



SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

Greetings to you in the name of Loving Lord Jesus. I have written to you in my earlier letter that the reason for man's problems is not having a close relationship with the Lord and being separated from the Lord. What is the reason for man's separation from God?

Our iniquity and sin causes us to be far away from God. Why? He is holy. The holy God cannot be associated with sinful man. We will not place dirty clothes along with the clean clothes. Only when we wash the dirty clothes, we keep them along with other clean clothes. We ourselves do not like to keep the dirty things along with clean things. It is foolish to think that God will be associated with people who are rolling in dirty sin. Never has the holy God associated Himself with sinful man, neither has He indulged in any of his sinful acts. Only when man's sin is forgiven, he can lead a close walk with God.

When we say sin, what comes to man's mind is murder, theft or adultery. Some think that only these are sins and others are not. They say "I am not a sinner". Some people do not know what is sin and hence say they claim they are not sinners. Some say "I

have not committed any big sin, I have committed only small ones.” There is no difference between big and small sin. Poison is poison, whether large or small in quantity. Sin is sin. The Bible says, .”There is none righteous, no not one” (Romans 3:10) “for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

When man is born, sinful nature is already in him. Look at small child. You can observe that it desires everything, which is a form of coveteousness. Anger, Irritation, Adamancy. Lying, Stealing, Beating others, can be seen in them. Who taught all these to the child? No one. It is the sinful nature in them. From the day man fell into sin, this nature has been passed on hereditarily. As man grows, the sin in him grows too. Just because man is born with sin, We may think that the Lord created man with sin.

God created man without sin. God created man in His own image. (Genesis: 1:27) In the beginning, when God created Adam and Eve, they were in the garden of Eden with God's glory and all blessedness. They were without worry, tears, poverty, hunger, sickness, curse and death. When God created man, He did not create him like a toy that runs when the key is turned on. He gave them the free will to do what they decide to do. By their free will, they can choose a good life or a bad life. Two ways were before Adam and Eve. One was good, and the other was bad. They had the freedom to choose one of them. They chose the bad way instead. In spite of knowing the commandment of God they disobeyed God's word and did what was wrong. That became sin that affected not only them, but all the people born in this world. Because they

disobeyed God's commandment and committed sin, hunger, famine, curse, sickness and death came. Hence sin did not come from God, Man chose sin. Even today, people are in the same state. They can choose either good or bad. You are also in the same state. You can choose what is good, or what is sinful.

Even when people know what they do is sinful, they do it since they are slaves to it, and have no deliverance from it. Some commit presumptions sins, knowing fully what they do is sinful. They are playful with sin. Playing with sin, is like playing with a serpent. One day it will strike. The Bible says "You sin will follow you." As your shadow follows you, your sin will follow you. Many people say that they are suffering now for the sin they committed years ago, Some say that they suffer for the sins their parents committed.

You may forget the good things you have done in your life. But you cannot forget the sin you commit. That sin will come before yours eyes, and make you suffer. The great King David, once sinned. After he committed the sin, his heart was filled with sorrow, and hence he wept saying "My sin is ever before me." (Psalm: 51:3) Even in your life, the sins you have committed and the sin you are committing now will be before you.

What happens when your sin follows you? You cannot live with peace. Your conscience will affect you constantly. Many people end their lives not being able to bear the continuous conviction of their conscience. Not only that, sin brings shame, sickness and

curse to men. As darkness cannot stand before light, sinful man cannot go to the kingdom of the holy God, neither can be dwelt with Him. Finally, sin will lead man to hell. Eventhough man physically dies, his soul never dies. This soul is not an object. It continues to be conscious, even after we die. This phycial body will no more exist. But the soul which has not received forgiveness of sin, will be cast into hell. Hell is not an ordinary thins. It is a terror. In the flames of hell, man will suffer eternally.

Then, is there no escape? Can you not be delivered from sin? Will not your sin be forgiven? Can you have relationship with God? Can you go to the kingdom of God (Heaven)? There is one way to reach God, There is one way for your life to become a blessing. There is no need to worry or suffer. If your sins are forgiven, you can live close to God. I shall write regarding this in my next letter.

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