

The Correspondent



SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study (Adult) 1:30 PM
Bible Study (All Ages) 7:00 PM
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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Sin Lies at the Door

-Renn Ferguson

In the aftermath of the murder of Abel God said to Cain, He said “sin is crouching at the door”. We are going to look at two ways sin lies at the door. These also are two wiles of the devil. Two things that he set up in times past to try to lure us into sin.

The first way sin lies at the door is by appearing to be right but in all reality is wrong. There are many examples of this in the New Testament to which we can turn. Paul wrote in Romans 10:2 “For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.” Is not this a sad commentary? There are countless people who have a zeal for God but not according to knowledge. They think that how they worship is pleasing to God, or how they live their lives is pleasing to the Lord because they think that they are right. The sin of instrumental music in worship has plagued the world for centuries by disguising itself as being right. Many people believe that we can do whatever we want in worship because there are no standards laid out in scripture. So many people think they are doing what is right but in all actually they have been deceived into thinking that they are right. Whether it is how they worship or how they live their lives. Satan uses ignorance as an open door for sin (Hosea 4:6).

When people are young they often think that they can do anything. They feel invincible and take extreme risks. This is the second way sin lies at the door. Many people think that they are invincible when it comes to the result of sin. The devil has deceived people into thinking that we will not reap what we sow. Everyone knows that if you plant a tomato seed you will get a tomato. If you plant watermelon seeds you will get a watermelon. Well, the same is true with how we live our lives. In Galatians 6:8 Paul states “For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.” How we live our lives is what we are sowing. If we focus on the world we are sowing of the world and therefore, we will reap of the world. Paul says that the result of that is corruption. If we focus and reap of the world thinking “we won’t really be punished for our sins”. Our sins will find us out (Numbers 32:23). We will reap what we sow. We may not reap while on this earth but we will one day. Satan uses that feeling of invincibility as an open door for sin.

There are so many negative aspects to sin. Mainly the fact that sin will cause us to go to hell. There are many ways in which sin lies at the door. Let us keep the things in mind as we walk down the narrow pathway. Let us prepare ourselves for the temptations we face so that we will not fall into sin.