



The Doctrine of Man - Part 13

Title: Will we be able to sin in heaven?



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Scripture specifically tells us that sin will be kept out of the final state.

Rev 21:8 NLT:

8 “But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Rev. 22:15 NLT:

15 Outside the city are the dogs—the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshipers, and all who love to live a lie.

So it is certainly possible that part of the glorification process through which we will pass will itself involve the free choice to reach the state where we can no longer sin.

If this is so, then it will not be a violation of our will for us to be unable to sin.

In fact, supposing we could sin after being glorified, we would then be able to do something against our nature, which is impossible.

It would be absurd for us to complain that our free will was being violated just because we could not do wrong in a glorified state.

That would be like protesting that our inability to become a bird violates our free will.

In short, our new nature may require that we not be free to sin, just like we can't become a bird.

(Gary R. Habermas, J. P. Moreland, Immortality: The Other Side of Death, p. 150)



What are the sources of temptation?

The Old Testament prophets Isaiah (Isa 14) and Ezekiel - (Ezek 28) record for us the origin of sin, but what are its present-day sources?

Isa 14 NLT:

A Taunt for Babylon's King

1 But the LORD will have mercy on the descendants of Jacob. He will choose Israel as his special people once again. He will bring them back to settle once again in their own land. And people from many different nations will come and join them there and unite with the people of Israel.

2 The nations of the world will help the people of Israel to return, and those who come to live in the LORD's land will serve them. Those who captured Israel will themselves be captured, and Israel will rule over its enemies.

3 In that wonderful day when the LORD gives his people rest from sorrow and fear, from slavery and chains,

4 you will taunt the king of Babylon. You will say,

“The mighty man has been destroyed.

Yes, your insolence is ended.

5 For the LORD has crushed your wicked power and broken your evil rule.

6 You struck the people with endless blows of rage
and held the nations in your angry grip
with unrelenting tyranny.

7 But finally the earth is at rest and quiet.
Now it can sing again!

8 Even the trees of the forest—
the cypress trees and the cedars of Lebanon—
sing out this joyous song:
‘Since you have been cut down,
no one will come now to cut us down!’

9 “In the place of the dead there is excitement
over your arrival.
The spirits of world leaders and mighty kings long dead
stand up to see you.

10 With one voice they all cry out,
'Now you are as weak as we are!

11 Your might and power were buried with you.
The sound of the harp in your palace has ceased.
Now maggots are your sheet,
and worms your blanket.'

12 "How you are fallen from heaven,
O shining star, son of the morning!
You have been thrown down to the earth,
you who destroyed the nations of the world.

13 For you said to yourself,
'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars.
I will preside on the mountain of the gods
far away in the north.

14 I will climb to the highest heavens
and be like the Most High.'

15 Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead,
down to its lowest depths.

16 Everyone there will stare at you and ask,
'Can this be the one who shook the earth
and made the kingdoms of the world tremble?

17 Is this the one who destroyed the world
and made it into a wasteland?

Is this the king who demolished the world's greatest cities
and had no mercy on his prisoners?'

18 "The kings of the nations lie in stately glory,
each in his own tomb,

19 but you will be thrown out of your grave
like a worthless branch.

Like a corpse trampled underfoot,
you will be dumped into a mass grave
with those killed in battle.

You will descend to the pit.

20 You will not be given a proper burial,
for you have destroyed your nation
and slaughtered your people.

The descendants of such an evil person
will never again receive honor.

21 Kill this man's children!

Let them die because of their father's sins!
They must not rise and conquer the earth,
filling the world with their cities."

22 This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says:

"I, myself, have risen against Babylon!

I will destroy its children and its children's children,"
says the LORD.

23 "I will make Babylon a desolate place of owls,
filled with swamps and marshes.

I will sweep the land with the broom of destruction.

I, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!"

A Message about Assyria

24 The LORD of Heaven's Armies has sworn this oath:

"It will all happen as I have planned.

It will be as I have decided.

25 I will break the Assyrians when they are in Israel;

I will trample them on my mountains.

My people will no longer be their slaves
nor bow down under their heavy loads.

26 I have a plan for the whole earth,
a hand of judgment upon all the nations.

27 The LORD of Heaven's Armies has spoken —
who can change his plans?
When his hand is raised,
who can stop him?"

A Message about Philistia

28 This message came to me the year King Ahaz died:

29 Do not rejoice, you Philistines,
that the rod that struck you is broken —
that the king who attacked you is dead.
For from that snake a more poisonous snake will be born,
a fiery serpent to destroy you!

