

Journey Through the Bible: A Year of Our Lord

Session 3: Sin & Grace

Remember Acts 17:11

Sin:

“To Miss the Mark” (of Righteousness)

- A Nature of Being (Behavior) that is Centered on the Self as the Primary Authority in Defiance of the Creator
- An Individual Act of Rebellion Against the Sovereign Will of God

Death:

- Bodily Death (“Natural Death”)
 - o Separation of the Soul from the Body
- Spiritual Death (“The 2nd Death”)
 - o Separation of the Soul from the Holy Spirit
 - o Separation of the Soul from God

The Spiritual Enemies:

- The World (Society)
- The Flesh (Lack of Self-Control)
- The Devil (Spiritual Warfare)

The World:

- Tolerance & Popularization of Sin
- Social Norms Against the Will of God
- Unjust Social Structures (Power Dynamics)
- Popular Acceptance of Idolatry
- Neglect of the Suffering
- Removal of Divine Value from Human Life
 - o Reinforces the Sin Nature in Individuals

The Flesh:

- Selfish Ambition at Another’s Expense
- Seeing Others as Functions/Objects
- Inability to Control Emotions (Reactions)
- Reliance on the Self (Ignoring God)
- Placing Physical Desire Before Ethical Behavior

The Devil:

- Spiritual (Supernatural) Warfare
 - o Seeking to Strip God of His Glory
 - o Tempting Creation into Rebellion
 - o Tempting & Discrediting the People of God
 - o Distraction from the Eternal (Here-and-Now)
 - o Enslavement of Creation

The Nature of Temptation (Gen. 3:1-6):

- Discredit God’s Word (Doubt)
- Promote Self-Worship (Pride)
- Promote Self-Empowerment (Selfishness)
- Inspire Hatred in the Divine (Idolatry)
- Inspire a Love of the Darkness (Shame/Guilt)
- Inspire Self-Reliance (Natural vs. Supernatural)

The Cyclical Nature of Human Nature



The Line of Seth:

Adam	Man
Seth	Is Appointed (Placed, Fixed)
Enosh	Illness, Frailty, Mortal (Mankind)
Kenan	Sorrow (Lamentation, Possessing)
Mahalaleel	The Mighty God (Praising)
Jared	Descending (Command; Coming Down)
Enoch	Teaching (Dedicated, Disciplined)
Methuselah	His Death Shall Bring (Has Sent)
Lamech	The Despairing (Made Low)
Noah	Comfort (Rest)

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