

The Judgments Series Part 23

The Present Consequences of Sin or Disobedience



While the following is not exhaustive, it demonstrates that sin in the life of a believer is not a small issue.

(1) Loss of Fellowship With the Lord.

Known sin in one's life causes a loss of intimate fellowship with the Lord with the consequent loss of His joy and peace - **(Ps. 32:3-4).**

Psalm 32:3-4 NIV:

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When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

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For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.[a]

(2) Divine Discipline From the Lord Here in Time.

We should not think of discipline as punishment.

Discipline from God is the gracious work of a Father to train and develop His children.

Sometimes this comes in the form of various kinds of testing, trials, failure, and predicaments which He uses to correct us, to train us, and, if we have been going our own stubborn way, to increase our misery.

The goal, however, is always to bring us back to Him -
(Heb.12:5-11).

Hebrews 12:5-11 NIV:

5 And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

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because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”[a]

7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?

8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live!

10 They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.

11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

If the believer remains unrepentant, this can lead to the sin unto death as with **Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5)**, and some of the believers at Corinth who were failing to confess their sin and get right with the Lord (**1 Cor. 11:28f; cf. also 1 John 5:16-17**).

Acts 5 NIV:

Ananias and Sapphira



5 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property.

2 With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?"

4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.

6 Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

8 Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?"

"Yes," she said, "that is the price."

9 Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

10 At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

11 Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

The Apostles Heal Many

12 The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.

13 No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people.

14 Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

15 As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.

16 Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

The Apostles Persecuted

17 Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy.

18 They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.

19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.

20 “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

21 At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles.

22 But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported,

23 “We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.”

24 On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.

25 Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.”

26 At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

27 The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest.

28 “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

29 Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!

30 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.

31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

33 When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while.

35 Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men.

36 Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing.

37 After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered.

38 Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail.

39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

40 His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

1 Corinthians 11:28 NIV:

28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

1 John 5:16-17 NIV:

16 If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that.

17 All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

(3) Loss of Power and Production.

When we fail to deal with our sinful ways through honest confession, we grieve the Spirit's person and quench His power in our lives.

This means that rather than operating by faith in God's provision, we end up operating in the energy of the flesh.

We turn to our personal bag of tricks by which we seek to handle life (**Gal. 3:1-5; 5:5-15; Jer. 2:12-13**).

Galatians 3:1-5 NIV:

Faith or Works of the Law

3 You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.

2 I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard?

3 Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?^[a]

4 Have you experienced^[b] so much in vain — if it really was in vain?

5 So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

Galatians 5:5-15 NIV:

5 For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope.

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

7 You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?

8 That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.

9 “A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.”

10 I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty.

11 Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished.

12 As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!

Life by the Spirit

13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh^[a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:
“Love your neighbor as yourself.”^[b]

15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be
destroyed by each other.

Jeremiah 2:12-13 NIV:

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Be appalled at this, you heavens,
and shudder with great horror,”
declares the Lord.

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“My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

**This results in the works of the flesh and their awful and
fruitless consequences (Gal. 5:19-21, 26).**



Galatians 5:19-21 NIV:

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;

20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions

21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:26 NIV:

26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Without the abiding life, the life of faith and obedience to the Savior, we can do nothing (John 15:1-7).



John 15:1-7 NIV:

The Vine and the Branches

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[a] so that it will be even more fruitful.

3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

(4) Loss of Opportunities.

When we are in charge of our lives rather than the Lord, we become insensitive to people and opportunities of ministry—we lack vision.

Carnal believers have no vision other than their own personal agendas and selfish goals (**cf. Jn. 4:34f**).

John 4:34 NIV:

34 “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”⁽⁵⁾ Loss of Desire and Motivation for Service.

Carnal believers are occupied and controlled by their own self-centered desires (Gal. 5:16f).



Galatians 5:16 NIV:

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Perhaps this is a good place to discuss the concept of selfishness and rewards for some see an appeal to rewards as selfish and therefore carnal.



An Exegesis on the bible's definition of Greed

GREED (גְּבֻהָ, H1061; LXX υπάρχωσιν; גִּבְוָה, H5833; LXX ψυχή, G6034; NT πλεονεξία, πλεονέκτης).

