Sin: That Which God Hates

Intro: The purpose of this lesson is to show exactly what sin is. If when this lesson is concluded all of us do not have a greater hatred for sin, then this lesson has not met the purpose for which it was formulated. We should hate and abhor sin, since it is the only thing which God hates.

1. To often we may hate the sinner, but just as the doctor does not hate the patient who has some dreaded disease, so also we should hate sin but not the sinner.
2. Our attitude toward the sinner should be one of compassion and sympathy realizing that he has the most destructive disease known to man.
3. It is imperative that we know more about this dreaded disease.

I. Sin Is A Reality.
   A. There are three concepts in the religious world in regard to sin.
      1. Those who believe sin does not exist.
         a. Contrary to the Bible and life they refuse to admit that the power of sin controls the lives of men and women.
         b. 1 John 1:8-10 "8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."
         c. The existence of our laws and penal institutions prove sin exist.
         d. The fact that we lock our doors prove sin exist.
      2. Those who are aware of sin but decline to think about it.
         a. Acts 24:25 "25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."
         b. Like a man dying from some dreaded disease (such as cancer) refusing to think about it.
      3. Those who are fully aware of sin and are struggling to separate themselves from it.
   B. Sin is real, dreadfully real, it affects everyone as we can see from the Bible.
      1. Adam and Eve to be cast out of the Garden.
      2. Cain to slay his brother Abel.
      3. During Noah’s day it destroyed the world.
      4. It caused the Israelites to wander forty years in the wilderness.
      5. It kept Moses out of the promised land.
      6. It crucified the Son of God.
   C. We do not have to look very far to see the terrible reality of sin gnawing away at the vitals as cancer destroying as leprosy.

II. The Meaning Of Sin.
   A. We can find out what sin truly is by the names it is referred to in the Bible.
   B. Iniquity.
      1. It means deviation, turning aside from the straight path.
      2. Isa. 53:6 "6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”
C. **Transgression.**
   1. Go across, go beyond the bounds.
   2. 2 John 9 “9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.”
   3. 1 John 3:4 “4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”

D. **Sin.**
   1. When an archer failed to hit the mark the Greeks said that he had sinned.
   2. This expression was used when the arrow fell short of the mark.
   3. Rom. 3:23 “23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

### III. THE NATURE OF SIN.

A. **It is the essence of self-will; putting our will before that of God’s.**

B. **It is alluringly deceitful.**
   2. Sin is first pleasing, then grows easy, then delightful, then frequent, then habitual. The man becomes impenitent, then obstinate, then resolves never to repent, then is ruined.

C. **Sin enslaves its victims.**
   1. John 8:34 “34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.”
   2. Rom. 6:17 “17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.”
   3. Blacksmiths can pick up hot tongs that others, because they are unaccustomed to the heat, could not hold, because the blacksmiths hands have become seared to the heat.
   4. Sin enslaves us by searing out hearts.

D. **It separates us from God.**
   1. Adam and Eve.
   2. Isa. 59:2 “2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”

### IV. THE INEVITABLE RESULTS OF SIN.

A. **It carries the death penalty.**
   1. Rom. 6:23 “23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
   2. Eze. 18:4, 20 “4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die…. 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.”
   3. Jam. 1:15 “15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

B. **Fable of the boy who hid a stolen fox under his tunic until it ate into his vitals and finally died.**

C. **Whenever we conceal sin in our lives it too will lead to our death.**

Conclusion: Thanks be to God that there is hope of taking away sin from our lives; Rom. 6:17-18 “17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”