

Where Sin Will Take You #2

Sin is defined by such terms as lawlessness, iniquity, transgression of law, and unrighteousness, but what the definitions do not tell us are the consequences that sin has on the physical, emotional, and spiritual psyche of man's nature.

As a result of sin, mankind's sojourn on earth has been plagued with heartache, deceit, and death: both spiritually and physically. Societies have plummeted to the depths of destruction due to lawlessness, iniquity and unrighteousness.

What will sin do for you? "Sin will keep you longer than you want to stay."

As we continue to consider the events of David and Bathsheba, we find that David's actions weighed heavily upon his emotional psyche, and thus his physical well-being. As David reflected upon this event, he recorded the following, in one of his many Psalms: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions; And my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, And done that which is evil in thy sight; That thou mayest be justified when thou speakest, And be clear when thou judgest" (Psalm 51:1-4).

In another Psalm, though no indication it speaks of this event, the sentiments are timely, as David said, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom Jehovah imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. When I kept silence, my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: My moisture was changed as with the drought of summer. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, And mine iniquity did I not hide: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto Jehovah; And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin" (Psalm 32:1-5). As sin takes a man farther than he wants to go, so it will also keep him longer than he wants to stay.

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