

THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN



Introduction

"But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." —Hebrews 3:13

Oh listen my friend, Satan is a beautiful liar. The Devil's business is sin, and he's an expert at destroying people's lives. Sin will always cost you more than you intended to pay, it will take you further than you intended to go, and it will keep you longer than you intended to stay. The Devil always shows young people the neon lights, the glamour and the good times; but he never shows them where sin leads... death, destruction and damnation!

So many young people have learned the hard way that all of Satan's apples have worms. You cannot eat at the Devil's table without getting food poisoning. You cannot warm yourself at the Devil's fire without getting burned. Satan shows us the neon lights of Sin City; but he doesn't show us the graveyard. Satan shows us the booze, women and good times; but he doesn't show us the deadly auto-accidents, the incurable venereal diseases and the lifetime of shame and regret that often accompany sin.

The Devil is a Beautiful Liar!

The Word of God tells us in 2nd Corinthians 11:3-4, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." Ironically, most religious people are woefully ignorant of this truth. All around

the world today, people are falling prey to Satanic deceptions which appear to be of God; but they are not. This includes false religions, false prophets, false teachings, false christs and false bibles.

The Word of God informs us in John 8:44 that Satan is not only a big liar, but also the father of all liars. We read in John 10:10... "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Satan wants to destroy us—to kill, steal and destroy our life. The easiest way for Satan to accomplish this is by leading us into sin. James 1:15 says, "...sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Sin brings death—physical, emotional and spiritual death. Sin causes sickness in all of these areas.

Satan repackages sin to make it look appealing, just as a master fisherman disguises his deadly hook with cleverly placed bait. So oftentimes, we don't see that razor-sharp hook until it's wedged into our mouth and we're being reeled in for the slaughter. With the invention of condoms and other contraceptive devices, fornication and adultery have spread to epidemic levels in America. Although the rate of venereal disease has decreased, the divorce rate and sexual sins are skyrocketing. Romans 1:32 warns us that sin brings God's judgment! America is a land of adulterers who love adulterous movies, adulterous late night shows and pornography. This is apostasy, i.e., a departure from God and His Word. Do not be deceived my friend, God will judge sinners!

Satan convinced Eve that there would be no consequences for her sinful action; but the Devil lied. Eve was their first feminist, who disobeyed God and then influenced her husband to disobey God. They were punished by God for their sin. Carefully notice what Genesis 3:6 says... "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was PLEASANT TO THE EYES..." Is this not the neon lights of Las Vegas? Is this not the physical beauty of a whorish woman? Is this not the wealth and prosperity promised by greedy con artists today? There's a popular saying when you go into the ocean... "If it's pretty, don't touch it, because it's probably poisonous." Please consider the words of Proverb 20:17... "Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel." What you pay for sin in cents, it will cost you in dollars. Satan is an expert liar, who makes sin look irresistible; but in the end, you will be sorry and you'll pay for it dearly.

The Pleasures of Sin Only Last for a Season

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

Just as Moses, each and every Christian needs to commit their life to God. Moses saw the wickedness being committed in Pharaoh's house day-after-day, but in his heart he feared God. When Moses came to years (i.e., became

a man), he wanted out of Pharaoh's house, and chose to live for God instead. Where are you at in life? Are you still young, living in the cesspool of iniquity? Or have you come to your senses, deciding to live for the Lord Jesus Christ?

Please understand that holy living is not required to be saved. Romans 4:5 plainly states... "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." We are saved by faith alone in the Son of God. Eternal life is a free gift (Romans 5:15;6:23), paid for by the precious blood of Jesus Christ (1st Peter 1:18,19). I am not talking about that. Many deceivers are preaching a false gospel today which require people to give up their sins to be saved. Can anyone give up their sins? No, of course not. Even the best of Christians are still prone to sin, and do. Certainly, a believer in Christ should have a desire to live right, and God commands us to do so; but the gift of salvation is not conditioned upon anything more than our sole faith in Jesus Christ as our personal Savior.

Moses didn't become a child of God by leaving Pharaoh's house (i.e., a life of sin). Moses left Pharaoh's house because he was already a child of God and God had been dealing with his heart, and now Moses wanted to live for God. You don't get saved by coming out of a life of sin. You get saved by coming as a sinner to the Savior. Once we are in Christ (i.e., saved), then God deals with our heart and helps us makes the necessary changes if we yield to Him (2nd Corinthians 5:17; 1st Peter 2:2; Romans 12:1,2).

We read in Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Go ask the folks rotting away in some nursing home if they are having fun. Go ask the man with incurable disease caused by sin if it was worth it. Go ask the woman who lost her pretty face in an alcohol-related accident if she still enjoys getting drunk and partying. You see, sin only lasts for a season. Oh, the deceitfulness of sin! The Devil always pays with counterfeit money.