

Sin Causes Suffering

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I. Sin Is Serious

II. Sin's Effect On The Individual

Psalm 38:1-8

v. 1-2

Rousing God's Wrath

v. 3-4

Unbearable Burden

v. 5-8

A Broken Spirit

III. Understanding The Danger

Personal Reflection

Set aside fifteen minutes this week to pray & respond to the following:

It has been said that, "sin will cost more than you want to pay, take you farther than you want to go & keep you longer than you want to stay." Whomever first made this observation clearly understood that sin impacts the entirety of a person's life & oftentimes leads to suffering.

Not all suffering is caused by sin, but all sin eventually leads to suffering—either in the moment or in the inevitable consequences that emerge.

What secret & public sin is presently at work in your life? Are you in denial about the ongoing vigilance that is required in a believer's life? Have you considered the possibility that your present difficulty or struggles may somehow be linked to or exacerbated by unchecked sin?

It is necessary to reflect upon these question from time to time because people tend to be better at spotting sinfulness in others than in themselves. Even worse, we become more efficient & depraved in our sin the more it reigns unchecked in our hearts & minds.

Have you been born again—sealed & empowered by the Holy Spirit to overcome slavery to sin? The Savior has paid for your iniquity & wants to deliver you from the bondage & suffering that ongoing sin entails.

Prayerfully ask God to reveal the areas of your life that are in need of His purifying touch. Ask Him to give you the courage to reject sin & to implant a desire for holiness in your heart. Thank God that He is with you & loves you always.