

Proper Attitudes Toward SIN

- ADMIT it
- HATE it
- SHUN it
- RESIST it
- EXPOSE it
- CONQUER it
- HELPS

We'll be speaking this morning about: **Proper Attitudes Toward Sin**

There is no doubt about it, One's Attitude **WILL** Determine, one's actions.

The Bible says

- “**KEEP thy HEART**, with **ALL diligence**; for **OUT** of it, are the **ISSUES** of life.” ([Prov.4:23](#))

The “heart” or mind is where **ALL** of our actions **ORIGINATE**.

If we **OBEY** God, it is because we have a **MIND** of obedience; by way of illustration,

- “...a **MIND** to work” ([Neh.4:6](#))

The attitude that we hold **TOWARD** sin

will greatly **INFLUENCE** us, in regard to **HOW** we react, to our **OWN** sin and the **SINS** of others.

The wisdom of Proverbs says,

- As a man “**THINKETH** in his heart, so **IS** he” ([Prov.23:7](#))

The Bible says

- “For from **WITHIN**, out of the **HEART** of men, proceed **EVIL** thoughts,
 - adulteries,
 - fornications,
 - murders,
 - Thefts,
 - covetousness,
 - wickedness,
 - deceit,
 - lasciviousness,
 - an evil eye,
 - blasphemy,
 - **PRIDE**,
 - foolishness:**ALL** these **EVIL** things come from **WITHIN**, and **DEFILE** the man.” ([Mk.7:21-23](#); & [Matt.15:18-20](#))

Jesus said, evil **ORIGINATES** in the heart or mind.

So, WHAT type of HEART condition do I have? And what type of HEART condition do YOU have?

What is our **ATTITUDE** toward sin?

I. Surely, one must ADMIT, that he or she is GUILTY of sin

The Psalmist said

- I **ACKNOWLEDGE** my sin unto **THEE**, and mine iniquity have I **NOT** hid.
...I will **CONFESS** my transgressions unto the **LORD**;
and thou **FORGAVEST** the iniquity of **MY** sin. ([Psalm 32:5](#))

An apostle said

- If we **SAY**, that we **HAVE** no sin, we **DECEIVE** ourselves, and the **TRUTH** is **NOT** in us.
If we **CONFESS** our sins, He is faithful and just to **FORGIVE** us, **OUR** sins,
and to **CLEANSE** us, from **ALL** unrighteousness.
If we **SAY**, that we have **NOT** sinned, we **MAKE** Him a liar, and His word is **NOT** in us. ([1Jn.1:8-10](#))

We must **ADMIT** that we are personally **RESPONSIBLE**, for our **OWN** sins.
Ever since Adam, man has tried to **ESCAPE**, individual responsibility.

The age old problem of **PASSING** the buck.

Notice what the **BOOK** of beginnings has revealed:

- “And the **LORD** God **CALLED** unto Adam, and said unto him, **WHERE** art thou?
And he said, I **HEARD** Thy voice in the garden, and I was **AFRAID**,
because I was naked; and I **HID** myself.

And He said (that is, God said), **WHO** told thee, that **THOU** wast naked?
HAST thou **EATEN** of the tree, whereof I **COMMANDED** thee, that thou shouldst **NOT** eat?
○ And now notice where man **TRIES** to place, the responsibility for his **OWN** sin.

And the man said, The **WOMAN**, whom **THOU** gavest to be with me,
SHE gave me of the tree, and I **DID** eat.

And the **LORD** God said unto the woman, **WHAT** is this, that **THOU** hast done?
And the woman said, The **SERPENT** beguiled me, and I **DID** eat.” ([Gen.3:9-13](#))

ADAM the man, **BLAMED** God **AND** Eve, the woman.

EVE the woman, **BLAMED** Satan, the serpent.

WE must not be **SO** deceived;

...the **ORIGINATION** of sin, sits **SQUARELY** on the shoulders, of the one who **COMMITTED** the sin.

Aaron **BLAMED** the people, for the **GOLDEN** calf.

Notice the passage:

- “And Moses **SAID** unto Aaron,
What **DID** this people unto thee, that **THOU** hast brought, so **GREAT** a sin, **UPON** them?
And Aaron said, Let **NOT** the anger of my lord wax **HOT**:
thou **KNOWEST** the people, that they are **SET** on mischief.

