

“SIN”

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A. Text(s):

John 16:7-8; Exodus 32:33; Revelation 20:15; 2 Peter 3:9; John 8:11

B. Introduction:

The Lord Jesus Christ said in John 16:7-8, that when the Holy Spirit came, He would reprove, convince, convict, the world of sin. In Exodus 32:33, God the Father told Moses that He would blot whoever sinned against Him out of His Book. Revelation 20:15 declares that whoever has sinned against God and has been blotted out of God's Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire. Because 2 Peter 3:9 says that it is God's Will that none perish in the lake of fire for sin but that all come to repentance, the Lord Jesus Christ commands us to “Go and sin no more”, in John 8:11. Sin is the only entity in the universe that separates man from God both temporarily and eternally. Sin is the only entity that will cause the majority of the human race to be cast into the lake of fire, against God's Will, on Judgment Day. Sin and its consequence are what we must study first, in the doctrine of God, to gain the Biblical understanding necessary in order to eradicate it from our lives and from the lives of all those that we contact.

C. Definitions:

Old Testament (Hebrew)

1. Genesis 4:7: #2403 “Chattath”: “an offense” (sometimes habitual sinfulness); “an offender”
2. Genesis 20:9: #2401 “Chata' ah”: “an offense”, or a sacrifice for it”:- sin (offering); sinful”
3. Genesis 39:9: #2398 “Chata”: “to miss; to forfeit; lack; expiate; repent; lead astray; condemn:- offend; trespass”
4. Exodus 34:7: #2402 “Chatta ah”: “an offense and the penalty or sacrifice for it:- sin offering”
5. Leviticus 4:3: #819 “Ashmah”: “guiltiness; a fault, the presentation of a sin offering:- offend; sin”
6. Leviticus 4:13: #7686 “Shagah”: “to stray (caus. Mislead) to mistake, espec. (mor.) to transgress; by extens, (through the idea of intoxication) to reel (fig.) be enraptured:- (cause to) go astray; deceive; err; be ravished; sin through ignorance, (let, make to) wander”
7. Leviticus 19:17: #2399 “Chet”: “a crime, or its penalty”
8. 1 Kings 17:18: #5771 “Avon”: “perversity, i.e. (moral) evil:- fault, iniquity, mischief, punishment (of iniquity), sin”
9. Ezra 6:17: #2409 “Chattaya”: “expiation:- sin offering”

10. Proverbs 10:19: #6588 “Pesha”: “a revolt (natural, moral, or religious):- rebellion, sin, transgression, trespass”
11. Isaiah 53:10: #817 “Asham”: “guilt, a fault, a sin offering:- guiltiness (offering for) sin, trespass (offering)”

New Testament Greek

12. Mathew 12:31: #266 “Hamartia”: “sin:- offense, sin (-ful)
13. Matthew 18:21: #264 “Hamartano”: “to miss the mark (and so not share in the prize); to err; esp. (mor.) to sin:- for your faults; offend; sin; trespass”
14. John 8:7: #361 “Anamartetos” :”sinless”:- that is without sin”
15. 1 Corinthians 6:18: #265 “Hamartema” (from #264) : “a sin:- sin”

D. The “who, what, where, when, why, how” concerning “sin”:

1. “Who has sinned?” Romans 3:23; Galatians 3:22; 1 Peter 1:21-22; Hebrews 4:15-16: “All have sinned besides the Lord Jesus Christ (Scripture says that all have sinned at some time in the past, not that all are sinning in the present, or will sin in the future, John 8:11, 5:14, 1 John 3:9, 5:18, 1 Corinthians 15:34, Romans 6:1-2)”
2. “What is sin?” James 4:17; 1 John 3:4; Romans 14:23 with Romans 10:17: “Sin is choosing with your will to do evil, when you have knowledge with your mind of good and evil. Sin is transgressing or breaking God’s Law. Sin is whatever is not of faith from God’s Word (Scripture does not say that sin is a nature inherited from Adam or an irremovable substance in the flesh that will only be eradicated by death, Ezekiel 18:20, Genesis 1:26-28, 2 Peter 1:3-4, Matthew 1:21, 1 John 3:5, John 1:29, 1 Peter 2:21-24)”
3. “Where is sin?” James 4:17, 1:13-15; Matthew 5:27-28; 1 John 3:15: “Sin is in the will, mind, heart”
4. “When is sin committed?” James 1:13-15: “Sin is committed when one chooses to be drawn away of one’s own lust and enticed”
5. “Why is sin committed?” 2 Timothy 3:1-9; 1 Timothy 4:1; Matthew 24:12-13; Psalm 119:89: “Sin is committed because men are lovers of pleasure and their own selves more than they are lovers of God, have chosen to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrine of devils, have chosen to follow the sin and iniquity around them instead of obeying Christ through the Word of God, and have chosen not to hide God’s Word in their heart”
6. “How is sin committed?” Hebrews 12:1-4, Romans 6:11: “Sin is committed by choosing not to look to the Lord Jesus Christ, choosing not to consider the Lord Jesus Christ, choosing not to resist unto blood striving against sin, choosing not to lay aside every weight and besetting sin, choosing not to

reckon yourself dead to sin, and, therefore, becoming weary, fainting in your mind, and yielding to sin”

