

James 1

I have entitled today's message, **The Sequence of Sin, part 3**

We cannot sin and win.

So We need to know how sin operates. How it works?

To defeat sin and have victory in Jesus.

James 1:13

Let us stand for the reading of God's Holy Word.

James 1:13-16

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

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But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

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Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

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Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Let us pray.

You may be seated.

The Sequence of Sin

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The Bible teaches that sin starts within us.

That every man is tempted.

Drawn away though being enticed.

Sin is conceived.

It is not a sin to be tempted.

But once temptation has gained the consent of our will, sin is birthed.

Different kinds of sin.

1. Sins of ignorance - Sins that are done that I did not know they were sins.

My wife pointed a lot of these out in my life in our early years of marriage.

I Tim. 1:12-13

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

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Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

2. Sins of commission

I did something wrong.

Things I should not do but did.

Sins of the tongue,

James 3:10

Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

3. Sins of omission.

I should have done something and I did not do it.

James 4:17

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

4. Presumptuous sin - the worst kind.

This is premeditated, willful, rebellious,

deliberate, flagrant, and intentional.

Sins of ignorance are not punished as severely as presumptuous sins.

David committed presumptuous sin when he committed adultery with Bathsheba and, when she became pregnant, had her husband killed to cover up his sin (2 Samuel 11).

Many times in the Bible, God intervened and brought a major judgement upon the persons committing presumptuous sins.

Psalms 19:13

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

We bring forth sin, Vs. 15
And sin, when it is finished, it bringeth forth death.

The result of sin is DEATH.

And death is real.

Turn to Genesis 2.

To the fall of man into sin.

Gen. 2:16-17

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

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But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

When? On that day.

Gen. 3:1-4

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

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And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

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But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

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And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

It is instructive to us that the first doctrine to be denied was that of judgement.

As soon as one begins to deny God's Word or to question God's motives, He is deciding for himself the standards of truth and righteousness.

Gen. 3:19

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

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And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

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Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

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And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Death entered the world.

No one had ever experienced death.

No animals, no trees, no deaths of any kind.

There are three aspects of human death in Scripture.

I. First, there is spiritual death, which is alienation from God (Genesis 3:8; Ephesians 2:5; 4:18).

Clearly in the context of Genesis 3, Adam and Eve died spiritually, instantly.

Eve died spiritually that day. Separated from the presence of God.

Every human being is now born spiritually dead.

Eph. 2:1-5

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

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But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

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Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

And now when man is born into this world, he is born spiritually dead, separated from God and at enmity with God.

Man needs to be born again. Born a second time. Born of God's Spirit.

Jesus said, Ye must be born again. **John 3:3, 7**

First is spiritual death.

II. Secondly, physical death which is separation of the soul from the body.

To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. **II Cor. 5:8**

Luke 16:22-23

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Gen. 25:8

Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

II Tim. 4:6-7

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. Body is left behind and returns to dust.

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I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

III. The third aspect is the "second death", which occurs at the Great White Throne Judgement.

Rev. 20:11-15

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

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And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

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And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

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And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

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And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

It is eternal separation from God.

The second death is a reference to the lake of fire where those who are separated from God by their sin will dwell for eternity.

This judgment was recorded in Scripture as a warning to unbelievers who fail to have salvation in Jesus Christ.

Death is the penalty for sin.

Eve did not physically die that day but the process of physically dying ensued that day.

Adam and Eve came under a death sentence.

We all are under this same death sentence.

So we are born with an end date and we are born spiritually dead.

We are made in the image of God but because of sin, we are drastically damaged and corrupted to the core.

Eve did not think of the horrible consequence of death but she thought that she would have knowledge,

That she would be like God.

We often fail to think of the consequences of sin.

Eve listened to Satan. Temptation was knocking.

It is still knocking to this day.

Joseph is a good example for us, that when temptation comes, to run, we got to go.

A motion to sin is made, But don't second it.

We must resist and reject the motion made.

How many of us regret that we did not resist?

Instead we dallied with sin, flirted, allowed it to stay around, We tolerated it.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Eve responded to the temptation.

She yielded.

She made her own decision, she sought no counsel from Adam or God,

She believed Satan rather than God.

