

BEWARE OF WILFUL SIN

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OUR TEXT IS TAKEN FROM *Hebrews 10:26 – 31*

26 For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. NKJV

BRETHREN, IS THERE ANY THING KNOWN AS WILFUL, DELIBERATE OR PERSISTENT SIN?

OUR SERMON FOR TODAY IS A WARNING TO ALL CHRISTIANS AGAINST "WILFUL SIN"

WHAT IS "WILFUL SIN"?

"Wilful Sin" is Deliberate Sin, the NIV has it this way, if we deliberately keep on Sinning, the word translated "*Wilfully*" in the NASB and "*Deliberately*" in the NIV is found at the beginning of the sentence in Greek – giving special emphasis to the word. According to our text, Wilful Sin is committed by one who has received "*the knowledge of the truth*" (**Heb. 10:26b**).

It is committed by someone who knows what the Bible teaches about Sin and its consequences, but who chooses to ignore that teaching and go ahead to commit that Sin. Therefore, it is an intentional disobedience to God.

IN 1 JOHN 3:4, THE BIBLE DEFINE SIN AS LAWLESSNESS (NKJV).

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness

AND

TRANSGRESSION (KJV)

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Introduction

Consciously or Unconsciously, some Brethren are involved in the act of Wilful Sin. It is a dangerous way of life that will lead millions of people to Hell, if not repented of. Brethren, that is the more reason why this WARNING from God is timely.

MY BROTHERS, AND MY SISTERS, ARE YOU INVOLVED IN DELIBERATE SIN? WHY IS KNOWN, AND PURPOSEFUL SIN SO DANGEROUS?

Let us find out:

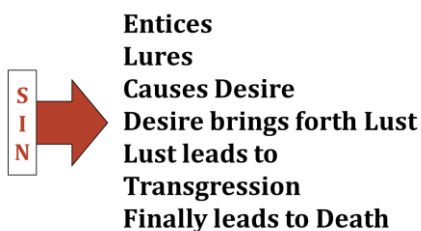
Why is wilful, deliberate and intentional sin so dangerous?

1. This is some thing you intentionally did.
2. Planned and carried out by you.
3. It is a deliberate transgression of the known will of God.

You can now understand why, wilful, deliberate, and intentional sin is so dangerous.

THE GENESIS OF SIN

After a careful historical analysis of man from Creation, one fact became more certain and confirmed by the Holy scriptures that the greatest spiritual enemy of man is “*Satan*”, also known as “*the Devil*”. Satan’s greatest active vice used for destroying man is “*SIN*”.



This was the Irresistible powerful weapon “*Satan*” used on Adam and Eve in **Gen. 3:1-6**, and Adam and Eve transgressed the commandments of God.

THE CONSEQUENCES THAT FOLLOWS ARE:

1. Sin cost Adam and Eve their lives
2. Sin cost Adam and Eve to lost out from the Garden of Eden
3. Sin cost Adam and Eve an unhappy life of hard work – sweat before eating bread.
4. Sin cost Adam and Eve a broken relationship with God. (**Gen. 3:9 – 19 & 22 -24**).

LET US QUICKLY CONSIDER THE THINGS THAT CONSTITUTE SIN IN THIS LAST GENERATION

Apostle Paul by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit declared them as the works of the flesh in **Gal. 5: 19 – 21, 1 Cor. 6:9 – 10 & 18**.

LET US CONSIDER THREE OF THESE SINS IN OUR SERMON TODAY

1. SEXUAL SINS

(a) FORNICATION

(b) ADULTERY

2. IMMODEST DRESSING

Brethren, when you open your T.V set , or take a walk on the road, what you see is immodest woman, girl or boy. For example, when a woman or girl dresses in an immodest way with part of her vital body exposed to be admired by an opposite sex, it causes lust, and lust brings forth sin.

Immodest dressing is an act worldliness. Behold, this shameful life style has found it's way to the Church. In **1Tim. 2:9: - 10**, Brother, Timothy advised that women adorn themselves in modest apparel. It is true that our young men are not left out on this issue.

LET US CONSIDER SOME EXAMPLES OF WILFUL SIN IN THE BIBLE

1. KING DAVID
2. AHAB AND JEZEBEL
3. THE STORY OF "LADY A" AND "LADY B"

THE DELIBERATE SIN OF ADULTERY BY KING DAVID - 2 Sam. 11:1 - 27 & 2 Sam. 12:1 - 12

- ❖ KING DAVID'S SIN OF ADULTERY AGAINST URIAHA
- ❖ KING DAVID'S ATTEMPT TO COVER HIS SIN
- ❖ KING DAVID'S PLOT AND MURDER OF URIAHA
- ❖ KING DAVID'S SINS EXPOSED BY GOD
- ❖ THE LORD JUDGED KING DAVID

THE WILFUL SIN OF AHAB AND JEZEBEL - 1Kings 21:1 - 29, 1Kings.22:31 - 38 & 2Kings.9:31 - 37

- (a) Ahab demands Naboth's vineyard
- (b) Naboth's refusal and re-action of king Ahab
- (c) Jezebel's plot and murder of Naboth
- (d) God's reaction and judgment against Ahab and Jezebel
- (e) THE DEATH OF KING AHAB **1 Kings 22:31 - 38**
- (f) THE DEATH OF JEZEBEL **2 kings 9:31 - 37**

THE STORY OF “LADY A” AND “LADY B”

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So it happened that a young man came and ask for her hand in marriage, but she refused, her desire is to have a good job like “Lady A” with a beautiful house and a car she will call her own. But the job was not forth coming. The crazy desire for “Lady B” to achieve her dream, landed her in Italy as a prostitute

It happened that she made money, and her immoral sexual business gave her a beautiful house in Lekki area of Lagos Nigeria. She eventually bought for herself a beautiful Toyota jeep, and finally, she established an ultra modern store for herself and later return to Nigeria.

THE CONSEQUENCE OF HER DELIBERATE SEXUAL SIN

Two months after her return from Italy to settle down in Nigeria, she fell ill and was diagnosed to have a full blown HIV. Apostle Paul in **1 Cor. 6:18** warn those who are crazy to get rich through sexual Immorality. Behold, six months later “Lady B” died.

Brethren, where does this deliberate though come from? **Mk. 7:14 – 23** declare.

It is on this note we must remind ourselves of Satan's Irresistible method of attack on man as revealed in **James 1:12 – 15**.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF WILFUL SIN

1. Sin separates man from God- **Isaiah 59:1 -3**
2. The wages sin offers is death – **Rom. 6:23**
3. Sin offers eternal death, which is the second death **Rev. 21:8**.

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION TO WILFUL SIN AND THE WRATH OF GOD?

The only solution to Wilful Sin is absolute repentance – **1 John 1:9 Prov. 28:13, 1Thess. 5:17, Job 28:28**.

CONCLUSION

Brethren, this message can do us good if only we are able to realize our sinful condition and take to an unconditional repentance for God to forgive us. God is always willing to forgive only if we repent.