

You Can Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out

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INTRO: The strange but true nature of SIN

- Gen. 4:7 - sin is crouching at your door
- James 1:14-15 - dragged away by evil desire
- Romans 7:14-25 - sin living in me that does evil

The mystery of L_____: The nature of sin is such that, in God's economy, whether or not others discover your sin, your sin will "discover you." You cannot run from the consequences. Sin carries within itself the power to *pay the sinner back*. Therefore, we dare not even think about toying with sin (playing in the shallow end of the pool) because sin's payback is real and unescapable. *You can be sure your sin will find you out.*

How Israel's sin found them out: *Punishment!*

A. (Ch. 9) Judgement pronounced on an unfaithful people (9:1-9)

- Israel has been called into a C_____ relationship with Yahweh (8:1) which should be expressed in faithful O_____. Instead, she has played the H_____.
- Hosea enumerates the tragic consequences: *Banishment!* Loss of J_____ (vv. 1-2 "Do not rejoice"); exile (vv. 3-6 "They will not remain in the Lord's land"), loss of S_____ D_____ (vv. 7-9 "The inspired man is demented"); declining B_____ R_____ (vv. 10-16 "No birth, no pregnancy, no conception") and (worst of all) A_____ by God (v. 17 "My God will cast them away").
- Israel claimed to know God (8:2) and went through the motions of religious observance. It was E_____ R_____. Israel's Levitical worship had been corrupted by H_____. A nation that refused to conduct its formal worship in the proper spirit would be denied its privilege of W_____.
- They have gone deep into D_____ (v. 9) as in the days of Gibeah (Judges 19).

B. God's delight in Israel changed to *retribution* for their idolatry (9:10-17)

- "They became as D_____ as that which they loved" (v. 10b)
- God's decree: "I will love them no more... My God will cast them away, because they did not L_____ to Him." (v. 17). Wanderers among the nations.

C. (Ch. 10) Israel's "double sin" punished

- The result: God's G_____ has departed (9:12, 17: 10:5) – "*Ichabod*" (1 Sam. 4:21, 14:3)
- Israel's horrific punishment was intended to bring D_____. (v. 10:8; 2 Thess. 1:9)

- GOD'S PLEA (vv. 12-15): A call to R_____.
- Even in the midst of a message of C_____ and J_____ God issues a plea for R_____ with its subsequent B_____.
- This exhortation actually summarizes the appeal made by Israel's prophets throughout her history and reflects => *God's faithfulness!*

How do Hosea chapters 9 & 10 speak to us? The Good News: SIN has a remedy! ☺

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, He is FAITHFUL and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. (1 John 1:6-10)

"In Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

⇒ Jay Adams: God is man's E_____ (Psalm 139). Those who by sin are not in harmony with Him are out of sync with their Environment.

CORAM DEO (R. C. Sproul) – To live Coram Deo is to live one's entire life in the P_____ of God, under the A_____ of God, to the G_____ of God.

"SIN makes JUDGEMENT inevitable. However, consistent with the character of a holy God, judgement is intended to discipline, not to destroy, and beyond it lies the promise of RESTORATION."

[Robin Rutledge, Hosea: An Introduction and Commentary]

The Faithfulness of God... (Lamentations 3 NIV) The Prophet pours out his woes. *But God...!*

¹⁹I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.

²⁰I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.

²¹Yet this I call to mind [*note the metanoia!*]
and therefore I have hope:

²²**Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.**

²³**They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.**

²⁴I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

Being in sync with our Environment: **Learn the expulsive P_____ of a superlative affection.** "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the D_____ of your heart" (Psalm 37:4) because He BECOMES our heart's S_____ desire!

The secret of bombproof JOY (John 15:9-11) "A_____ in my L_____. These things I have spoken to you, that My JOY may remain in you, and that your JOY may be F_____.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence is fullness of JOY. -Psalm 16:11