

LESSON THREE

THE POWER OF SIN

Text: - Isaiah 59:1 – 3

*Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save;
neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:
But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and
your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.
For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your
lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.*

INTRODUCTION

Sin is evil and “very powerful” because it is controlled by Satan. Satan hates us (Believers) because we have the privilege which he has lost.

He cannot go to Heaven and so he does everything he can for us also to disobey God so that we can become like him. He makes sin very easy, enticing, appetizing, attractive and very good for us to commit and to despise the LORD our God.

Many people believe that once a sinner is saved, he is forever saved. To some of these people it is not necessary at all to talk about sin. Their belief is that we should only talk about the blessings of The LORD. Many others also believe that, they can handle and control sin by their strength, wisdom and good works.

There is nobody that can deliver himself from sin on his own. There is also nothing like once saved, saved forever. As much as we try, in spite of all our efforts yet we find ourselves falling into sin daily. For this reasons among others it is important for us to talk about sin.

In this lesson, we are going to consider the topic; **THE POWER OF SIN**, its source, its effects, how it separates us from God and God’s mind towards sin and sinners.

MEMORY VERSE

*Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not,
to him it is sin.
James 4:17*

1. WHAT IS SIN?

- a. Sin is the transgression of the law:- 1John 3:4
- b. Negligence of good works:- James 4:17
- c. Living an unrighteous life:- 1John 5:17
- d. Anything done without faith:- Rom. 14:23

2. WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF SIN?

- a. Satan is the master of sin:- John 8:44, Eze. 28:11-19
- b. He deceived man to disobey God:- Gen. 3:1-6
- c. He persuaded man to lust after the things of the flesh:- Gen. 3:6, Jam. 1:14-15, 1John 2:16.
- d. Sin started with one man:- Rom. 5:12

3. THE EFFECTS OF SIN

- a. Sin separates man from his maker:- Is. 59:2-3
 - i. Separated from being seen:- Gen. 3:9, Hab. 1:13a
 - ii. Separated from being heard:- John 9:31, Ps. 66:18, Pro. 15:29, Is. 1:15
 - iii. Separated from being reached:- (deliverance) Is 59:1
- b. Sin is a reproach:- Prob. 14:34b
- c. Sin kills:- Eze. 18:4,20. Rom. 5:12, 6:23
 - i. Physical death, ii. Spiritual death, iii. Eternal death
- d. Sin destroys:- Eccl. 9:18
- e. Sin break relationship:- Gen. 3:22-24

4. HOW GOD HANDLES SIN

- a. God warns against sin:- Eze. 3:17-21, 33:1-6.
- b. God does not allow sin to take His children by surprise:- 1Cor. 10:12-13
 - i. Cain:- Gen. 4:6-7
 - ii. Peter's denial of Jesus:- John 13:36-38, (18:17, 25-27), Luke 22:31-32
 - iii. Judas Iscariot:- Matt. 26:24-25.
- c. God gave an offering for sin:- 2Cor. 5:21, John 1:29, 1John 3:5-6, Luke 19:10.
- d. Jesus is the propitiation for our sins:- Rom. 3:24-25, 1John 2:1-2, 4:10.
- e. God forgives and forgets:- Is. 43:25, Jer. 31:34, Heb. 10:17
- f. God will judge sinners:- Heb. 9:27, 2:1-3
- g. There is no excuse:- Rom. 1:18-20

NOTE

God hates sin and the sinner, yet He offered His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ that as many as will believe, repent and accept Him as their LORD and Saviour, they will be saved and forgiven: - John 3:14-17

5. HOW SHOULD WE HANDLE SIN?

- a. We are to hate sin and not commit sin:- John 5:14, 1Cor. 15:33-34, Eph. 4:26, 1John 2:1, 5:18
- b. When you fall into sin, don't hide it:- Pro. 28:13a, Ps. 32:5
- c. Confess and forsake your sins:- Pro. 28:13b, 1John 1:9
- d. You must rule over sin:- Gen. 4:6-7, Rom. 6:14, 1John 3:9
- e. Resist the devil:- James 4:7
- f. Grace and sin:- Rom. 6:1-2, 14-15, Heb. 10:26

CONCLUSION

Sin has limited power, but we give God all the glory because He has given us our LORD Jesus Christ who defeated the devil for us. As we accept Him, and walk in His steps, He transfers His power into our lives by our knowledge of His WORD, so that we can live far above sin. To maintain this power and overcome sin, we must continually remain in Him faithfully. This means, we must be steadfast in Reading and Meditating on His WORD and desiring to do His WILL always. Do not forget that the Bible says, "To whom we yield ourselves, his servant we are." (Rom. 6:16) God bless you and give you victory in the pursuit of His WORD.

BIBLE READING PLAN

Scripture Reading For The Week

Days	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday	Ex. 8 – 11	Matt. 19
Tuesday	Ex. 12 – 15	Matt. 20
Wednesday	Ex. 16 – 18	Matt. 21
Thursday	Ex. 19 – 21	Matt. 22
Friday	Ex. 22 – 25	Matt. 23
Saturday	Ex. 26 – 29	Matt. 24
Sunday	Ex. 30 – 33	Matt. 25