

Sin and What It Does

Immediately after leaving Egypt, Israel found itself dealing with the ramifications of sin. Whether doubting God at the Red Sea, Moses and the bitter water, the multiple episodes of idolatry, or the times of the judges- over and over again, Israel found itself plagued by the effects of sin. And the same problem which repeatedly plagued Israel is the problem which still troubles us today- sin.

I. “What is sin?”

A. It is “lawlessness”

Transgression of God’s law. Eph. 5:19

B. It is “unrighteousness”

That which is not right in the sight of God is sin. Heb. 13:4

C. It is a failure to do good

It is just as possible to sin by omission, failing to do right, as it is by commission and doing what is wrong. Acts 20:7

D. It is the engaging in foolishness

It is possible to sin not only in explicit action but also in thought by devising foolishness in the mind. Matt. 5:28

II. What sin does?

A. It deceives us

Sin deceives us by promising benefits and pleasures that it cannot ultimately deliver.

B. It enslaves us

Jn. 8:34 “everyone who commits sin is slave to sin”

C. Sin also separates us from God

Isa. 59:1-2; Eph. 2:1-3

D. Sin also brings death

Rom. 6:23: -“the wages of sin is death”.
James 1:13-15

III. How serious is sin

A. It caused the destruction of the Jews’ homeland.

B. It caused the breakdown of families

C. It sealed the destiny of the rich man. Romans 6:23

D. It caused the death of the Messiah. 2 Cor. 5:21

III. How can we be forgiven of sin?

Eph. 1:7

A. Steps of salvation- Believe, Repent, Confess, Be Baptized

B. 1 Jn. 1:8

Conclusion: In view of what the scriptures teach about sin, we must conclude that sin is heinous; it is atrocious; it is a curse on mankind! Still, because God loves us, He offers us forgiveness of sin by His grace through the sacrifice of Christ if we turn from our sin and obey His will.