For **THEY** said unto me, **MAKE** us gods, which shall **GO** before us:
for as, for **THIS**, Moses, the **MAN** that brought us up, **OUT** of the land of Egypt,
we wot **NOT**, what is **BECOME** of him.

And I said unto them, Whosoever hath **ANY** gold, let them break it off.
So they **GAVE** it me: then I **CAST** it, into the fire, and there came **OUT** this calf.” ([Exodus 32:21-24](#))
○ ...“There came out this calf”; as if it happened all by itself. ☺

So, the proper attitude toward Sin would include "Admitting Sin"

II. But also "Hating Sin".

Most **AVOID** the things they **HATE**

- No one keeps a **BARREL** of rattlesnakes in their home
- We usually don't eat **FOOD** we dislike
- Accordingly, an intense **HATRED** of sin, constitutes as a safeguard **AGAINST** sin

A. God **HATES** sin

The Psalmist said

- "These **SIX** things, doth the **LORD** hate:
yea, seven, are an **ABOMINATION** unto him:
 - A **PROUD** look, a **LYING** tongue,
 - and hands that **SHED** innocent blood,
 - An heart that deviseth, **WICKED** imaginings,
 - feet that be **SWIFT**, in **RUNNING** to mischiefs,
 - A **FALSE** witness, that **SPEAKETH** lies,
 - and he that soweth **DISCORD**, among brethren." ([Prov.6:16-19](#))
- "The fear of the LORD is to **HATE**
 - Evil: Pride, and Arrogancy, and the **EVIL** way,
 - and the **FROWARD** mouth, do I **HATE**." ([Prov.8:13](#))

B. Jesus **HATES** iniquity

The Hebrew writer said,

- "Thou hast **LOVED** righteousness, and **HATED** iniquity;" ([Heb.1:9](#))

C. The world **LOVES** one who accepts and loves **EVERY** condition.

We **REFER** to such an attitude as "**SITUATION** ethics", which has **ENGULFED** our society.
But God loves a **HATER** of sin

The Bible says:

- "Ye that **LOVE** the LORD, **HATE** evil:
He preserveth the **SOULS**, of His saints;
He delivereth them **OUT**, of the **HAND** of the wicked." ([Psalm 97:10](#))
- "**HATE** the evil, and **LOVE** the good," ([Amos 5:15](#))
- "...**ABHOR** that which is evil; **CLEAVE** to that which is good." ([Rom.12:9](#))

D. We must **HATE** the sin, but **LOVE** the sinner.

The Psalmist said,

- "I will set no **WICKED** thing before mine eyes: I **HATE** the **WORK** of them, that **TURN** aside;
it shall **NOT** cleave to me." ([Psalm 101:3](#))
- Jesus said, "thou **HATEST** the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I **ALSO** hate." ([Rev.2:6](#))
- So hate the **WORK** of them; ...**HATE** the deeds; ...**HATE** the sin, ...**NOT** the sinner.

The proper attitude toward sin would include, **Admitting** it, **Hating** it AND

III. **SHUNNING** it

- We are to “**ABSTAIN** from **ALL appearance** (or forms) of **EVIL.**” ([1Thess.5:22](#))
- “Flee **ALSO youthful LUSTS:**
But **FOLLOW righteousness, faith, charity** (that is, Love), **peace,**
WITH them that **call** on the Lord, **out** of a **PURE heart.**” ([2Tim.2:22](#))
- We must **PRAY** not to be **LEAD** into **temptation** ([Matt.6:13](#))
 - But, to **pray NOT** to be **tempted**, and then to **RUSH** into **occasions** of **Temptations**, is like **THRUSTING** one’s **finger** into the **fire**, and then **praying NOT** to be **burned**.
 - We **MUST pray** and **DO** our part, of **SHUNNING SIN.**

In **Shunning** sin, one will **NOT play** with sin,

...seeing how **close** one can **GET** to it, without **OVERLY** sinning (some say);

which is a **FALSE assumption**; as there is **NO** such thing as **SINNING** just a little bit.

