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Genesis 3 Lesson 4A -The Nature on Sin

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Genesis 3:1-5 and Revelation chapter 22:18. All sin in the universe can be traced back to Genesis chapter 3. The last time God the Father speaks in the Bible, these are God's last words in the Bible. Revelation 22:19-19, verse 18.

Sin is introduced into the world or into mankind to the human race by the subtlety of Satan. The source of sin is not alcohol, sexual immorality, drugs, murder, stealing, not breaking the Ten Commandments. The origin of all sin in this world is altering what God said to suit one's own purposes. Before Eve ate the fruit, she was seduced by the devil into disbelieving what God said. The first time Satan ever spoke in this universe he set a pattern to which he has adhered to ever since... he cast doubt upon what God said.

Look at Genesis 2 and verse 16, And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: Look in chapter 3 and verse 2. And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: Where is the word freely? Eve felt like it was not in the best manuscripts. Eve left something out from what God said. Look in chapter 2, verse 17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: Chapter 3, verse 3. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it... That is not what God said. She just made that up and added it to the word of God. Chapter 2, verse 17. ...for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. This is a definite statement. Chapter 3, verse 3. ...neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. She watered down God's word. Once you have taken out parts of God's word you do not agree with and added things to God's word that God did not say, or watered down God's word so it is not so offensive then it is no problem for Satan in verse 4 to just deny the word of God.

What is the big deal about a few word changes in the Bible? The propaganda tells us that it makes it easier to understand, more eloquent to today's language. Once you begin to subject God's word to your authority it is not long before the authority of the word of God is completely absent from your life. There several denominations in America today that reject God's word, proof in their ordaining of women, recognizing homosexuals, denying the virgin birth, denying eternal security, denying the deity of Christ. They did

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not start out that way. Educated theologians in their seminaries began modifying the text of the Bible, until finally rejecting God's word out right.

What is God's last warning in the Bible? Moses and David were murderers but found forgiveness. Daniel let men worship him but found forgiveness. Peter cursed and swore denying the Lord but found forgiveness. You will not find one case from Genesis to Revelation of a man who set himself against what God said ever finding forgiveness with God. Several times in our Bible God has declared that we are not to alter what He has said Deuteronomy 4:2; Deuteronomy 12:32; Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 20:18-19 It is that serious.

The Bible says in Philippians chapter 2 Philippians 2:10-11 *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* Psalms 138:2b says... *for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.* If every knee bows at the name of Jesus and God has placed His word above His very name, you better reverence this word and not alter it to suit your own personal beliefs.

I. WHAT IS SIN

a. All unrighteousness - 1 John 5:17; Psalms 33:4 *All unrighteousness is sin...* If you are not sure of what righteousness is read Psalms 33:4. *For the word of the LORD is right...* People say *"how do I know what is right and what is wrong?"* God spells it out in the Bible. According to God's word, if one time in my life I do something contrary to what God said doing something not right committing an unrighteous act that makes me a sinner.

b. Transgression of the Law - 1 John 3:4; Psalms 19:7 *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin <u>is</u> <i>the transgression of the law.* Psalms 19:7 *The law of the LORD is perfect,* People say, *"Well, I'm not a sinner... I have never broken the Ten Commandments..."* God did not say the Ten Commandments. God said the law. There are so many of God's laws it would take more than just these Bible lessons to mention them all, here are just a few...God says do not eat shrimp, do not have indoor plumbing, you must build a railing around the roof of your house, you cannot wear clothing of mixed fibers... If you do or do not do any of these you have violated God's law. God's Law starts in Exodus 19 and runs all the way through the book of Deuteronomy, God said if you break any one of those statutes that I commanded in that law, you are guilty of sin.

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Knowing and not doing - James 4:17 Have you ever read something in C. the Bible and honestly said... "God, I wish you had not written that ...?"