Eve's own son, Cain murdered Abel.

Now how does she feel about her choice to sin, how does she feel about death?

After they had sinned,
Guilt came and they covered themselves.

They felt shame and disgrace.

Man tries to cover his guilt and message his conscience.

God came and they hid themselves.

Fear came

And God asked some questions.

And they refused to accept responsibility for their actions.

Has anything changed from Genesis 3 until now? Not much

Proverbs 28:13

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

There was no death of anything until the sin of Adam and Eve.

Death, decay, decline. Everything is touched with death.

They were separated from God and hid themselves.

Their relationship with God was broken.

So both spiritual death and physical death are the consequences of Adam's fall.

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **Romans 5:12**

When they sinned something changed, everything changed.

Sin affected everything and caused the death of all things.

And now life has a shelf-life.

It was not a drop dead moment physically but the clock starting ticking that day for sure.

Death, in whatever form we see it in, is traced back to sin.

Sin will naturally and regularly produce death.

We live in a dying world.

Look at what comes with sin -

guilt, shame, regret, tears, worry, disappointment,

Sin affects our health and longevity.

Sin has many negative impacts upon a person.

Sin destroys and eventually kills.

Sin changed animals and sin changed the creation.

Death is the end of all things.

How do people get in prison? Crimes which are sins.

How do people get into the hospital? Sickness which are rooted in sin.

How do people end up at the funeral home?

Sin brought sickness,

Sin brought diseases,

Sin brought imprisonment,

Sin brought death.

The steps of sin are very clear.

Unchecked/uncontrolled desires yield to sin and sin produces death.

We give birth to sin and sin gives birth to death.

So we are the mother of sin and the grandmother of death.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death;

Death is the punishment for sin.

We die because of sin.

When sin is completed, it bringeth forth death.

The fruit of sin is death.

Sin is a small matter at its beginning, at its commencement,
But by indulgence it grows great and multiplies itself beyond all calculation.

Starts like a thread of the spiders web but ends like a rope that can tie down a horse.

Lust is the mother of sin and sin is the mother of Death.

And the sinner is the parent of them both.

Death is the result of sin.

Several gradual steps in which sin proceeds.

It will not harm us, we think.

The consequences of sin is death.

Vs. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Do not be deceived.

Don't be led astray.

The error is to blame God or charge God for our sins.

That God is the author of sins and the evil of the world is to be traced to Him.

That is not true in fact HE is the author of all good. vs. 17

So Do not make this mistake.

God is never to be linked to sin in any way form or fashion.

Our own lusts want us to charge God foolishly that it is His fault.

Men err in their view of themselves and their view of God.

Do not make this error.

Do not think that you can shield yourself from the consequences and responsibility of sin.

We are very prone to err in our notions about sin and evil in this world.

To give more fault to others and more credit to ourselves.

Free will is not the cause of sin but it is the improper use of the free will of man.

They sinned because they freely desired to sin.

We are not as bad as the Bible says we are.

We have time.

Sin is not as bad as people say it is.

Some argue that, It is not even sin. That evil is good.

Do not err by supposing that God is the author of sin.

God is perfect and perfectly Holy.

Sin can only be forgiven through a substitute sacrifice who the shedding of Blood.

Without the shedding of Blood, there is no remission of sins.

Luke 24:46-47

And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

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And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Col. 1:14

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Eph. 1:7

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

I Peter 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

I Cor. 15:26

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

I Cor. 15:20-22

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

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For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

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For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

In Adam, all die.

When Sin has her final call, it is turn out the lights the parties over.

The Sequence of Sin**Let us stand for the closing invitation**

Christ died for our sins.

Sin and death proceed from the lusts of men.

Jesus defeated both of these upon His resurrection.

So our need of Christ is great for He overcame death and paid for all sins.

Jesus died because of our sins.

The just for the unjust.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:8-10

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

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For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

In order to have victory over our sin, We must defeat sin in our lives at its earliest beginnings.

A battle in the mind.

II Cor. 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Nip sin in the bud, in the beginning.

We all know that we can sin today, and we may pay for it today, next week, next month, next year, next decade, but we will pay.

Every time we go to a funeral,

Every time that we bury a loved one,

We should remember sin's outcome.