feel no real guilt or personal responsibility for sins they commit -- in other words, "the society made me do it" -- Ezek. 18:20.
  - (4) The devil, through his agents, has also taught "truth is relative, subject to modification and change".
    1. This doctrine of Satan simply teaches in the realm of moral and ethical judgment that there is no eternal right and wrong.
    2. This doctrine teaches right depends upon the circumstances -- "*Situation Ethics*":
      - a. Joseph Fletcher said, "Any act -- even lying, premarital sex, abortion, adultery, and murder -- could be right, depending on the circumstances" (cover of his book).
      - b. We live in a day when men call evil good -- Isa. 5: 20 - 23.

- (5) Man, many times, fails to see the wickedness of SIN and its enormity because SIN is all around, and he sees "everybody else is doing it"; so, he begins to think it is alright.
3. Let us now study the Progressiveness of SIN in the lives of men:
- (1) PROGRESSIVENESS OF SIN in JOSEPH'S brethren -- Gen. 37:
1. First they HATED him -- Gen. 37: 4,5,8
  2. Next they ENVIED him -- Gen. 37:11
  3. Then they CONSPIRED to KILL him -- Gen. 37: 18
  4. They sold him into SLAVERY -- Gen. 37: 28
  5. They DECEIVED their father concerning him -- Gen. 37:32
- (2) The PROGRESSIVENESS OF SIN in the life of DAVID:
1. First he was IDLE -- 2 Sam. 11:2
  2. Second, he LUSTED -- 2 Sam. 11; 2; Matt. 5:28
  3. Third, he committed FORNICATION -- 2 Sam. 11:4
  4. Fourth TREACHERY -- 2 Sam. 11: 6 - ff
  5. Fifth MURDER -- 2 Sam. 11:15
- (3) The apostasy of the GENTILES shows the PROGRESSIVENESS OF SIN:
1. They DID NOT GLORIFY GOD -- Rom. 1:21.
  2. They were UNTHANKFUL -- Rom. 1:21
  3. They became VAIN in their reasoning -- Rom. 1:21.
  4. They BECAME FOOLS -- Rom. 1: 23.
  5. EXCHANGED GOD FOR IDOLS -- Rom. 1: 23.
  6. CHANGED TRUTH of God INTO LIE -- Rom. 1: 25.
  7. SERVED the CREATURE MORE THAN the CREATOR -- Rom. 1:25.
- (4) The steps of apostasy ARE PROGRESSIVE-- 2 Tim. 4: 2- 5.
1. Will not endure sound doctrine:
    - a. Christians will despise and hate the doctrine of Christ.
    - b. They want a doctrine that will allow them to feel comfortable in their SINS.
  2. *"But after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears . . ."*
    - a. *"after their own lusts"*
      - i. Here is the seat of the trouble -- THE LUSTS OF MEN.
    - a. *"shall they heap to themselves teachers . . ."*
      - i. Teachers who will preach that which gratifies them in their sins.
  3. *"having itching ears"*
    - a. They want preachers who will rub, scratch, and tickle their ears; they want something pleasing and gratifying.
  4. *"and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" . . .*
    - a. The truth condemns their besetting SINS, and errors.
    - b. Therefore they turn their ears away from it.
  5. *"and shall be turned unto fables" . . .*
    - a. In place of truth, they turn to fables.
- (5) The steps away from the Lord, His church, and back into the world are progressive.
1. First step -- Some new interest and involvement that takes much time and energy.
  2. Second step -- One begins to think more and more about his new involvement and less and less about spiritual things.

3. Third step -- One doesn't have enough time to pray and study the Bible, and thinking about spiritual things.
4. Fourth step -- The new involvement causes one to start missing some of the services.
5. Fifth step -- One loses interest completely and quits.

### **CONCLUSION**

1. Let us not be overcome by Satan and by the progressiveness of sin.
2. Are you here and out of Christ?
3. Won't you obey the gospel now?

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