

HOW SHOULD I UNDERSTAND SIN?

For each question, look to the Scriptures provided to think through each category and answer the question. Before each question ask God to help you to overcome your own biases and to grasp a biblical understanding of the definition and nature of sin. Think carefully not just about what the answer is, but how you should be aware of it in your own life. Ask God to foster a sense of remorse for sin in your life.

1. How is sin described as a parting from God?

Genesis 3:9-10, Jeremiah 2:5-7, Isaiah 59:1-2

2. Even more than parting, consider how sin is actively walking contrary to God.

Leviticus 26:21-28, Isaiah 30:9-12

3. How do these verses show that sin offends God?

Nehemiah 9:24-27, Colossians 3:3-6

4. In what way is sin associated with our ignorance of God?

Jeremiah 9:3-5, 1 Peter 1:14-15

5. Why is it dangerous to flirt with sin?

Deuteronomy 32:35, Psalm 78:38-40, 56-59

6. What is sin compared to in these verses?

James 1:21, Deuteronomy 7:25, Titus 1:15-16, Isaiah 30:22,

7. Describe the link that sin has with ingratitude.

Hosea 2:8, Romans 1:18-21, 2 Timothy 3:2, Genesis 3:1

8. Describe how sin is associated with dishonor?

Nahum 1:12-14, Proverbs 14:34

9. What sort of loss does sin bring?

Matthew 5:29,16:26

10. Describe the burden of sin.

Psalms 38:4-10, Amos 2:12-13

11. What is the reality of our debt in sin?

Matthew 18:21-34, Psalm 139:7, Romans 6:23, Romans 4:1-5

12. What type of work is sin?

Hebrews 3:13, Proverbs 11:18, 1 Corinthians 6:9, Galatians 6:7, Genesis 3:4, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Revelation 9:7-11

13. How does sin show itself as a sickness in our spiritual condition?

Isaiah 5:20, Romans 1:32, Psalm 50:18, Hosea 7:3, Genesis 3:6

14. What sort of power can sin have over us?

Romans 6:16, 2 Peter 2:19

15. Why is our sin a danger to others?

1 Corinthians 15:33-34, Romans 16:17-18, 1 Corinthians 5:1-5, 2 Thessalonians 3:6

16. Why should we never minimize sin – call it a small sin?

James 1:14-15, Genesis 3:15-19, James 4:19

17. What about sin is foolish?

Proverbs 1:7, Luke 12:16-21, Proverbs 24:9, Psalm 119:113, Mark 7:21-22, 1 Timothy 1:5-7

18. How does sin put us on our own path of destruction?

1 Timothy 1:18-20, 2 Timothy 2:16-19, 1 Timothy 6:9-10

19. How does the bible describe our current spiritual state in sin?

Jeremiah 17:9, Ephesians 2:1-3, 4:19

20. Where does unrepentant sin lead?

Romans 6:23, Revelation 21:7-8, Mark 9:47-48, Isaiah 33:14, Luke 13:27-28

These questions have been adapted from the discussion of sin in "The Doctrine of Repentance" by Thomas Watson.

"Those who have judged themselves (rightly) in the lower court of conscience shall be acquitted in the High Court of heaven."