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. Some of us may know ten times more of the than someone else but not be living half of what we know. Yet we are so quick to judge another mans' sin. Who's the greater sinner? Look how quickly we make some comment about a person who still celebrates Christmas, Easter, wears immodest clothing, has a tattoo, or smokes and call themselves a Christian.

Remember those days when you first got saved and you were able to do everything you knew the Bible said to do? You were so right with God you could not think of one thing in that Bible you were supposed to that you were not doing. If God would have just taken some of us home about three weeks after we were saved, it would have been a grand home coming. But the more you learn about this Bible, the more you find out what God wants and what He is opposed to, the more opportunities you have to violate your conscience. Instead of getting out our tweezers and pulling all the little splinters out of our brother's eye, we need pull the beams out of our own first.

Doing, but from a motive other than faith - Romans 14:23; 10:17 "Well, d. why does he do that?" He may not know any better. "How come he wasn't there for that activity ...?" Well, maybe God did not speak to him about it.

Romans 14: 23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Chapter 10, verse 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. God explains this really well here. He says... not only is a failure to obey sin but obeying with the wrong motive is sin. Have you ever woken in the morning to go to church on a Sunday because it was your duty? You did not really want to? You just did it because you knew God said you had to do it. God said that does not count. That is sin, wrong heart. God is not looking just at the action. He is looking at the motive behind the action. Do you know why these verses are so important? Two reasons.

Unsaved people try and justify themselves by finding somebody that 1. lives the worse life than they do and saying I don't really need to get saved because I don't do this... No - when God says all have sinned... he means all have sinned.

Christians that doubt their salvation because their guilty conscience 2. convicts them of sin about something in their life. You will never meet anyone this side of heaven that lives a life of perfect obedience to God's word. Strive for it? Yes, try by the help of God's of Holy Spirit, Yes!

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e. Pride and wicked works - Proverbs 21:4 *An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.* I have known people who claim the name of Christ that have proudly told me that since they were saved they have never sinned. I would always want to ask, *can I speak with your spouse?* I would say, what about that pride? I know some religions were the women wear all white to show others that they are pure and without sin in their life. Boasting about righteousness and bragging about their holiness. God said that in itself is sin.

f. Foolish thoughts - Proverbs 24:9 *The thought of foolishness is sin:* You say, *"I've never killed anybody..."* but you thought about it many a time. You say, thank God I have never committed adultery... Jesus said, the thought constitutes the act Matthew 5:8.

In Lesson 4B we will cover the following:

- How sin operates.
- It is easily besetting.
- It is powerful.
- It is hurtful

Notes



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Name _____

All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit.

- 1. How was sin introduced into the world?
- 2. Who introduced sin into the world?
- 3. What is the big deal about making a few word changes in the Bible?
- 4. What is more important to God than Jesus Christ?
- 5. In this lesson, what are the 7 definitions of sin?
 - a.
 - b.
 - C.
 - d.
 - e. f.
 - т. g.
- 6. How many commandments are there is the Bible?
- 7. Peter the apostle cursed and denied the Lord, but what is a worse sin?
- 8. Where in the Bible does it tell us to do what we have learned in the Bible?



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- 9. How should we treat a Christian that is doing something we have learned from the Bible that is wrong?
- 10. What should we say to someone who tells us that they have never sinned since they were saved?
- 11. Explain Jeremiah 17:10 using the scriptures found in this lesson.
- How do unsaved people and Christians misuse Romans 14:23; Romans 10:17?a.
 - b.
- 13. Why is just thinking about doing sin bad?
- 14. Explain the wisdom of these 2 verses.a. Proverbs 26:4
 - b. Proverbs 26:5

True/false

- God wants us to strive to live a holy life.
- God would rather that we pray for a Christian that is doing something wrong, rather than condemn or criticize them.
- It angers God when people change the words in His Bible.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV) Psalms 33:4; Psalms 12:6; Proverbs 30:5

Any questions?