

### Sin of Slander Word Search

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NEIGHBOR	DWELL	POSITIVE
CONDUCT	EVIL	FRIEND
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CHILDREN	PIPED	DANCE
MOURN	DRINKING	HATRED
PUBLICANS	BAPTIZER	ERROR
MESSAGE	DEMON	LOCUST
POWER	SPEAK	CORRUPT

### Notes

## Avenues of Sin

### Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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### Sin of Slander

In the fifteenth Psalm, David considered two questions essential to securing the favor of Jehovah, saying, "who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?"

In this text, David deals with negative and positive conduct. In the second qualification, David turns attention toward one's dealings with his fellow man and identifies conduct all too often seen in society: "He that slandereth not with his tongue, Nor doeth evil to his friend, Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor"

Of these actions, our consideration is on the term "slander," which is, "an accusation maliciously uttered with the purpose or effect of damaging the reputation of another" (ISBE). Solomon stated, "He that hideth hatred is of lying lips; And he that uttereth a slander is a fool" (Proverbs 10:18).

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Many have suffered at the mouth of a slanderer. Jesus said, "But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the marketplaces, who call unto their fellows and say, We piped unto you, and ye did not dance; we wailed, and ye did not mourn. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a demon. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!" (Matthew 11:18-19).

When opponents of truth look for a reason to refuse the message, they attack the messenger. John the baptizer had a limited diet, i.e., locusts and wild honey. Because John shunned what might be considered a normal way of life, his enemies "say he hath a demon," but the Lord's enemies used just the opposite approach, saying that Jesus "came eating and drinking," and they accused him of being a gluttonous man and a winebibber.

No matter what you may say or do to help individuals escape the captivity of error, there are those who will not heed the message of truth.

The enemies of the Lord were not satisfied with slanderous accusations against the Lord when He was alive, but also after his death, said, "we remember that that deceiver said while he was yet alive, After three days I rise again" (Matthew 27:63).

For centuries man has attempted to sway a decision by slander. Understand that if you seek to dwell in Jehovah's favor, you will recognize the power of the tongue, and heed the admonition of the Apostle Paul, who said, "speak evil of no man" (Titus 3:2).

Remember the words of the Apostle Paul, who said, "Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear" (Ephesians 4:29). ret

## Avenues of Sin

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- A. Rom. 3:9-18 – None that seek after God
- B. 1 Jn. 1:8 – Many take the position they have no sin.
- C. Jn. 16:8 – But the Holy Spirit, through the avenue of reason will convince a man of his sin if he will hear.
- D. In so doing the Holy Spirit reveals what sin is, and how it enters our lives.

### I. Internally:

- A. 1 Jn. 2:16 – Lust of the flesh
- B. Jam. 1:12-15 – Through enticements

### II. Externally:

- A. 1 Pet. 4:1-6 – Evil passions and persuasions of men.
- B. 2 Pet. 3:17 – Being carried away with the error of the wicked.

### III. Doctrinal Error:

- A. 2 Pet. 2:1-3 – False teachers among you
- B. Rom. 16:17-18 – Self-serving teachers
- C. Acts. 20:29 – Which may be closer than we think

## SOLOMON SAYS

*Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God; for to draw nigh to hear is better than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they know not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. For a dream cometh with a multitude of business, and a fool's voice with a multitude of words. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou vowest. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thy hands? Eccl. 5:1-6*