

The Reality of Sin

By C.D. Cole, from his book "Sin — Salvation — Service"

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Is sin real? Ask Adam and hear him bemoan his loss of Eden. Is sin real? Ask Abel. He cannot speak, but his blood cries to God for vengeance against his murderer. Is sin real? Ask David and hear him say, "I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me." Is sin real? Ask the rich man in

Hell and listen as he says, "I am tormented in this flame." Is sin real? Ask Pharaoh and hear him say, "I have sinned," when he discovered a dead boy in every home and a dead animal in every stable throughout all the land of Egypt, Goshen excepted because of blood of the Passover lamb. Is sin real? Ask Peter and hear his confession: "Depart from me for I am a sinful man." Is sin real? Ask Christian parents and hear them as they pray for their godless children. Is sin real? Ask the Son of God and hear Him as He cries out under its terrible load, "My God, my God, why has You forsaken me." Is sin real? Ask the martyrs and let them tell you the price they paid for resisting sin unto blood.

The holier a man is the more he realizes what sin is. The fewer acts of sin are on the part of those who grieve over the state of sin. A J. Gordon, the great Baptist preacher of Boston, was a godly man, and yet just before he died, he asked to be left alone. He was overheard confessing his sins so extravagantly that it was thought he was in delirium. Luther was accustomed to cry out, "Oh, my sins, my sins!" Jonathan Edwards was said to be the holiest man of his day, and yet his diary contains such abhorrence of himself as would make one think he was the most wicked of all.

Not Peace, but a Sword

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." -Matthew 10:34-39

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Our Prayer List

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirley King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Ricky Bennett, and Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Mark and Kathy Johnson, Baby Jud, Sister Rebecca Johnson, Missionary Dan Sullivan and Sister Sunny, Vickie Adkins, Mateo Lorenzo Vero.

Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

“A Thought From Our Pastor.”

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;” 1 Peter 5:2

The Wrath of God.

“Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.” Psalm 76:10

The word “wrath” means anger which means one has such strong feeling that they want to bring harm to someone or wish harm to someone. Man has wrath toward God every day and God has wrath against the non-elect. Man can only show their wrath toward God by harming His children or churches, but God will show His wrath toward the non-elect by His judgment on them and placing them in the eternal lake of fire for all eternity. Man is considered not only as nothing but LESS than nothing when compared to God. God said of man, *“All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.”* Isa. 40:17 All man can do is hate God, the entire number of all creation is but a drop of sand in the sea when numbered together, therefore, their hate toward God together is nothing. So, what happens when the people of this world hate God and want to show their wrath by harming God’s children, church, bible, Israel, or anything else that is God’s? It brings praise to God, that’s right God said, *“Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee:”*. When God shows His power and strength against this world then His people will praise Him. When man foolishly shows their anger toward God, it makes us praise Him for His grace. As Christians we need to be always aware that, just as with Job nothing can happen to us that God has not ordained and allowed. When they crucified Jesus, it was ordained by God and God allowed. Jesus had to be crucified by wicked hands because that crucifixion was for our salvation, therefore, God received glory from it. Man, even Christians, even the most learned Christians, will never understand the happenings in our life unless we understand the Power, Authority, and workings of God. The Sovereignty of God defines every happening in our life and every happening in this world. God has an ordained, predestinated, plan and that plan will be complete even though it includes the suffering and persecution of His Children and churches. There is no suffering of His children on this earth that is comparable to the glory given to us for eternity. Therefore, the wrath of man is nothing and it only brings God glory because God ordained it for us. But the wrath of God is devastating to man, from the happenings on this earth to eternal damnation they will feel God’s wrath. It is here that we see our biggest blessing as Christians, *“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”* Romans 5:9.

Pastor’s Thought Continue.

Therefore, while we may fill the wrath of man in this world, the wrath that is yet to come upon man from God we will never feel. Listen to God in this blessed passage of scripture, *“But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:8 - 10 We need to understand that the wrath of man is nothing because it is our glory and our glory brings God glory because He controls it all. We never walk alone, God is forever with us, inside of us, and He is our protector. We need to fear nothing by God!

Church information and Happenings

- Missionary Dan Sullivan is having eye surgery here in the USA.

Lascivious temptresses!

“But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart!” Matthew 5:28

If lustful looking is so grievous a sin, then those who dress and expose themselves with desires to be looked at and lusted after are not less, but even more guilty! In this matter it is only too often the case that men sin, but women tempt them so to do.

How great, then, must be the guilt of the great majority of the modern misses who deliberately seek to arouse the sexual passions of our young men. And how much greater still is the guilt of most of their mothers for allowing them to become lascivious temptresses!

“I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.” 1 Timothy 2:9-10

-Arthur Pink