

The Bible Doctrine Of Sin

Lesson 4

The Effects Of Sin

Introduction

In preparing their players for an important game, coaches will sometimes say... *"The best offense is a good defense."* The point behind this statement is that stopping your opponent is as, if not more, important than scoring points yourself.

This truism won't just help athletic teams win games. It is also helpful in a more important "contest"... our constant battle against sin. If we maintained a healthy view of sin's power & potential, and the great havoc it can bring in our lives, perhaps we would do a better job of avoiding it. The focus of this lesson is to see the adverse effects sin brings upon man. If we can understand these before we commit sin, we can stop our opponent before he ensnares us.

It Deceives

- 1) What does sin use to get us to commit sin? (Rom. 7:8) _____
- 2) What is the sad tragedy? (Rom. 7:10) _____
- 3) Thought question: how would sin "deceive?" (Rom. 7:11; Jas. 1:13-15a)

- 4) What is the end result? (Rom. 7:11; Jas. 1:15b)

- 5) What is James' exhortation? (Jas. 1:16) _____

It Vexes

- 6) What was Lot's first mistake? (Gen. 13:8-11)

- 7) Was there an existing problem? (Gen. 13:13)

- 8) How did Sodom affect Lot? (2 Pet. 2:6-8)

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- 9) *Thought question*: some might excuse Lot by "That's just the world." Why would that thinking be incorrect? (Gen. 13:11-12)

It Warps

- 10) Using each of the examples below, comment on how enough exposure to sin will adversely affect anyone.

Gen. 19:30-35 _____

Judg. 19:22-24 _____

It Hardens

- 11) What is the Hebrews writer's exhortation? (Heb. 3:12-13)
- 12) Despite David's description in 1 Sam. 13:14 & Acts 13:22, how did Israel's greatest king demonstrate that any heart can become hardened through sin? (2 Sam. 11:1 – 12:6)

- 13) What is needed among brethren today to prevent our own hardening? (Heb. 3:13)

It Destroys

14) What event brought Cain & Abel together? (Gen. 4:3-4a) _____

15) How did God respond & how did Cain react? (Gen. 4:4b-5) _____

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16) What warning did God give Cain? (Gen. 4:6-7; cp. Rom. 6:16)

17) Cain's choice to serve sin destroyed him in what 2 important ways?

Gen. 4:12 [*note v. 2b*] _____

Gen. 4:14 (Isa. 59:1-2; 1 Pet. 3:12) _____