

BIBLICAL FOUNDATION 2 SESSION 3

WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT SIN?

BIBLE VERSE: _____

¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

According to this verse, how does God look at sin?

BIBLE VERSE: _____

²³ For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

How does God look at man, according to this verse?

BIBLE VERSE: _____

⁹ The heart is deceitful and beyond all cure. Who can understand it?

What is the condition of the human heart?

A. Satan's Strategy

BIBLE VERSE: _____

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴ "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked;

so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

1. In Verse 1, we immediately see the methods which the Devil uses to lure us into his trap. He used this on Eve by asking her a simple question. What was the question?

2. What was the purpose of Satan in raising that question?

3. Was Eve's reply in verses 2-3 accurate?

4. What did God really say in Gen.2:16-17?

5. Sensing that Eve did not accurately understand God's command, what was Satan's next step in verse 4?

6. This was immediately followed by the devil's third step in verse 5. What was it?

7. In verse 6, what makes us vulnerable to temptation?

BIBLE VERSE: _____

¹⁶ For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world.

Take note of how this strategy is echoed in the verse above:

- Lust of the _____
- Lust of the _____
- Pride of _____

8. According to verse 6, what is sin?

B.Sin From Man's Point Of View

1. What can we learn about the consequences of sin?

- It is _____.
- They lost their _____.
- Their eyes were _____.
- Some would have others believe that there is _____ in sin.

2. What is the second principle stated in Gen. 3:7-8?

3. How do we instinctively react when we sin, according to verses 7-13?

BIBLE VERSE: _____

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

BIBLE VERSE: _____

⁵ He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

4. What human frailty did Satan choose to appeal to in Gen. 3:4-5?

5. What is the biggest stumbling block between God and man?

6. Let's go back to Gen. 3:6-7. What was the sin that Adam and Eve committed?

C. Sin From God's Point Of View

1. God _____ sin.

BIBLE VERSE: _____

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.

According to the verse, what is God's view of sin?

- One sin cuts us off from _____ with God.
- A Perfect and Holy God cannot _____ even one sin.

2. God still _____ the sinner.

BIBLE VERSE: _____

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

In the verse, how does He deal with the sinner?

- _____ him out.
- God makes the first move. He offers _____.

BIBLE VERSE: _____

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¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

In verses 9 and 11, He knows the answers but why does He still ask?

3. God Himself _____ the solution.

Application

BIBLE VERSE: _____

¹² She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

¹³ When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, ¹⁴ she called her household servants. “Look,” she said to them, “this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. ¹⁵ When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

¹⁶ She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. ¹⁷ Then she told him this story: “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

1. How do you react to temptation?

BIBLE VERSE: _____

¹⁰ Do not rationalize your sin and argue with it. We are called to confess our sins to God.

2. When you have fallen into sin, what do you do?

BIBLE VERSE: _____

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

3. How can we have victory over sin?

MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 10:13 – “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn about God's attitude towards sin? How does knowing this affect your view of sin?

2. According to the Bible, what is the only solution to man's sin problem? If so, how have you responded to this truth?

3. What is the role of God's Word in battling our struggles with sin?
How will you apply this in dealing with habitual/ "favorite" sins in your life?