30 I will feed the poor in my pasture;
the needy will lie down in peace.
But as for you, I will wipe you out with famine
and destroy the few who remain.

31 Wail at the gates! Weep in the cities!

Melt with fear, you Philistines!

A powerful army comes like smoke from the north.

Each soldier rushes forward eager to fight.

32 What should we tell the Philistine messengers? Tell them,

“The LORD has built Jerusalem;

its walls will give refuge to his oppressed people.”



Ezek 28 NLT:

A Message for Tyre's King

1 Then this message came to me from the LORD:

2 “Son of man, give the prince of Tyre this message from the Sovereign LORD:

“In your great pride you claim, ‘I am a god!

I sit on a divine throne in the heart of the sea.’

But you are only a man and not a god,

though you boast that you are a god.

3 You regard yourself as wiser than Daniel

and think no secret is hidden from you.

4 With your wisdom and understanding you have amassed great wealth—

gold and silver for your treasuries.

5 Yes, your wisdom has made you very rich,

and your riches have made you very proud.

6 “Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

Because you think you are as wise as a god,

7 I will now bring against you a foreign army,
the terror of the nations.

They will draw their swords against your marvelous wisdom
and defile your splendor!

8 They will bring you down to the pit,
and you will die in the heart of the sea,
pierced with many wounds.

9 Will you then boast, 'I am a god!'

to those who kill you?

To them you will be no god

but merely a man!

10 You will die like an outcast

at the hands of foreigners.

I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!"

11 Then this further message came to me from the LORD:

12 "Son of man, sing this funeral song for the king of Tyre. Give him this message from the Sovereign LORD:

"You were the model of perfection,

full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty.

13 You were in Eden,

the garden of God.

Your clothing was adorned with every precious stone—

red carnelian, pale-green peridot, white moonstone,

blue-green beryl, onyx, green jasper,

blue lapis lazuli, turquoise, and emerald—

all beautifully crafted for you

and set in the finest gold.

They were given to you

on the day you were created.

14 I ordained and anointed you

as the mighty angelic guardian.

You had access to the holy mountain of God

and walked among the stones of fire.

15 “You were blameless in all you did

from the day you were created

until the day evil was found in you.

16 Your rich commerce led you to violence,
and you sinned.

So I banished you in disgrace
from the mountain of God.

I expelled you, O mighty guardian,
from your place among the stones of fire.

17 Your heart was filled with pride
because of all your beauty.

Your wisdom was corrupted
by your love of splendor.

So I threw you to the ground
and exposed you to the curious gaze of kings.

18 You defiled your sanctuaries
with your many sins and your dishonest trade.

So I brought fire out from within you,
and it consumed you.

I reduced you to ashes on the ground
in the sight of all who were watching.

19 All who knew you are appalled at your fate.

You have come to a terrible end,

and you will exist no more.”

A Message for Sidon

20 Then another message came to me from the LORD:

21 “Son of man, turn and face the city of Sidon and prophesy against it.

22 Give the people of Sidon this message from the Sovereign LORD:

“I am your enemy, O Sidon,

and I will reveal my glory by what I do to you.

When I bring judgment against you

and reveal my holiness among you,

everyone watching will know

that I am the LORD.



23 I will send a plague against you,
and blood will be spilled in your streets.
The attack will come from every direction,
and your people will lie slaughtered within your walls.
Then everyone will know
that I am the LORD.

24 No longer will Israel's scornful neighbors
prick and tear at her like briers and thorns.
For then they will know
that I am the Sovereign LORD.

Restoration for Israel

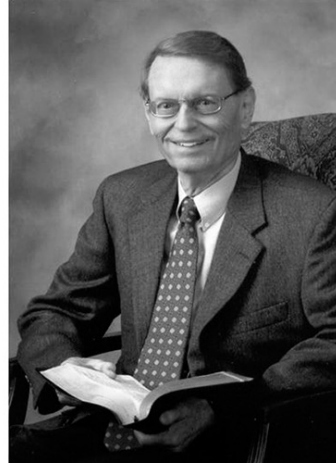
25 "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: The people of Israel will again live in their own land, the land I gave my servant Jacob. For I will gather them from the distant lands where I have scattered them. I will reveal to the nations of the world my holiness among my people.

26 They will live safely in Israel and build homes and plant vineyards. And when I punish the neighboring nations that treated them with contempt, they will know that I am the LORD their God."

