

Intro.

Psa. 51:3

- A. When you know that something is a genuine threat...*dangerous...disastrous*, you would think all would deliberately avoid it.
- Ex.: grabbing a bear electrical wire to see if it's hot, or driving wrong direction on 1-way street, touching hot stove.
 - I'm convinced that the reason we purposely avoid these kinds of things: *immediate painful results!*
- B. **SIN** is a world-wide problem, & has infected every single one of us, no exceptions!!!
- SIN occurs whenever *Spiritual Instruction is Neglected*. **1 Jn. 3:4 & Jas. 4:17**
 - It's easier for me to discuss with you sin in someone else's life, than my own sinfulness → David.
 - David lusted, committed adultery, gave a man strong drink, and gave the order to kill an innocent man!
 - Remorse filled the king's ♥ (confessed, repented & was forgiven...but still his sin was on his mind)
 - My sin is ever before me!* David could not escape the regret he had for having been so foolish.
- C. Contemplate with me why sin is such a problem.
- Let's learn some lessons that can help us with our own sin problems.
 - Our determination: *Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good* (**Rom. 12:21**)

Discuss.**I. Sin Is A Problem...because SIN IS A PERSONAL THING.**

- A. David was in a position that he might have secured information of anyone in his kingdom's misdeeds.
- He easily might have said, the sins of my people is before me.
 - Rather, the shepherd King knew he was personally responsible for his sins, & responsibility was not transferable.
- B. *Each of us shall give account of himself to God*, **Rom. 14:12**
- Temptations come to us individually, **Jas. 1:14**
 - Most of us are reluctant to admit, *I have sinned...* (Pharoah, Baalam, Achan, Saul, David, Job, Micah confessed the sins of Israel & Judah, Judas, & that prodigal son). – This is short list, considering.

II. Sin Is A Problem...because SIN IS A POSITIVE THING.

- A. *My sin IS ever before me!*
- Most of us try to minimize our sin, or outright deny it, or that sin even matters. **2 Sam.12:1-4**
 - Think about David's reaction when Nathan told the story about the rich man, the poor man & the lamb.
 - David's anger was *greatly kindled*.
 - Then came Nathan's revelation, *You are the man!!!* David had 4 fingers pointing back at him!
- B. It is always easier to see others' faults than to see our own.
- The price paid to redeem you from your sins (& me) was the blood of our precious Savior.
 - The hatred God has for sin, & the wrath it engenders is testimony of **sin's reality**.

III. Sin Is A Problem...because SIN IS A PERPETUAL THING.

- A. *My sin is EVER before me.*
- It seems that David had not been able to rid his conscience of his transgression.
 - His circumstance was vastly different to that of Paul's (**Ac. 23:1**)
 - Under Moses' Law, animal sacrifices could not take away sin, **Heb. 10:4**.
- B. We know that the burden of sin remains with us until it is *washed away* in baptism, **Ac. 22:16**
- We cannot outgrow sin, but we can be freed from its control & guilt, **1 Pet. 1:18-19**
 - Repentance & baptism in the name of Christ for remission of sins is God's means of removal

IV. Sin Is A Problem...because SIN IS AN EVER PRESENT THING.

- A. *My sin is ever BEFORE me.*
- David could not escape his conscience.
 - Judas allowed guilt to rob him of life. Regret & remorse can devastate us if not dealt with appropriately
- B. David's family suffered because of his sin, as did his nation. (c. **Rom. 14:7** *None of us lives to himself*)
- David confessed his sin, & was forgiven (**2 Sam. 12:13**)
 - Consequences of his sin: *sword would never depart from his house vs10, & his child would die, vs 14.*

V. Sin Is A Problem...because SIN IS A POSSESSING THING.

A. *My sin is ever before ME.*

1. Lust grew from temptation & warped David's better judgment as he gazed upon this bathing beauty
2. But we *CAN* overcome temptation (...not to *serve sin*, nor let *sin reign* in our bodies, **Rom. 6:12**; & we should not allow sin to *have dominion over us*, **Rom. 6:14**.

Concl.

B. The addiction many people have to sin is described in **2 Pet. 2:14**

1. **Rom. 6:1-2** Those living in harmony with provisions of God's grace will not go on sinning habitually!
2. **Rom. 6:3-6** Baptized believers should walk in *newness of life*, no longer a slave to sin.\

-----WHAT S-I-N IS-----

(Gen 18:20 KJV) And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is *very grievous*;

(Psa 32:1 KJV) Blessed is he whose *transgression* is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

(Psa 51:3 KJV) For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is *ever before me*.

(Prov 14:34 KJV) Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is *a reproach* to any people.

(Hosea 13:12 KJV) The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is *hid*.

(John 8:34 KJV) Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the *servant of sin*.

(Rom 5:13 KJV) (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is *not imputed when there is no law*.

(Rom 6:23 KJV) For the wages of sin is *death*; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(1 Cor 15:56 KJV) The sting of *death* is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

(1 John 3:4 KJV) Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is *the transgression of the law*.

(1 John 3:8 KJV) He that committeth sin is *of the devil*; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.