- “Can a man **TAKE fire** in his bosom, and his clothes **NOT** be **burned**?
Can one **GO** upon **HOT coals**, and his feet **NOT** be **BURNED**?” ([Prov.6:27-28](#))

If one plays **with Fire** or **with Sin**, such a one **WILL** be **burned**.

In regard to the subject of fornication, or living in co-habitation without being scripturally married, We are admonished by the apostle Paul, who said,

- “I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I (that is, single).
⁹ But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for **it is BETTER to marry than to BURN.**” ([1Cor.7:8-9](#))

In **Shunning** sin, one will **NOT** make **provision** for it.

The Bible says

- “But put ye **ON** the Lord Jesus Christ,
(and we can read [Gal.3:26-27](#) to learn **HOW** to put **ON** the Lord Jesus Christ)
...But put ye **ON** the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make **NOT provision** for the flesh, to **FULFIL** the **lusts** thereof.” ([Rom.13:14](#))

The Bible says,

- “every man is **TEMPTED**,
WHEN he is drawn **away** of his **OWN lust**, and **enticed**.
THEN when **LUST** hath **CONCEIVED**, it **bringeth** forth **SIN**:
and **SIN**, when it is **FINISHED**, **bringeth** forth **DEATH**.
Do not **ERR**, my beloved brethren.” ([James 1:14-16](#))

...But rather, **SHUN** sin!

The proper attitude toward sin would include, **Admitting** it, **Hating** it, **Shunning** it, AND

IV. **RESISTING** It

The Bible says

- “**BE sober**, **BE vigilant**; because your **ADVERSARY** the devil, as a **ROARING** lion, **WALKETH** about, **SEEKING** whom he may devour: Whom **RESIST** stedfast **IN** the faith, knowing that the **SAME** afflictions are **ACCOMPLISHED** in your brethren, that are **IN** the world. ([1Pet.5:8-9](#))
- **SUBMIT** yourselves therefore **TO** God. **RESIST** the devil, and he will flee **FROM** you. ([James 4:7](#))

Jesus **RESISTED** sin.

In [Matthew chapter 4](#), the bible says

- **THEN** was Jesus **LED** up of the Spirit, **INTO** the wilderness, to be **TEMPTED** of the devil.
²And **WHEN** He had **FASTED** forty days and forty nights, He was **AFTERWARD** an hungred.
³And **WHEN** the **TEMPTER** came to Him, he said, **IF** thou be the **SON** of God, **COMMAND** that these stones be **MADE** bread.
⁴But He **ANSWERED** and said, **IT IS WRITTEN**,
 - Man shall **NOT** live, by **BREAD** alone,
 - **BUT** by every **WORD**, that proceedeth, out of the **MOUTH** of God.

⁵**THEN** the devil **TAKETH** Him up, **INTO** the holy city, and **SETTETH** Him on a pinnacle of the temple,
⁶And saith unto Him, **IF** thou be the **SON** of God, **CAST** thyself down: for **it is written**, He shall **GIVE** His angels **CHARGE** concerning Thee: and **IN** their **HANDS**, they shall **BEAR** thee up, lest at **ANY** time, Thou **DASH** Thy foot, **AGAINST** a stone.
⁷Jesus **SAID** unto him, **IT IS WRITTEN**
 - again, Thou shalt not **TEMPT** the Lord thy God.

⁸Again, the devil **TAKETH** Him up, **INTO** an exceeding **HIGH** mountain, and sheweth Him **ALL** the **KINGDOMS** of the world, and the glory **OF** them; And saith unto him, **ALL** these things will I **GIVE** thee, **IF** thou wilt **FALL** down and **WORSHIP** me.
¹⁰**THEN** saith Jesus unto him, **GET** thee **HENCE**, satan: for **IT IS WRITTEN**,
 - Thou shalt **WORSHIP** the Lord thy God, and Him **ONLY**, shalt thou **SERVE**.¹¹**THEN** the devil **LEAVETH** Him, and, **BEHOLD**, angels came and **MINISTERED** unto Him. ([Matt.4:1-11](#))

We must get back to **IT IS WRITTEN**

in preaching, in our thoughts, in our speech, in our dress, in the company that we **KEEP**, in the activities that we **PARTICIPATE** in, How we **LIVE**, and in how we **TREAT** one another.

