

God's View Of Sin

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

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Who Is God?

Nothing is more important than knowing God.

- ▶ *John 17:3 "And this is life eternal, that they should know thee the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, (even) Jesus Christ."*

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Who Is God?

Look at Isaiah's picture of God. Isaiah 6:1ff

- ▶ God is Holy (incomparable) in power. Isaiah 40:12
- ▶ God is Holy (incomparable) in righteousness. Isaiah 5:13-16
- ▶ God is Holy (incomparable) in Grace and Mercy. Isaiah 1:2-5; Isaiah 1:18

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God's View Of Sin Is Different From Ours. cf. Isaiah 55:8-9

- ▶ God is from everlasting to everlasting. Psalms 90:2
- ▶ God is all-seeing. 1 Samuel 16:7; Psalms 139:7-8, 16
- ▶ God is infinite in wisdom. Psalms 147:5; 1 Samuel 2:3
- ▶ God has divine foreknowledge. 1 Peter 1:2; Isaiah 46:10
- ▶ God is infinitely holy. Isaiah 6:3
- ▶ God does not change. Malachi 3:6

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However, God has not left us in the dark.

- ▶ God has given us the Bible.
- ▶ It was given by divine inspiration. 2 Timothy 2:16-17
- ▶ It contains the mind of God revealed to man. 1 Corinthians 2:11-13
- ▶ It contains all things that pertain to *"life and godliness."* 2 Peter 1:3
- ▶ It will judge us in the *"last day."* John 12:48

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"Sin" Defined

- ▶ *hamartía* "Sin, missing the true end and scope of our lives, which is God. An offense in relation to God with emphasis on guilt." (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- ▶ Man's first responsibility in life. Ecclesiastes 12:13; Matthew 6:33
 - To fail in this is to miss the mark.

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“Sin” Defined

Sin is Transgression: 1 John 3:4

- ▶ “*Transgression*,” or “*Lawlessness*,” NKJV, *anomia*, “properly, the condition of one without law – either because ignorant of it, or because violating it.” (Thayer’s Greek Lexicon)
- ▶ God speaks to us through His Son. (Hebrews 1:1–2; 9:15–17)
 - Anytime we transgress His New Testament, whether we do it deliberately or in ignorance, we sin!

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“Sin” Defined

Sin is Unrighteousness. 1 John 5:17

- ▶ “*Unrighteousness*” *adikia* is the comprehensive term for wrong, or wrongdoing, as between persons; *anomia*, “*lawlessness*,” is the rejection of divine law, or wrong committed against it. (*Vine’s Expository Dictionary*)
- ▶ God, in His law, has given us rules to govern our conduct toward one another.
 - Titus 2:11–12; James 1:27; Matthew 7:13–16; Matthew 7:12

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“Sin” Defined

Whatever is “not of faith” is sin. Romans 14:23

- ▶ “*Faith*,” is used here, in a subjective sense, and refers to one’s own concept of right versus wrong.
 - To violate one’s own conscience is wrong.
 - Illustrations. Romans 14; 1 Corinthians 8; 10

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“Sin” Defined

Failing to measure up to one’s understanding is sin. James 4:17

- ▶ “Thou shalt not ...” cf. Exodus 20:13–17
- ▶ “Thou shalt ...” cf. Matthew 25:41–46

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“Sin” Defined

Sin is like leprosy.

- ▶ It is deceptive. Hebrews 3:13
- ▶ It is often painless at first. cf. Luke 15:11–13
- ▶ It can be contagious. 1 Corinthians 15:33; cf. Brothers of Joseph. Genesis 37
- ▶ It separates. Leviticus 13:43–46, 52; Isaiah 59:1–2
 - Friends, families, brethren, souls from God.

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“Sin” Defined

▶ HIDEOUS. Revelation 3:15–17

- Leprosy was the scourge of the ancient world. It often began with pain in certain areas of the body, followed by numbness, disfigurement, fingers drop off, or be absorbed; the toes affected in a similar fashion, the voice became hoarse. It was ugly, loathsome, incurable and contaminating.

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“Sin” Defined

Leprosy described as hideous. Leviticus 13

- ▶ A swelling scab with a bright spot, which was turned white and eaten into the flesh. (verse 1–3)
- ▶ A disease that spreads over the body. (verse 8)
- ▶ A sore described as a boil. (verse 18)
- ▶ Very contagious, and deadly (verses 47–49).
Luke 4:27 “And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”
- ▶ Sin Is fatal. Genesis 2:18; James 1:13–15; Romans 6:23

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The Awfulness Of Sin Is Seen When One Considers What Sin Is Against

Against God.

- ▶ Always known. Numbers 32:23; Luke 15:21
- ▶ Cost God His Son. John 3:16
- ▶ Cost Jesus His life. 2 Corinthians 5:21

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Against other people.

- ▶ Galatians 5:19–21
- ▶ Consider adultery, incest, drunkenness, murder, etc.

Against self.

- ▶ Proverbs 6:27–28; 13:15; Galatians 6:7

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All Are Guilty

- ▶ *Romans 3:9 “What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we before laid to the charge both of Jews and Greeks, that they are all under sin.”*
- ▶ *Romans 3:10 “as it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.”*
- ▶ *Romans 3:23 “for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God”*

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The Remedy For Sin

Deliverance – Not Denial. cf. Romans 3:24

- Redemption is *“In Christ.”* Romans 3:24; Ephesians 1:7
- To be redeemed, one must enter into Christ. 2 Timothy 2:10
- ▶ This involves:
 - Faith. John 1:11–12
 - Repentance. Acts 17:30
 - Confession. Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
 - Baptism. Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26–27
 - Walking in the light. 1 John 1:7

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