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Genesis 3

Lesson 4B – How sin operates

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This lesson is a continuation of the Lesson 4A – The nature of sin here we learned God has much to say about sin.

The condemnation of the devil 1 Timothy 3:6 is his desire for a higher place than that given to him by his Creator Isaiah 14:13-14. The appeal to the woman in the garden was to follow this path. Humility before God will lead you to accept your God given place. All attempts of the creature to **advance** apart from the Creator's direction are acts of sin.

I. HOW SIN OPERATES

a. It is deceitful - Hebrews 3:13 *But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.* Let us approach this section of the study with this in mind. It is important for us to be aware of these two factors. Please, understand God wants us to live holy. He will give us the power to overcome sin in our lives moment by moment as we are yielded to His Holy Spirit. We need to understand that until we leave this body of flesh, sin will continue to be a force in our lives.

Hebrews chapter 3. Verse 13. Sin is deceitful. Why do we need to be in the right kind of church every time the doors are open? Is it because we like a preacher telling us we are sinners? No – God said here, every single day **we need to be exhorted! We need to be charged! We need to be fired up! God warns us that sin is out there, it is dangerous, and it will hurt us!** What will sin do for you?

- Teach you more than you need to know.
- Cost you more than you want to pay.
- Take you farther than you want to go.
- Keep you longer than you want to stay.

The world out there is telling us, I'm okay... you're okay... Everything is alright. It just depends how you look at it.

We need to come apart from the world and get together with one another. We need that exhortation daily because sin is deceitful. The devil never shows you... the sclerosis of the liver. He shows you a happy young man with the girl in his lap drinking beer with a big smile on his face. He never shows you the oxygen maker and the hose wrapped around your face. He shows you the Marlboro man... on his beautiful horse riding across the field.

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He never shows you the man sixty years old sitting alone weeping by himself; because he threw away a dear loving wife that he had for a few moments of pleasure and sin. Sin is **deceitful!** Satan never shows you the **consequences.**

b. It is easily besetting – Hebrews 12:1 *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us...* Every one of us until the day we leave this world, that which is born of the flesh has a carnal nature. The Apostle Paul writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit said, *O wretched man that I am!* Not that I was. ...before he got saved. He said, *O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?* Romans 7:24 As long as we are in the body, we still have an old Adamic nature that is attracted to sin. That enjoys sin. The Bible never says righteousness easily besets a child of God. The Bible says sin easily besets the fallen nature.

I wish this was not true but, it is easier to do wrong than it is to do right. To fall back into the world requires no effort at all. Dwight L. Moody said, *“Living the Christian life is like riding a bicycle. You either you go on or you fall off.”*

c. It is powerful and hurtful Proverbs 5:22 *His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.* Proverbs 8:36 *But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.* If I wrapped a small piece of twine around both your wrists then asked you to pull your wrists apart, it would most likely not take much effort, but if I wrapped 20 of those pieces of twine around your wrists, then you would have some difficulties freeing yourself. When I hear Christians say, “Well, I did it once and nothing happened...” “so I took the liberty of doing it a second time and God did not do anything. Now I have been doing that for a few months now and there is no judgment of God.” Sin is deceitful, before you know it, you are in bondage to that sin and cannot get loose; you can weep calling on God for help, but God will say *“I made the way of escape with the temptation, but you did not take it. Now you will stay there until you learn your lesson.”*

Romans chapter 6:1-23. I know most of us use this chapter when we are witnessing to lost people, but these verses are written to saved people. In verses 1-9 who is he talking to? People who are saved! They have been redeemed by the blood of the lamb through the death, burial and the resurrection of Jesus Christ and they have the promise of resurrection glory in the future. Verse 7 *For he that is dead is freed from sin.* 8 *Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:* 9 *Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.* 10

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For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. 11 likewise (in the same way) ***reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*** Are you saved? From what? There is not one verse in the Bible that says anybody is saved from hell. Every verse on salvation in the Bible says you are saved from sin. Before you were saved, you never had a choice. Your whole life was rebellion against God. Now that we are saved, we are free from sin.