Jo-seph Resisted sin

- When Potiphar's wife caught Jo-seph, "by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he **LEFT** his garment in her hand, and **FLED**, and got him **OUT**." ([Gen.39:12](#))

In her earlier attempts to make sexual advances toward Jo-seph, he told her,

- “**how then can I DO** this great **WICKEDNESS**, and sin **AGAINST** God?” ([Gen.39:9](#))

In **RESISTING** satan and sin, one cannot **GIVE** an inch;

- one cannot “**GIVE** place to the devil” ([Eph.4:27](#)).
- “Lest satan should **GET**, an **ADVANTAGE** of us: “ (read [2Cor.2:9-11](#))

...if we are **TRULY** interested, in having a **PROPER** attitude **TOWARD** sin, we would, **Admit** it, **Hate** it, **Shun** it, **Resist** it, AND

V. A Faithful Child of God has the Responsibility to **EXPOSE** it.

A. God condemned sin

The bible says,

- “For what the law could **NOT** do, in that it was weak **THROUGH** the flesh, God sending his **OWN** Son, in the **LIKENESS** of sinful **FLESH**, and for **SIN**, **CONDEMNED** sin, **IN** the flesh.” ([Rom.8:3](#))

B. Jesus **EXPOSED** sin

Jesus **REBUKED** the Pharisees and scribes of His day

- “he said unto them, Full well, ye **REJECT** the commandment of God, that ye may **KEEP** your **OWN** tradition.
He goes on to say that they **MAKE** the Word of God of **NONE** effect, **THROUGH** your tradition, which **YE** have delivered: and many **SUCH** like things, **DO** ye.” ([Mk.7:9-13](#))

Jesus exposed and condemned the sin of fornication, by the woman from Samaria.

Jesus told her,

- “Go, call thy husband, and come hither. ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have **NO** husband:
¹⁸ for thou hast had **FIVE** husbands; and he whom thou now hast is **NOT** thy husband.” ([Jn.4:16-18](#))

This woman from Samaria had five husbands, but apparently the man she was living with at this time was in co-habitation, that is, they were not married, or not scripturally married.

Paul said, “it is better to marry than to burn.” ([1Cor.7:8-9](#))

Jesus informed the woman caught in the very act of fornication, to

“Go, and sin **NO MORE**.” ([Jn.8:11](#)), that is, “except ye **REPENT**, ye shall all likewise **PERISH**.” ([Lk.13:3](#))

C. The Holy Spirit **REPROVED** sin

Jesus promised this in [John 16:7-8](#)

- “Nevertheless I **TELL** you the truth;
It is **EXPEDIENT** for you, that I **GO** away:
for **IF** I go **NOT** away, the **COMFORTER** will not **COME** unto you;
but **IF** I depart, I will **SEND** Him, **UNTO** you.
And **WHEN** He is come, (that is the Holy Spirit)
He will **REPROVE** the world of sin, **AND** of righteousness, **AND** of judgment.”

Which happened on the day of Pentecost, AD33 in [Acts chapter 2](#)

D. John the Baptist, **CONDEMNED** and **EXPOSED** sin

The Bible says

- “For John had **SAID** unto Herod,
It is **NOT** lawful for thee, to **HAVE** thy brother's wife.” ([Mk.6:18](#))

E. The apostles **DENOUNCED** and **EXPOSED** sin

Paul said,

- “And **WHEN** they had **GONE** through, the **ISLE** unto Paphos, they **FOUND** a certain sorcerer, a **FALSE** prophet, a **JEW**, whose **NAME** was Barjesus: Which was **WITH** the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a **PRUDENT** man; who **CALLED** for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to **HEAR** the **Word** of God.

But **ELYMAS** the sorcerer (for **SO** is his name **BY** interpretation) **WITHSTOOD** them, **SEEKING** to turn away the deputy, **FROM** the faith.

Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) **FILLED** with the Holy Spirit, **SET** his eyes **ON** him. And said, **O FULL** of **ALL** subtilty and **ALL** mischief, thou **CHILD** of the devil, thou **ENEMY** of **ALL** righteousness, wilt thou not **CEASE** to pervert, the right **WAYS** of the Lord?” ([Acts 13:6-10](#))

Peter said:

- “Ye **MEN** of Israel, **HEAR** these words:
Jesus of Nazareth, a man **APPROVED** of God, among you **BY** miracles and wonders and signs, which God did **BY** Him, **IN** the midst of you, **AS** ye yourselves **ALSO** know: Him, being delivered, **BY** the determinate **COUNSEL**, and **FOREKNOWLEDGE** of God, ye have **TAKEN**, and by **WICKED** hands, have **CRUCIFIED** and **SLAIN**:” ([Acts 2:22-23](#))

F. Gospel preachers are also to **REBUKE** sin

- “I **CHARGE** thee therefore **BEFORE** God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall **JUDGE** the quick and the dead, **AT** His appearing **AND** His kingdom; **PREACH** the word;
 - be instant **IN** season, **OUT** of season;
 - reprove, **rebuke**, exhort **WITH** all long suffering **AND** doctrine.For the time **WILL** come, when they will **NOT** endure **SOUND** doctrine; **...and how sad!**

but **AFTER** their **OWN** lusts, shall they **HEAP** to themselves teachers, having **ITCHING** ears; And they shall turn **AWAY** their ears, **FROM** the truth, and shall be **TURNED** unto fables.

But **WATCH** thou **IN** all things, **ENDURE** afflictions, **DO** the work of an **EVANGELIST**, **MAKE** full proof, **OF** thy ministry.” ([2Tim.4:1-2](#))

- “This witness is **TRUE**. Wherefore **REBUKE** them sharply, that they may be **SOUND** in the faith.” ([Titus 1:13](#))
- Sin must be **CONDEMNED** from the pulpit
 - Sadly, many of our religious neighbors **NEVER** mention sin from their pulpits
 - ...As a **RESULT**, our **NATION’S** morals, have **DECLINED** in record fashion.

G. All Christians are to **REPROVE** and **EXPOSE** sin

The Bible instructs us **ALL** to

- “have **NO** fellowship, **WITH** the unfruitful **WORKS** of darkness, but rather **REPROVE** them. ([Eph.5:11](#))
 - The majority of Christians may obey the **FIRST** part of this command, but **FEW** obey the **SECOND** part
 - Are we to be involved in cafeteria **STYLED** religion, where we **PICK** and **CHOOSE** what we want and don't want to do? **No!**
- We've got to **EXPOSE** and **OPPOSE** sin. ...such as Stealing, Lying, Fornication, Homosexuality, Drinking, Adultery, and unscriptural marriages.
- We **REFRAIN** from teaching and endorsing **FALSE** doctrine; but such must also be **REFUTED** and **DENIED**.
 - To do so, we must **PREPARE** ourselves to be **SKILLFUL** in the Word of God. ...We **REALLY** do, need to **STUDY!** ([2Tim.2:15](#))

So, the **PROPER** attitude **TOWARD** sin would include, **Admitting** it, **Hating** it, **Shunning** it, **Resisting** it, **Exposing** it, AND

VI. **CONQUERING** it

A. We are to conquer, **NOT** commit sin; ...We're to conquer; and **NOT** continue in sin

The Bible says,

- “**WHAT** shall we say then?
Shall we **CONTINUE** in sin, that **GRACE** may abound? God **FORBID**.
How shall **WE**, that are **DEAD** to sin, **LIVE** any longer therein?

know ye **NOT**, that so **MANY** of us, **AS** were baptized **INTO** Jesus Christ were **BAPTIZED** into his death? **THEREFORE** we are buried **WITH** Him, **BY** baptism, **INTO** death: that like **AS** Christ was **RAISED** up, **FROM** the dead, **BY** the glory of the Father, even so we **ALSO**, should walk, **IN** newness of life.
For **IF** we have been **PLANTED** together, **IN** the likeness of his **DEATH**, we **SHALL** be also, **IN** the likeness of his **RESURRECTION**:

KNOWING this, that our **OLD** man, is crucified **WITH** Him, that the **BODY** of sin, **MIGHT** be destroyed, that **HENCEFORTH** we should **NOT** serve sin.
For he that is **DEAD**, is **FREED** from sin. ([Rom.6:1-7](#))

So, we **CONQUER** sin, by denying and **CRUCIFYING** sin, **THROUGH** obedience!

