

“BAD WORDS”

Part 3: Iniquity

Sunday, November 8th, 2020

Avon “uh-vown”(Hebrew)/Iniquity
(Wickedness, guilt, sin)

“The weight of my iniquity is more than I can bear.”

-Psalm 38:6- “I am bowed down (avah) and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning.”

-Lamentations 3- a road that’s isn’t straight is because it’s twisty and crooked (avah).

-Jeremiah 3:21- “A cry is heard on the barren heights, the weeping and pleading of the people of Israel, because they have perverted (avah) their ways and have forgotten the Lord their God.”

-Job 33:27- “He will declare to his friends, ‘I sinned and twisted (avah) the truth, but it was not worth it.’”

“For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against the Lord, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter.” **(Isaiah 59:12-14)**

The hurt people...the broken relationships...the cycles of retaliation.

God gives people the dignity and responsibility of carrying the consequences of their own bad decisions.

God offers to carry the Avon of corrupt people as an act of sheer generosity.

Psalm 32:5- “Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity (Avon). I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.”

The God of the universe actually forgives people by taking responsibility for their Avon (Iniquity).

But that’s NOT the end of the story! The Servant will emerge on the other side of death, alive and well, so he can offer His life to others.

“Anomia” (Greek- New Testament version of Avon)

“While we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness (or, “anomia”- our crooked behavior and its consequences) and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.” **(Titus 2:13-14)**