

The Ways and Ends of Sin.

Prov. 5: 22; 23.

His own iniquities shall take the wicked. And he shall be held with the cords of his sins. He shall die for lack of instruction; And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Sub:- There is a way that seemeth right - but the end thereof are ways of death: the devil tries to make the way of sin seem right. He hides the true end of a sinful life. God's word shows the folly and the disastrous end of sin.

I. Sin's Glamour -

1. Sin is not presented as it really is - it is made enchanting. Liquor - gambling - dance -
2. Temptation - Smooth and flattering speech, outpouring of compliments and pretended interest and affection.
3. There are weak points in every character; there are places in every life where fall is very easy.

II The Binding Results of Sin.

"He shall be held with the cords of his sin."

1. True in sins of flesh

1. Shame

2. Loss of wealth

3. Loss of health

4. Remorse

"Assume - sin"

"Divine health"

"Soul health"

"Mother's pleading"

"Father's counsel"

"Preacher's sermon"

Science today says, no sin without punishment.

Some say God who punished sin is an arbitrary God. That judgment and Hell are incompatible with the nature of God. But we must remember, that in moral & spiritual things there is a binding law, which is no arbitrary decree of God, but an essential law of his universe. God does not arbitrarily punish - but sin punished; God does not make hell, but sin and sinners make hell.

"Sin is an act of the human will which, being contrary to the Divine will, reacts with inevitable evil upon the sinner".

Concl.:- There is one power in this universe which can break power of sin, - The gospel - the grace of God.