

Sin's Deadly Snares

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INTRODUCTION:

- i. **Gen. 2:15-17** – From the beginning, the ultimate result of sin has always been death! (cf. **Rom. 6:23a**)
- ii. Though sin's road leads to death, the path of the sinners is laden with deadly snares! As disciples striving to avoid sin (**Rom. 6:1; 1 John 2:1**), it behooves us to consider those snares with an eye toward that way of escape God provides!

DISCUSSION:

I. SIN DECEIVES

- A. The power of sin to deceive the heart is astounding and often underestimated – cf. **Heb. 3:12-15**
 1. Satan masterfully uses deception to ensnare us in sin and keep us there – **2 Thess. 2:6-12**
 2. Whether it be false teaching, deceitful lusts or various other deceptions that lead to sin, we must always be vigilant – cf. **Eph. 4:14, 22; 2 Cor. 11:12-15**
- B. By the grace of God, to overcome the deceitfulness of sin, rather than be overcome by it, we must lay aside deceit in our lives, among other things, and feed on the word of God – **1 Pet. 2:1-2**

II. SIN DEFILES

- A. Sin defiles because it is rooted in defiance – cf. **Jude 1:8, 22-23; Tit. 1:10-16**
 1. The foundation of all sin is a basic rebellion against and rejection of God – **Rom. 1:18-32**
 2. Rejection of authorities and insubordination toward God are the spirit of disobedience – **Eph. 2:1-3**
- B. Despite our great rebellion against God, He loved us and makes us alive by grace through faith to do good and live righteously – **Eph. 2:4-10**

III. SIN DARKENS

- A. Sin has a pervasive power to darken the life and light of a soul, opening the door for further sin – **Acts 26:17-18**
 1. A dark life is fertile ground for increased wickedness – cf. **1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Pet. 2:12-17**
 2. It is amazing how quickly one sin can lead to many – cf. **Eph. 4:17-19**
- B. God, through the blood of Jesus, delivers us from darkness and leads us to light – cf. **Eph. 5:8-14; Col. 1:13-14**

IV. SIN DESTROYS

- A. Sin is always followed closely by destruction – cf. **Rom. 3:9-18**
 1. Sin destroys the conscience – **1 Tim. 4:1-2**
 2. Sin separates you from God and destroys peace – **Isa. 59:1-8**
- B. The ultimate end of all sin is eternal destruction, but by grace, God enables us to choose instead eternal life through Jesus His Son – **John 5:22-29**

CONCLUSION:

- i. None of us are impervious to sin independent of Jesus. We need His way of escape – **1 Cor. 10:12-13**
- ii. We all stand challenged to escape the snare of the devil – **2 Tim. 2:24-26**
- iii. We must lay aside the sin that so easily ensnares us and run the race God has set before us – **Heb. 12:1-2**