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"Sin, As God Sees It"

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Scripture Lesson:-

Text:- Matthew 24: 12. "Because iniquity shall ~~abx~~ abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

Introduction:- Sin is something to be feared. All sin must be reckoned with here. After death it will be too late. We need to feel about sin as Jesus does. His whole ministry was dedicated to one end, "to seek and save his people: To do this he gave his life as a "ransom for many."

Jesus knew that as long as we reside here in this world we are apt to let the world dim our vision of sin, and we are not always able to see the "exceeding sinfulness of sin". But God in his word strips the tinsel off of sin, and we are able to see the awfulness of sin. Let us see what God says about sin.

I.

He says, sin is abominable. In proverbs 25: 9 we read, "The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord."

And "sin is a reproach to any people". Proverbs 14: 41.

He further says, that sin is defiling. "For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity. Isaiah 59:3."

Sin is filthy. In Prov., 30: 12 we read thus. "There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet are not washed from their filthiness."

Sin is a scarlet thread. In Isaiah 1:18 we read. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as white as wool."

Sin is deceitful. "But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hard-

ened through the deceitfulness of sin". Hebrews 3:13.

And last of all he says, "then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin". James 1:15.

Here we see what sin is. God's only controversy with man is SIN. Shall we not shun it, as we would a plague.

II.

Let us see what God thinks sin is. How he defines it. He says in Prov., 24:9 that "The thought of foolishness is sin". Did you ever note that the young man, the young woman, the older man and the older woman their foolishness commit sin.

He is a statement that I did not know the word of God contained. Listen if you will, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin". Romans 14:23. That does not give the doubter much ground.

Then we should know that sin is the breaking of God's law. ~~ZXXXXXXXXXXXX~~. "Sin is the transgression of the law". I John 3:4. The entire statement says, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresses also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law".

Sin is disobedience to the law. "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry". I Samuel 15:23.

Do you know that in much talking there is apt to be sin. "In the multitude of words, there wanteth not sin". Proverbs 10:19.

And there is the sin of omission. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin". James 4:17.

Jesus said to let the tares grow with the wheat. He said that tares would be taken out. Sin is a tare, which according to the law of sowing and reaping must be reconed with here. Yes, God blots

out the guilt of sin, and it is gone. Yes, this is true, true, and the soul is justified in the courts of heaven. But its acts must reap punishment in this life. The sin may be forgiven, but the punishment of sin may, yes, will continue. Let us study for a little while three of God's chosen vessels. We find that they suffered for their sinful acts, but in the spirit world their record showed no trace of sin's effects.

Take Abraham first. He was punished for the sin of unbelief with grievous family disruption, for the ~~fact~~ fathering of Ishmael. Ishmael is still "making faces at Isaac" as the Jews and Arabs strive for the possession of Palestine today. But, from a glimpse into the other world, Paradise, we see ~~the~~ Father Abraham (no mention to him as the father of Ishmael) receiving sainted Lazarus into his bosom!

Moses also was disobedient to the will of God. For the sin of disobedience in striking the rock, instead of speaking to it as God had commanded, he was not permitted to enter the Promised land; he could only view it from Mt. Nebo. But, later we see him on the Mt., of transfiguration with Jesus and Elias in the midst of Palestine!

Then there is David. For the sin of being a man who had shed much blood, God would not permit him to ~~build~~ build an house for himself, but appointed Solomon to this task. However, during the millennial age, Jesus himself, will sit on the throne of David! While God punishes forgiven sin here, he lights the bloodwashed soul to a level of purity and holiness as though he had never sinned.

Conclusion:- Yes, sin is a awful thing. Are you tonight aware of any sin in your life. If you are come to the cross, where Jesus can wash it away.

Sing, "At the Cross".