What tempts both unsaved and saved people to sin?

Dr. Charles Ryrie observes that the waters of sin can flow from one of three fountains:

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A. The world.

Satan's world stands in opposition to God's people and promotes Satan's purposes.

So the world system is a source of sin when anyone conforms to it.

John 15:18-19 NLT:

The World's Hatred

18 "If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first.

19 The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.

1. Its description.

Satan stands as its head and controlling force. Its chief characteristic is counterfeiting, though Satan will use any tactic he can in order to defeat the believer. Often borderline issues are the most difficult to discern and decide.

2. Our defense.

A number of things serve as the believer's defense against the counterfeit of the world—the armor (Eph 6:13-18), knowledge of Satan's strategies (1 Cor 2:11), sobriety, vigilance (1 Pet 5:8).

Eph 6:13-18 NLT:

13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

14 Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness.

15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.

16 In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

17 Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

1 Cor 2:11 NLT:

11 No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit.

1 Pet 5:8 NLT:

8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Moreover, perhaps faith should be placed at or near the top of the list.

Our faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1 Jn 5:4-5), the faith which identified us with Christ's work on the cross.

1 Jn 5:4-5 NLT:

4 For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith.

5 And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.



Since every believer has such faith, he has an adequate defense against the world.

Yet such faith needs to be constantly exercised to realize victory.

1 Tim 6:12 NLT:

12 Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.

B. The flesh.

1. The concept.

The flesh is that principle of sin within all of us. Some equate the sin nature and flesh.

The flesh produces works (**Gal 5:19**), is characterized by lusts and passions (**Gal 5:24; 1 Jn 2:16**), and it can enslave the believer (**Rom 7:25**).

Gal 5:19 NLT:

19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures,

Gal 5:24 NLT:

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

1 Jn 2:16 NLT:

16 For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

Rom 7:25 NLT:

25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.



2. The control.

The flesh can only be controlled by actualizing our co-crucifixion with Christ.

We have crucified the flesh, that is, been separated from its domination by our association with Christ's dying unto.

Gal 5:24 NLT:

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

We can experience victory not by eradication of the flesh but in walking in dependence on the Spirit to control it.

Gal 5:16 NLT:

Living by the Spirit's Power

16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.



C. The devil.



Christ was acutely aware of the power, program, and procedures of Satan. ... Our Lord acknowledged Satan as the ruler of this world (**John 12:31**), the head of his own kingdom (**Matt 12:26**), the father of rebellious people (**John 8:44**), the father of lies - (**John 8:44**), the evil one who opposes the reception of the Gospel (**Matt 13:19**), the enemy who sows tares among the good seed (**Matt 13:39**), and thus the one who causes people to do these things which he promotes.

John 12:31 NLT:

31 The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out.

Matt 12:26 NLT:

26 And if Satan is casting out Satan, he is divided and fighting against himself. His own kingdom will not survive.

John 8:44 NLT:

44 For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Matt 13:19 NLT:

19 The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts.

Matt 13:39 NLT:

39 The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels.



1. His strategy is planned.

Satan devises methods, uses strategies, and employs all the craftiness of a superhuman creature to trap the believer.

1 Cor 2:11 NLT:

11 No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit.

Eph 6:11 NLT:

11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

2. His strategy is persistent.

He continually stalks the believer, waiting for the right moment to attack.

1 Pet 5:8 NLT:

8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

3. His strategy is powerful.

The believer must wrestle in hand-to-hand combat against Satan, never underestimating his power (**Eph 6:12; 1 Jn 4:4; Jude 1:9**). (**Charles Ryrie, Basic Theology, pp. 216, 231-232**)

Eph 6:12 NLT:

12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

1 Jn 4:4 NLT:

4 But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

Jude 1:9 NLT:

9 But even Michael, one of the mightiest of the angels, did not dare accuse the devil of blasphemy, but simply said, “The Lord rebuke you!” (This took place when Michael was arguing with the devil about Moses’ body.)



How do we obtain the Forgiveness of our Sins?



How do we get right with God, regardless of our individual sins?

Just say this Prayer and all of your sins will be forgotten, and you will have Eternal life, with Christ Jesus, in Heaven:

Lord Jesus, I repent of all my sins, and I ask you to come into my life and be my Lord and Savior.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and you have ever lasting life, get in a good bible teaching church, and may you keep growing, in the Lord, and may HE use you to help save many souls for His Kingdom !

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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