B. **DRASTIC** measures are to be taken to **CONQUER** sin

Before we continue with this thought, ...just a brief note, regarding a figure of speech **USED** in the Bible, **KNOWN** as, a “**hy-per-bo-le**’.
A hyperbole is defined as: “**when more is SAID, than is LITERALLY meant**” or an “**exaggeration**” to **EMPHASIS** a point.

In [Mark 9:43-48](#), we have such a case. ...notice the passage:

- IF thy **HAND** offend thee, **CUT** it off:
it is **BETTER** for thee to enter, into **LIFE** maimed,
than having **TWO** hands,
to **GO** into hell, **INTO** the **FIRE**, that **NEVER** shall be quenched:
Where their worm **DIETH** not, and the **FIRE** is **NOT** quenched.

And IF thy **FOOT** offend thee, **CUT** it off:
it is **BETTER** for thee, to enter **HALT** into life,
than having **TWO** feet,
to be **CAST** into hell, **INTO** the **FIRE**, that **NEVER** shall be quenched:
Where their worm **DIETH** not, and the **FIRE** is **NOT** quenched.

And IF thine **EYE** offend thee, **PLUCK** it out:
it is **BETTER** for thee to enter, into the **KINGDOM** of God with **ONE** eye,
than having **TWO** eyes, to be **CAST** into **HELL** fire:
Where their worm **DIETH** not, and the **FIRE** is **NOT** quenched. (that’s [Mk.9:43-48](#))

Jesus is **NOT** saying to **LITERALLY** harm yourself, but is using a hyperbole to **EMPHASIS** that **DRASTIC** measures must be **TAKEN** to keep one **OUT** of **HELL** Fire;
... **DRASTIC** measures must be **TAKEN** to remove **SIN** from our lives.

In [Rev.3:1](#), we read,

- “unto the **ANGEL** of the **church** **IN** **Sardis** **WRITE**;
THESE things **SAITH** he, that hath the **SEVEN** Spirits of God, and the **SEVEN** stars;
I **KNOW** thy works, that thou hast a **NAME**, that thou **LIVEST**, and **art** **DEAD**.”

If the church at Sardis had taken **DRASTIC** measures to **REMOVE** things **NOT** authorized of God,
...to **REMOVE** sin, ...to keep the church **PURE**;

- ...they’d be spiritually **ALIVE**,
- ...instead of being spiritually **DEAD**.

And so the need for church **DISCIPLINE**, lest we be spiritually **DEAD**.

...Don’t **FORGET** about the **CHURCH** at Sardis.

We must **CONQUER** sin or **IT** will **CONQUER** us

- Sin will **DESTROY** us, if we do not **DESTROY** it from our lives **FIRST**.
...both individually and collectively, as the church **OF** our Lord.
- So in the language of our Lord,
we must **AMPUTATE** sin, we must **AMPUTATE** the things **FROM** our lives,
that cause us to **STRAY** from the doctrine of Christ.
- if we **DON’T**, God will amputate us, or **SEPARATE** us from Him. ([Isa.59:1-2](#); [2Jn.9](#);
and don’t forget [Rev.3:1](#)).

VII. Consider Some HELPS, to having a PROPER attitude TOWARD sin?

A. We should REMEMBER that sin CAUSED, the death of Christ

The Bible says,

- “his **OWN** self, bare **OUR** sins, in His **OWN** body, **ON** the tree, that **WE**, being **DEAD** to sins, should **LIVE** unto righteousness: **BY** whose stripes, ye were **HEALED**. ([1Pet.2:24](#))
- “we **SEE** Jesus, who was **MADE** a little lower than the angels, **FOR** the suffering of **DEATH**, ...**CROWNED** with glory and honour; that **HE**, by the **GRACE** of God, should taste **DEATH**, for **EVERY** man.” ([Heb.2:9](#))
- “God commendeth His love **TOWARD** us, in that, while we were **YET** sinners, Christ **DIED** for us.” ([Rom.5:8](#))
- “Christ, **AFTER** He had offered **ONE** sacrifice, for sins for **EVER**, sat **DOWN**, on the right **HAND** of God;” ([Heb.10:12](#))
- “Stand **FAST** therefore, **IN** the liberty, wherewith Christ hath **MADE** us free, and be **NOT** entangled again, **WITH** the yoke of bondage.” ([Gal.5:1](#))

To HELP us have a PROPER attitude TOWARD sin,

B. We should REMEMBER that sin is the **ONLY** thing, that will keep us **OUT** of heaven

- Sin **GREIEVE**'s our God ([Eph.4:30](#))
- And Sin **ANGER**'s our God ([Psalm 7:11](#))

Remember that **SIN** is a hard **TASK-MASTER** in this world.

