

Where Sin Will Take You #3

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? #3 "Sin will cost you more than you want to pay."

As the events surrounding David's transgression with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite, unfolded, David found himself in a disastrous situation, not only with God, but also with man. Uriah was one of "the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who showed themselves strong with him in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of Jehovah concerning Israel" (1 Chronicles 11:10).

David called Uriah in from the battle and made a number of attempts to set the stage so as to give Uriah the idea that the child was his: his devices were to no avail. David's last resolve was to have Uriah put to death. David sent a letter by the hand of Uriah, to Joab, the captain of Israel's host. The letter Uriah carried was his own death warrant. Joab was instructed to put Uriah in the heat of the battle, and then withdraw from him, which Joab did: the cost was additional casualties. When Joab reported back to David, knowing David would not be pleased with the losses, Joab's message to David was, "The men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entrance of the gate. And the shooters shot at thy servants from off the wall; and some of the king's servants are dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also." To which "David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another; make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him" (2 Samuel 11:23-25).

The cost of David's sin was high. However, it continued to exact wages. The child born to Bathsheba died, and the consequences were not to leave the family of David: "Wherefore hast thou despised the word of Jehovah, to do that which is evil in his sight? thou hast smitten Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thy house, because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house; and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbor, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun" (2 Samuel 12:9-12). Sin will cost you more than you want to pay. Ross Triplett, Sr.