

The Results of Sin / The Rewards of Obedience

Part I: Overview of the Divided Kingdom

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➤ **Intro: tone = positive (assume doing)**

- **topical review** of last quarter's Sunday AM Bible class
- **theme:** The Results of Sin / The Rewards of Obedience

➤ **Sin results in a depraved mind, depraved behaviors**

- **OT examples: – sin, results in vile behavior – little sin result sin bigger sin. . . .**
 - **Solomon's pride and sensuality:** resulted in **pagan idolatry (1 Ki. 11:1-13)**
 - **Rehoboam's pride:** not listen to elders, make Israel's labor harder, resulting in **division of kingdom**
 - **Jeroboam's pride:** **golden calves, idolatry**, so people not go to Jerusalem to worship
 - **400 prophets of Baal's idolatry:** when challenged by Elijah, **leaped about and cut selves till blood gushed**
 - **Ahab's greed:** **murdered Naboth to get his vineyard**
 - **Jonah's evil desire for enemies to die rather than repent and be saved:** **tried to run from God**

➤ **- lessons for today:**

- **Rom. 1:21-23, 24, 28** if people cast God out of their lives, He gives them over to depraved behaviors
 - **Rom. 1:25, 26-27** e.g., **idolatry, homosexuality – USA**
 - **Rom. 1:29-32** Paul's description of them – **USA**
- - **Eph. 4:17-20** Christians are different, not walk in the way of the world – **note: description**
 - **vs. 19** greediness – nature of sin, grows and grows in one's life – **drugs, never satisfied**
- - **illus.: drunkenness, partying - people act stupid, thinking they're cool**
 - **1 Pet. 4:3-5** **drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties** (e.g., social drinking, going to party and not drinking)
- 2 - **pic: drunken fool** – thinks cool but isn't, acts stupid, laughing stock
- - **illus.: false teachers - use warped logic and ideas to entrap people** e.g., **Rehoboam, calves, like when came out of Egypt**
 - **2 Pet. 2:2, 12-14, 18-19** **deceiving people with sinful lusts, warped behaviors**
- **application: must keep selves pure, to keep our thinking (minds) as it should be – holy, righteous**

➤ **Sin results in division**

- OT examples:

- Solomon's idolatry and Rehoboam's pride: resulted in **divided kingdom**
- prophets righteousness: resulted in **separation (division) from Israel**, social and religious outcasts (**illus.: Jesus**)
- Israel's sinful alliances with other nations: resulted in separation (division) from God's

➤ - lessons for today:

- church

- **Tit. 3:10-11** to cause division is sin

➤ - **1 Cor. 11:18-19** when sin exists in a congregation, **division is necessary**, so approved are evident

➤ - family

- **Matt. 19:3-9** broken homes

- **Jews had broken homes** (divorce) for other than adultery, because of sin (hardness of hearts)

- **illus.: Athaliah** (ath-a-li'-a), daughter of Jezebel, murdered her grandchildren for power (throne)

➤ - friends – spend more time on for young people, peer pressure

- **2 Cor. 6:14, 17-18** must separate ourselves from sinful associations – **behavior, not location**

- **1 Cor. 5:12-13** yet live in the world, not become hermits in cave somewhere

- **Eph. 5:7-13** to be a light – **living among, but different from**

- **Lk. 9:23** cost of discipleship – **deny self, take up cross daily**

- **illus.: person becomes Christian**, refuses to participate with friends in sin as before, slowly they don't invited him to go out, then don't talk to him anymore, then not friends any more

- **our responsibility** when these are converted – rejected by friends, family, co-workers

➤ - separation (division) from God

- **illus.: Adam and Eve**, sin, death, resulted in separation from God

- **Rom. 6:23** wages of sin death – **separation from God**

- **2 Th. 1:6-9** eternal separation, punishment – **those not know God or obey gospel**

- **Rev. 20:15** anyone's whose name not found in book of life cast into the lake of fire – 2nd death

➤ **end Part I:**

- **stay focused: don't play with sin**

- **results in a warped mind (depraved)**

- **results in separation from God**

- **inv.:** if in sin today, separated from God, only one way to become united with Him - obey - Jesus take your sin to the cross and set you free