

Sin Will Find You - cont.

- In one's own character. A person can sin and then be punished by negative actions that follow in his own life (Proverbs 4:23).
- In one's own conscience. A person can sin and then be punished with a nagging, guilty conscience each day (John 8:9).
- In one's own family. A person can sin and then be punished with children who follow that example and commit the same sins (Ezekiel 16:44).
- In the judgment day. A person can sin and they will definitely be judge and punished in the judgment day (Ecclesiasts 8:11; 11:9; 12:14).

God Knows Your Sin

Friend, your sins will find you out! God knows all and sees all (1 Chronicles 28:9; 1 Corinthians 4:5; Hebrews 4:12-13) and that includes the sins we commit. God also hears all (James 5:3-4) and that includes the sins we commit. Instead of trying to "cover up" our sins, which cannot be done (Proverbs 28:13), let us "cover" them in forgiveness with the blood of the Lamb (Romans 4:7). - Chris Reeves

- Word of the Week -

"Consecration" (Gr. *hagnos*) expresses the idea of separation from the world. The Christian is to live a life separate from sin and worldliness in every aspect of his life (1 Thessalonians 5:23). This word speaks of purity, holiness, separation, chastity, blameless, sanctity, and cleansing from sin. Let's go out this week and live the consecrated, set-apart life for the Lord.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Your Sin Will Find You Out

And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will arm yourselves to go before Jehovah to the war, and every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan before Jehovah, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, and the land is subdued before Jehovah; then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless towards Jehovah, and towards Israel; and this land shall be unto you for a possession before Jehovah. But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against Jehovah; and be sure your sin will find you out.
- Numbers 32:20-23 -

Certainty of Sin

When the Israelites had come close to the land of Canaan, Moses told the two and one half tribes that would live on the eastern side of the Jordan River that they were to cross over into the land to help their brethren fight the Canaanites. After they did that, *then* they could settle in their land. But, if they did not do that, it would be a sin, and their sin would find them out. God would hold them accountable.

Today, there are many things in life, like the economy, that are uncertain. Sometimes we don't know how the weather is going to act, we don't know

when gas prices will go up or down, and we don't know who will win a sports game.

However, other things in life, like death and paying taxes, are certain. You can count on these things. One other certainty we are told about in the Bible is that we all are accountable to God for our sin: "be sure your sins will find you out" (Numbers 32:23).

While it may not be something we like to think about, it is nevertheless something that is true - our sins will find us out. Like the Israelites of old, God sees our sins and will hold us accountable for them. We cannot hide from God. Adam and Eve could not hide from God (Genesis 3), Ananias and Sapphira could not hide from God (Acts 5), and many others in Bible times could not hide from God.

That God sees our sins and holds us accountable is an Old Testament principle. Consider what Hosea says:

For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: he hath no standing grain; the blade shall yield no meal; if so be it yield, strangers shall swallow it up" (8:7).

"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to kindness; break up your fallow

ground; for it is time to seek Jehovah, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. ¹³ Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies; for thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men" (10:12-13).

That God sees our sins and holds us accountable is also a New Testament principle. Consider what Paul wrote:

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:7-8).

Your Sins Will Find You Out

- In the execution of civil law. A person can sin and then be punished by law enforcement as a result of the sin (Romans 13:1-4).
- In one's own body. A person can sin and then be punished with some health problem as a result of the sin (Romans 1:24,27).
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