



**Lesson 8: Jotham & Ahaz  
Forsaking Sin or God?**

*Either we forsake God to go after sin  
or we forsake sin to go after God.*

**FORSAKING GOD TO GO AFTER SIN:**

- 1. Forsaking God To Go After Sin Begins By Adding Worldly Ideas To God's Word (28:2-4).**
- 2. Forsaking God To Go After Sin Means Doing What I Think Will Be Good For Me, Even If It's Harmful To Others (28:3).**
- 3. Forsaking God To Go After Sin Means Turning To The World For Help (28:16, 22-23).**

The issue is never, *does it help*, but rather, *is it biblical?*

- A. The world always exacts a high price for its help (28:21).*
  - B. The world never delivers what it promises (28:20, 21, 23).*
  - C. The world comes in as a friend but takes over as master.*
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**4. Forsaking God to go after sin means incurring His discipline (28:5, 19).**

**FORSAKING SIN TO GO AFTER GOD:**

**1. Repentance means listening to the Word of God (28:9-11).**

**2. Repentance means acknowledging our own sin, not comparing ourselves with others (28:10).**

**3. Repentance means turning from sin and doing what is right in the Lord's sight (28:14-15).**

**Discussion Questions**

1. What are some of the areas where the modern church is adding worldly ideas to the Word of God?
  2. What's wrong with this argument: We seek the world's help in medicine; why not in psychology?
  3. Some say that they've tried seeking God through the Bible, prayer, etc., but it didn't help. What would you say to them?
  4. Can a person believe in Christ unto salvation without repenting of known sin? Cite biblical references for your position.
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