

**"A License To Sin" - posted by lylewise, on: 2010/12/28 20:02**

Amongst a growing number of people there is an adherence to a false doctrine concerning sin that becomes more common every day. That being, since all sin, all are disqualified from judging sin apart from their own life. It does tend to hinder the identification of sin and render those affected by it untouchable. This faulty reasoning does not come by way of the fullness of scripture rather it comes from reasoning scripture out of its proper context. It is a reasoning that is more worldly than Godly and it is becoming more and more prevalent within the church. It is this invasion of worldly philosophy into the church that threatens her health and well being. As for the body of Christ, it will cripple her appeal towards holiness. It will hinder church discipline and instead promote the feared leavening within the body. It will also aid the propagation of a cheap gospel, as it makes little of sin.

We should not be surprised to see this used as a tool of tolerance towards a life in rebellion. No matter what scripture says about sin it will meet with a counter argument for disqualification. What is most shocking to hear is how many calling themselves by Christ's name accede to this worldly logic. Often the conversation that defends this reasoning does not go long before the sin of David is bannered as its defense. The motive more times than not is the validation of the live and let live philosophy. This philosophy should never find a place in the church of our Lord and Savior. So the sins of David read in 2nd Samuel 11 end up a refuge and standard for the practicing sinner(s). Sin now no matter how heinous is the common affliction and so it is not to be taken too serious. After all, David's transgressions were so terrible in degree that all except the most abominable of sinners fall short of them in magnitude.

If no one is qualified to judge sin then it goes equally that the time one spends in it offers no grounds for debate. David's sin was for a season, so what difference is there if the season of sin be prolonged? Couple that with a once saved promise then one who stays in sin could be there an extraordinary amount of time yet not consider themselves to be any great offense to God. Who can place a time limit on the practice of sin? Who can put a date on it? For David a year. For another decades? While it is true by example that one can fall into a like sin of David this should never be the emphasis of his example in scripture. We understand what scripture says about the dangers of one who practices sin. The dangers of the hardening. The testimony that accompanies the rebellion that speaks to the integration of light and darkness. Was David guilty of sin? Yes on all accounts. Can one take comfort and consolation if they find themselves in like circumstances? Absolutely, but one must not look only upon the infractions of David. One must look at the life of David in God. One must examine the life of David apart from the God he so loved. In Autobiographical form via his songs we gain insight into this life.

This is no place to dwell for one who attempts to justify their wrongs by associating themselves in David's company. It is not just the measure of the infraction that we gain from David's songs but also the measure of despair. What David held up as the most important thing in his life was his relationship with God. God was everything to David as He is to the one born of God. The identity of one in Christ is an open book. It will be manifested. Should there be a separation from one bound in such a love relationship the results will be devastating. The separation that comes by unrepented sin, bears a substantial conviction of the Spirit and always the accusation of the god of this world who wishes death upon the child of God. One who has abided in God will prove to be the most miserable of creatures when apart from Him. What consolation others may offer while in this spiritual state of limbo will be of no comfort. For it is not consolation that brings restoration but repentance and forgiveness. One will remain pitiful and pathetic until this relationship is restored.

So we know the sin of David but what of the heart of him that God spoke as being after His own? While many can say they have a conscience, and it may nag them when they violate it, the question is to what degree? David's was not a nagging conscience but a lethal one. If we draw a few excerpts from his songs we gain better insight into the life of a brother in unrepentant sin. Psalm 6,32, and 51 sees David crying both day and night. His pillow is soaked with tears. He doesn't sleep nor rest as neither is granted him by the Spirit which indwells him. Since no rest is granted him by night he must face the day exhausted and feel the torment of the waking hours knowing that the most important thing in his life that has carried him and strengthened him through the day is not to be found. Both day and sleepless night the emptiness and separation from God haunts him. He is riddled with guilt and there is no respite. He is crushed by guilt's burdensome weight and there is no comfort to be found. There is no security in this state of existence and the enjoyment of the season that was sin is now understood for what it truly is; rebellion. Now we see the pitiful existence of David in unrepented sin, and this is the defense that many will run to?

Most of what David experienced bears no similarity to the description of the majority of people wishing to harbor sin by hiding behind David's misunderstood reputation in it. As one should clearly see David depicts the regenerate soul. David lived his year in utter misery. By God's grace Nathan bore God's words of comfort to David even though they came at such a great cost. To David the disciplinary actions of God was that of a loving father who does not withhold the rod of correction from the child He cares for. His chastisement was evidence of the love of his Father. It came as relief from sin's captivity which was becoming death to David as he was waisting away in it. This call to repentance brought the greatest relief ever experienced in the life of David. It was more nourishing than the showbread and more quenching than the well water of Bethlehem. This man could war and soldier like no other. He faced incredible odds and came out victorious by the hand of God time and time again, but never was David so miserable considering all of the problems he encountered with his family, as he was when he turned to sin and away from God. God never forsook David. God suffered the great sins of this child and then loved him back into the same arms that David had earlier rejected. No said could have ever been more hurtful to one who loved God than, "YOU HAVE HATED MY WORDS AND DESPISED ME". This must have been the greatest wound David ever suffered, for how great was David's love for the Lord. How great the repentance that must have followed? This then exemplifies the condition of a believer in the degradation of sin. It is certainly no ground upon which one should ever take comfort as obviously David could not.