E. Scriptures pertaining to sin and its consequence:

1. (John 8:11, 5:14) Christ commands you to “Sin no more”.
2. (James 4:17) God’s Word states that sin is a choice to do evil, when you have knowledge of good and evil.
3. (Deuteronomy 1:39) God’s Word explains that children have no knowledge of good and evil. As sin is defined as choosing to do evil when you have knowledge of good and evil, children cannot be said to have sinned or to have been born sinners. Because all adults are born as children adults cannot be said to have been born sinners. Therefore, God’s Word states clearly that you were not born a sinner.
4. (Ezekiel 18:20) God’s Word declares that you do not inherit the sins of your father. Because you do not inherit the sins of your father whom you were directly related to you definitely do not inherit the sins of Adam who died thousands of years before you were born and had no direct relationship to you. Because God’s Word states that sin is a choice that originates in your individual free will, not a nature that originated in Adam’s free will and was unexplainably passed down to you, you also did not inherit a sinful nature from Adam.
5. (Genesis 1:26-28, 2 Peter 1:3-4) God’s Word says that God created you in His Own Image after His Own Likeness. Because God does not have a sinful nature, you, created in God’s Image and Likeness, do not have a sinful nature. Additionally, when you choose to turn from all sin and submit to Christ you are granted the privilege of becoming “a partaker of the Divine Nature” through “the exceeding precious promises” in the Bible.
6. (Deuteronomy 24:16, 2 Kings 14:6) God commands, as a Law, that you will only die for your own sins. This means that you do not inherit, will not be judged for, and will not be put to death for, Adam’s sins.
7. (1 John 3:4) God’s Word states that sin is when you break God’s Law, the Ten Commandments:
 - a. (Exodus 20:3) If you have ever prioritized anything, anyone, or any other deity, before the Lord Jesus Christ of the Bible –breathing, sleeping, eating, occupation, academics, money, family, recreation, Allah, Buddha, Krishna, Judaism, Atheism, yourself, etc...- you have had another (false) “god” before Him, and have broken His first Commandment.
 - b. (Exodus 20:4-6) If you have ever served anything, anyone, or any other deity, before the Lord Jesus Christ of the Bible –breathing, sleeping, eating, occupation, academics, money, family, recreation, Allah, Buddha, Krishna, Judaism, Atheism, yourself, etc... - you have “made a graven image” or an idol that you have chosen to serve instead of Him, have expressed hatred to Him through this and have broken His second Commandment.
 - c. (Exodus 20:7) If you have ever spoken God’s or Christ’s Name to express anything besides devotion or if you have ever sinned against Christ, then

called on Him to help you achieve your selfish goals, you have misused or “taken His Name in vain”, and have broken His third Commandment.

- d. (Exodus 20:8-11) If you have ever neglected to take one out of every seven days to do no work for yourself, your family, your boss, or anyone else, and spend the entire day worshipping, thanking, studying about, and seeking Christ, you have not kept His Sabbath and have broken His fourth Commandment.
 - e. (Exodus 20:12) If you have ever disobeyed, disrespected, despised, argued with, talked back to, spoken against, been bitter towards, hated, not served with sincere heart-felt gladness, neglected to financially enrich, your parents, you have not honored your parents and have broken Christ’s fifth Commandment.
 - f. (Exodus 20:13, 1 Samuel 16:7, Matthew 5:21-22, 1 John 3:15) Because God regards your heart, if you have ever in your heart disliked, hated, been angry with anyone for any reason besides their having sinned against Christ, you have committed murder in your heart and have broken Christ’s sixth Commandment.
 - g. (Exodus 20:14, Matthew 5:27-28) If you have ever looked at the body of a man, woman, or child, besides your spouse, with sexual desire, you have committed adultery in your heart and have broken Christ’s seventh Commandment.
 - h. (Exodus 20:15) If you have ever taken (or “borrowed” but neglected to return) something that did not belong to you, you have stolen and have broken Christ’s eighth Commandment.
 - i. (Exodus 20:16) If you have ever told a lie, said something that was not true, or gossiped about anyone, you have borne false witness and have broken Christ’s ninth Commandment.
 - j. (Exodus 20:17) If you have ever desired something or someone that belonged to someone else you have coveted and have broken Christ’s tenth Commandment.
8. (Exodus 32:33) God’s Word says that because you have chosen to sin by breaking God’s Law, you have been blotted out of God’s Book.
 9. (Isaiah 59:1-2) God’s Word says that through your choice to sin you have separated yourself from God Who is sinless, from God’s salvation, and from God hearing your prayers.
 10. (1 John 3:8) God’s Word states that through your choice to sin, separate yourself from God, and remove yourself from God’s family, you have chosen to align yourself with satan and become a member of his family.
 11. Psalm 7:11) God’s Word says that because you have chosen to sin, separate yourself from God and His family, and join satan’s family, God is angry with you every day.
 12. (Psalm 5:4-5, 11:5-6, refer back to Exodus 20:5 concerning expressing hatred towards God by breaking His Commandments) God’s Word declares that because you have expressed hatred towards God by choosing to sin, break His Commandments, separate yourself from Him and His family, and join satan’s family, He hates you in return.

13. (Ezekiel 18:4) God's Word says that because you have chosen to sin, separate yourself from God and His family, and join satan's family, you will die physically and spiritually.
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15. (Hebrews 9:27) God's Word explains that because you have chosen to sin, separate yourself from God and His family, and join satan's family, you will die physically and spiritually, and then face judgment.
16. (Revelation 20:11-15) God's Word states that because you have chosen to sin, separate yourself from God and His family, and join satan's family, you will die physically and spiritually, stand before God in judgment, be judged guilty of breaking God's Law, then be cast into the lake of fire.
17. (Luke 13:1-5) God's Word declares that, because you have chosen to sin, your only alternative to being cast into the lake of fire for your sin is to "repent".