

ROOTED: Going Deep & Growing Up

Week 6: *The Problem of Sin*

I. What is Sin?

A. Sin is the _____ act of turning _____ from God and His will.

1. It is the transgression of God's law.
2. Sin is ultimately, against God himself: His holiness, love, and truth.
 - a) It's profoundly personal, because it is the turning away from God's expressed will (see Psalms 51:4; Isaiah 1:2)

B. Sin has effected _____ of humanity:

1. Romans 3:23 - *"...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*
2. Romans 14:23 - *"...everything that does not come from faith is sin."*

II. The Problem of Sin:

A. Sin is the _____ of spiritual growth

1. Believers need to be aware of the presence of sin and must learn how to resist it.

B. _____ is considered by man to be the 'Psalm of Maturity'

1. Is an acrostic poem
 - a) Its 22 sections correspond with the Hebrew alphabet
 - b) Intended for memorization

C. Read Psalm 119:9-14

1. The psalmist asks, in verse 9, *"How can a young man keep his way pure?"*
 - a) The application does not exclude old men & women, or young women.
 - b) Psalm 119 intends to teach us how to keep our way pure and to provide a firm foundation for our entire life.

2. Psalm 119:9 says:

"How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word."

- a) The psalmist seems to answer his own question, however a literal translation of the Hebrew suggests, the verse is a single question:

"By what [means] can a youth cleanse his path [so] as to keep [it] according to your word?" - Psalm 119:9

- b) Point: Verse 9 does not answer its own question, rather verse 9 is a single question which the entire Psalm 119 focuses on and attempts to answer.

3. A _____ question for all believers is, *"How can I keep my way pure?"*
 - a) When considering his sin nature, St. Augustine wrote, 'I have become a puzzle to myself.' (Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions* 10.33,50)
 - b) Apostle Paul wrote, *"What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?"* (Romans 7:24)

D. We must realize that the question in Psalm 119:9, reveals that the _____ has a deep _____ of sin.

1. When discussing the power of Christ's atonement, Anselm Archbishop of Canterbury said, 'you have not yet considered the greatness of the weight of sin' (Anselm. *Cur Deus Homo*; 1013-1107 AD)
2. If we do not see how _____ sin is, we will never see how _____ the work of Christ is.
 - a) There is a connection between our _____ of personal sinfulness, with our _____ and _____ of Jesus' work on the cross.

E. Two _____ challenges to overcoming personal sin:

1. _____:
 - a) Christians, must expect and be prepared for opposition (cf 2 Timothy 3:1-5)
 - b) Opposition comes in many forms: personal sin, temptation, attacks from others, attacks from Satan (2 Corinthians 11:14), etc...
2. The _____:
 - a) We are prone to _____ (see Psalm 119:10, 37)
 - b) A wandering _____ is directly connected to a wandering _____ (see Psalm 119:29; Jeremiah 17:7-10)
 - c) Psalm 51:10 - *"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."*

F. Three keys to _____ our way pure:

1. _____ pursuit:
 - a) Psalm 119:10 - *"With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!"*
 - b) Jeremiah 29:13 - *"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."*
 - c) Not merely a philosophical or intellectual searching
 - d) Sin brings halfheartedness into the , making us slothful and indifferent to the things of God

2. _____ Gods Word

a) God's word works in God's people by the power of God Spirit.

(1) John 17:17 - *"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."*

(2) Psalm 119:11 - *"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."*

b) God's word:

(1) enables us to overcome indwelling sin

(2) Illuminates our minds & ignites our affections

(3) helps us to bow our will to the will of God

3. _____ in Gods ways

a) Psalm 119:14 - *"In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches."*

b) *'Testimonies'* of God speaks to what He has done and what He will do.

This weeks scripture reading:		
Nov. 16 - Monday	Psalm 86 - 88	
Nov. 17 - Tuesday	Psalm 89	
Nov. 18 - Wednesday	Psalm 90 - 93	
Nov. 19 - Thursday	Psalm 94 - 96	
Nov. 20 - Friday	Psalm 97 - 98	
Nov. 21 - Saturday	Psalm 99 - 101	
Nov. 22 - Sunday	10:15a Worship Gathering	

When you journal remember SOAP:

Scripture - One verse that spoke to me. (write it out & its reference)

Observation - General observations concerning my verse.

Application - What God might be saying to me, through this verse?

Prayers - My prayer, concerning the application of this verse (summarize it)

Please share with Pastor Jacob what God has been saying to you, teaching you, or a testimony that you may have during this season.

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ANSWER KEY:

I.

- A. personal..... away
- B. All

II.

- A. enemy
- B. Psalms 119
- C.
 - 3. vexing
- D. Psalms 119..... sense
 - 2. serious wonderful
 - a. awareness realization ... wonder
- E. common
 - 1. Opposition
 - 2. Heart
 - a. wander
 - b. eye.....heart
- F. keeping
 - 1. Wholehearted
 - 2. Treasuring
 - 3. Rejoicing