The Bible says,

- “**GOOD** understanding **GIVETH** favour: but the **WAY** of transgressors **IS** hard.” ([Prov.13:15](#))

Regarding the physical blessings in the old time, The Bible says

- “Your **INIQUITIES** have turned **AWAY** these things, and your **SINS** have **WITHHOLDEN** good things, **FROM** you.” ([Jer.5:25](#))

...that pretty much portrays sin as a **THIEF**, and will **ROB** one of **EVERYTHING** that is precious.

If we don't have the right attitude **TOWARD** sin, ...if we're **NOT** careful,

- Sin will **STEAL** a good conscience (read [1Tim.4:1-2](#))
- Sin will **ROB** one of their countenance (read [Gen.4:5](#))
- Sin indeed is **BURDENSOME** and brings much **GUILT** (read [Psalm 51:3](#); & [Psalm 38:1-11](#))

I suggest, that if sin will cause our countenance to fall and if sin brings much guilt and burden

Then the conclusion is, **SIN** will **ROB** us of **JOY**!

And remember this...

- Sin will always **TAKE** us farther than we wanna **GO**, ...Slowly but **WHOLLY** taking control
- Sin will always **LEAVE** us longer, than we wanna **STAY**
- AND Sin will always **COST** us FAR more, than we **EVER** wanna **PAY**

And So, to HELP us have a PROPER attitude TOWARD sin,

C. We need to SEE sin , as GOD sees it.

The Bible **DEPICTS** sin, as man's **GREATEST enemy**, and the **CAUSE** of all our troubles in this world.

[Romans 5, verse 12](#) says

- “Wherefore, as by **ONE man**, sin **ENTERED** into the world, and death BY sin; and so **DEATH passed** upon **ALL** men, for that **ALL** have sinned.” ([Rom.5:12](#))

[Romans 6, verse 23](#) reminds us that,

- “the **WAGES** of sin, is spiritual DEATH.”

[Ezekiel 18 and verse 4](#) says,

- “the soul that **SINETH**, it shall **DIE**.”

Since God **CONSIDERS** sin, such a **TERRIBLE thing**,

We **OUGHT** to think SERIOUSLY, about **HOW** we **VIEW & THINK** of sin.

D. Do We Have A Proper Attitude Toward Sin?

We mentioned some things earlier about Jo-seph's attitude toward sin.

Because of Jo-seph's faithfulness, God had favor with him, ...notice the passage:

- “²⁰ And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. ²¹ But the **Lord was with** Joseph, and **shewed him mercy**, and **gave him favour** in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ²² And the keeper of the prison committed to Jo-seph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he (that is, Jo-seph) was the doer of it. ²³ The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because **the Lord was with him**, and **that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper**.” ([Gen.39:20-23](#))

If WE will have the right attitude toward sin, toward God and toward His Eternal Word with Faithful obedience, God will show mercy, and favour toward us, even during our suffering.

In-Conclusion

E. What are we gonna Do about the problem of SIN?

REPENT of our wickedness, and **OBEY** God!.

- “Wherefore lay APART, all **FILTHINESS** and **SUPERFLUITY** of naughtiness, and receive with **MEEKNESS**, the **ENGRAFTED word**, which is **ABLE**, to **SAVE** your souls.” ([James 1:21](#))

the eunuch said,

- “See, **HERE** is water; what doth hinder ME, to be baptized?
And Philip said, **IF** thou believest with **ALL** thine heart, thou **MAYEST**.
And he answered and said, **I BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ **IS** the Son of God.” ([Acts 8:36-37](#))

So, **WILL** you make that **GREAT confession**, both **NOW** and **FOREVER** more?

Please **COME**, while **TOGETHER**, we stand and sing.

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