(1) Eager, unrestrained, insatiate longing, esp. for wealth or gain; avarice, cupidity, covetousness;

(2) immoderate or ravenous hunger, esp. for food or drink;

(3) in a good sense: keen, avid desire for knowledge, holiness, etc.

Characteristics of Greed:

(1) Characteristic of the wicked (**Rom 1:29**) and slothful - (**Prov. 21:26**);

Romans 1:29 NIV:

29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,

Proverbs 21:26 NIV:

26

All day long he craves for more,
but the righteous give without sparing.

**(2) inconsistent in believers (Eph 5:3; Heb 13:5)—
esp. ministers (1 Tim 3:3);**

Ephesians 5:3 NIV:

3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

Hebrews 13:5 NIV:

5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”^[a]

1 Timothy 3:3 NIV: (Ministers)

3 not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

(3) originates in the heart (Mark 7:22, 23),

Mark 7:22-23 NIV:

22 adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.

23 All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

(4) engrosses the heart (Ezek 33:31; 2 Pet 2:14), and

Ezekiel 33:31 NIV:

31 My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to hear your words, but they do not put them into practice. Their mouths speak of love, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain.

(5) is never satisfied (Eccl 5:10; Hab 2:5).

Ecclesiastes 5:10 NIV:

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Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.
This too is meaningless

Habakkuk 2:5 NIV:

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indeed, wine betrays him;
he is arrogant and never at rest.
Because he is as greedy as the grave
and like death is never satisfied,
he gathers to himself all the nations
and takes captive all the peoples.

The repercussions of Greed:

It leads to

(1) Foolish and harmful lusts (1Tim 6:9):

1 Timothy 6:9 NIV:

9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

(2) Departure from the faith (6:10):

1 Timothy 6:10 NIV:

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

(3) Falsehood (2 Kings 5:22-25):

2 Kings 5:22-25 NIV:

22 “Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent^[a] of silver and two sets of clothing.’”

23 “By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi.

24 When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.

25 When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?”

“Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered.

(4) Theft (Josh 7:21):

Joshua 7:21 NIV:

21 When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia,^[a] two hundred shekels^[b] of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels,^[c] I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

(5) Poverty (Prov 28:22):

Proverbs 28:22 NIV:

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The stingy are eager to get rich
and are unaware that poverty awaits them.

(6) Misery (1Tim 6:10):

1 Timothy 6:10 NIV:

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

(7) Injustice and oppression (Prov 28:20; Mic 2:2):

Proverbs 28:20 NIV:

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A faithful person will be richly blessed,
but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

Micah 2:2 NIV:

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They covet fields and seize them,
and houses, and take them.

They defraud people of their homes,
they rob them of their inheritance.

(8) Domestic affliction (Prov 15:27):

Proverbs 15:27 NIV:

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The greedy bring ruin to their households,
but the one who hates bribes will live.

(9) Murder (1:18, 19; Ezek 22:12):

Proverbs 1:18-19 NIV:

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These men lie in wait for their own blood;
they ambush only themselves!

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Such are the paths of all who go after ill-gotten gain;
it takes away the life of those who get it.

**It is commended only by the wicked (Ps 10:3);
believers hate (Exod 18:21; Acts 20:33).**

Psalm 10:3 NIV:

He boasts about the cravings of his heart;
he blesses the greedy and reviles the Lord.

Exodus 18:21 NIV:

21 But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Acts 20:33 NIV:

33 I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing.

Both Isaiah (5:8) and Habakkuk (2:9) denounced it; Jesus warned His disciples to beware of it (Luke 12:15).

Isaiah 5:8 NIV:

Woes and Judgments

8

Woe to you who add house to house
and join field to field
till no space is left
and you live alone in the land.

**** Whenever we read the word (WOE) it means that God has passed judgment this situation ****

Habakkuk 2:9 NIV:

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“Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain,
setting his nest on high
to escape the clutches of ruin!

Luke 12:15 NIV:

15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

Loss of Rewards at the Bema.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 NIV:

13 their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work.

14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.

15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

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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 everlasting 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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