Verse 12. Look what the Bible says about these saved people. ***Let not...*** That is an action on our part. ***Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*** This is where Christians get confused and do not understand the Bible. Your flesh will lust after evil things till the day you die. You do not have to obey it unless you want to. Verse 13 ***Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*** Here I am at an intersection; I have to make a choice, sin tempts me to go this way. The word of God by the Holy Spirit says go this way, whatever my choice is, will dictate the outcome of the master I truly desire to serve. Verse 14 I hear Christians say "I just couldn't help it..." That is a lie! ***For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*** If we yield ourselves to the will and word of God, God will take control of our lives and will reward us with abundant life. If we yield ourselves to sin, Satan will be allowed of God to reward us with living death. I don't know about you, to me living out my life with a sexually transmitted disease is not life. That is death. Living out my life with lung cancer or emphysema, that is not life. That is death. We are not talking about salvation here. We are talking about what you do in this life after you are saved. You have a choice. God said if you yield to me, I will take control of your life and you will live life more abundant. If you yield yourself to sin, it will be living death all the way to the grave. The choice is ours.

In Romans 6:17-19 What is God saying? Before you were saved, every sin led to another sin. Every act of yielding to God brings you one step closer to a holy life. Look at the end of the verse ***...even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.*** You did not wake up the morning after you were saved a holy man or a holy woman. You are a brand new baby Christian you have to learn how to live the Christian life. Every step you take in the direction of righteousness brings you one step closer to the holiness that God desires.

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Verse 20-21. *For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.* Some of us thank God we were saved out of drugs, alcohol, pornography or lascivious behavior, chasing women or prone to curse and swear. One day the Holy Spirit showed us if we do not stop living this way, we will either die or ruin our lives.

The world has not changed the wages of sin. If those things were so terrible you left them to come to Jesus Christ; what an act of folly to leave Jesus Christ to go back to those things. It is absurd that we would even think about going back and living that way. 2 Peter 2:20-22

Romans 6:22-23. *But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Do not misunderstand. The Bible does not say “*the wages of sin is death and the wages of righteousness is eternal life.*” He said when you lived in sin the only payment you could ever hope for was death. When you came to Jesus Christ He gave you a gift of life. This is not a question of not being saved... it is not a question of losing salvation. It is a question of forsaking.

What does the Bible tell us to do to a fornicator in the Church?
First Corinthians 5:1-5 Give him over to the devil and let Satan kill him and destroy his flesh, that the spirit may be saved. He had the gift of God which is eternal life but sin still killed him.

I have heard Christians pray “God make me do right” This is not the way God operates, He is our great Shepherd, He does not drive the sheep, He leads and they follow. This Christian life is not a hard path to follow, but the way of the transgressor is hard Proverbs 13:15.

Walk in the light God has given you. Obey the commands of God that you know and everything will be just fine.

Notes

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

1. What will sin do for you?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
2. What do we learn from Proverbs 13:15?
3. What does Roman 6 teach us?
4. When a Christian says to you after they have sinned "*I just could not help what I was doing*" what should be your response?
5. How does sin operate?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
6. What is the condemnation of the devil?
7. Why is it important that we go to Church every time the doors are open?

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8. Why did Paul say “O wretched man that I am” and not “O wretched man that I was”?
9. Explain the truth in what Dwight L. Moody said?
10. What happens when we yield ourselves to sin?
11. What happens when we yield ourselves to righteousness?
12. Explain Romans 6:17-19.
13. Explain Romans 6:23. (use back of this page)

True/false

- Romans 6 is written primarily to the Christian.
- When a Christian turns back to the old lifestyle, God likens that to a dog returning to his vomit.
- Satan never shows the consequences of sin.
- Walk in the light that God has given you and obey His commandments and everything will be fine.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)
Romans 6:1-2; Proverbs 13:15; 2 Timothy 4:2

Any questions?