**Re: King David "A License To Sin", on: 2010/12/28 20:50**

Oh Brother, these words should shake us all to the quick. I know The LORD has laid this on your heart and helped you to write this - no question.

I knew a man who knew The Word of GOD better than anyone I had ever met and had a wisdom for counsel that could only be compared with a type of Solomon. Parables, analogies and so forth would come forth from him and line up with Scripture and eyes would be opened. He was an acclaimed teacher and many sought him for instruction and direction with personal problems. He was greatly loved and admired.

I noticed when first meeting him and within the first year or two that he brought up David's sin more often than most. It was quickened to my spirit that he was experiencing what you have written here.

What men/women that are prone to this type thinking and excuse making don't understand is that this can become demonic in that, they are deceived into believing that they can go "just so far" with sin and still 'control' themselves. But once this door is opened, a person must realize that they can become "a slave to sin" again - and that it's no longer them who has control over their own lives but they've opened themselves up to demonic control - rather than His Holy Spirit's. All sin is demonic and we can't play with these things and not be potentially fatally burned. Instead of us being the rider controlling the horse so to speak - the enemy is riding and controlling us, when sin of this nature is allowed free reign.

The man who knew so much and taught so many became an unrecognizable shell of what he once was. People didn't even physically recognise him at the grocery store. He became a slave to every passion known to man because he hung on so closely to the excuse you wrote of - "the sin of David".

He thought he was in control and that his sin would not one day snowball into an avalanche that could destroy him.

Paul gave one man's flesh over to Satan that his soul might be saved, so can we say that that man in Corinth sinned worse than David did? No!

Any man or women struggling with sexual sin especially, should seek Godly Council and stay accountable to Godly prayer partners. You CAN be FREE, if you Love GOD more than yourself. The Love & Fear of GOD are the two most beautiful combinations that can co-exist in any Saint.

Bless this message Heavenly Father through the Love of Christ, Amen.

**Re: King David "A License To Sin" - posted by learjet, on: 2010/12/28 21:17**

Amen brother.

For me the problem wasn't that I hadn't heard enough preaching on sin, I have. The problem was that there was no one teaching how to be delivered from sin. I've heard sermon after sermon regarding how dirty the outside of the cup is, but little to no teaching about how to get the inside of the cup clean.

Literally, THANK GOD FOR ZAC POONEN!

This has been the best year of my life although if you looked at it on the outside you would think that I'm worse off however, on the inside I can recognize that I am changing, becoming more like Jesus. What a gracious gift!

All of that religious, Pharisaical garbage is being washed into the trash, helping me to be Christlike from the inside out.

Here's a story for you:

I have a Pug and sometimes I'll hold a treat just out of reach where he can't jump high enough (which isn't very high to start with) to get the treat and say "Too bad your stubby little Pug legs are too short, you just can't reach the treat, too bad. .." (and then I'll give him a bunch just for putting up with me)

Does anyone think that Jesus would do the same to us?

Would He tell us not to have adultery and murder in our hearts without providing for us the means of cleansing out the sin? Heck no!

After 15 years of hearing what would be considered by many to be great preaching I realized that I hadn't heard that the Lord could and WOULD take the garbage out of our hearts. Heck I could recite to you 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." to you all day long but didn't have a revelation on the 'purify us from all unrighteousness' part of it.

Sadly, very few people have a revelation on victory over sin and so it's preached very little in the US. What a marvelous work the devil has done, the very prescription for the ailment, but Satan shuts the mouth of the preacher. What we have now is an echo chamber, one person preaches something that sounds spiritual and the echoes are heard around the country.

The message has been so glorious to me that I tell every defeated believer that I know that there is victory to be had.

I suffered with anger, depression, and every other problem associated with the devil, I tried real hard to cleanse my life from sin, I loved legalism like a brother and in the end I was crushed under the burden and gave up. I just submitted to the fact that I was just going to be that way for the rest of my life.

BUT as the song goes "But Jesus came and listened to me and glory to God He set me free".

Heck, I don't even tell people about their sin, we can use me as an example, but if I see you struggling with something, I have to tell you how God set me free from it.

He'll set others free just like He did me, Glory to God!

I like a message on recognizing sin, but I love the message of being cleansed from sin's grip on my life. Further from sin = closer to Jesus!

I loved your post :-)

In Christ,  
Earl J