

TWO KINDS OF SIN
Text: Numbers 15:29-30

INTRO: The O.T. recognized two kinds of sin, or really two different attitudes of sinners. Some sins are committed intentionally or defiantly. Others are committed unintentionally. The Law of Moses made provision for these two kinds of sins to be handled accordingly.

I. SOME SINS ARE COMMITTED UNWITTINGLY (ASV), IGNORANTLY (KJV) OR UNINTENTIONALLY (NKJ).

- A. Sins of ignorance were to be repented of & a sacrifice was to be offered for them.

READ LEVITICUS 4:13-14, 22-23, 27-28, 5:17-19

- B. This was also true of sins committed carelessly.
READ LEVITICUS 5:4-6.

- C. Even the killing of a human being could be forgiven when the sin was unintentional & when the proper procedure for punishment was adhered to.

READ NUMBERS 35:14-15, 22-28

NOTE: The violator of the law was guilty of sin, & was required to bear the consequences of sin, even tho he sinned ignorantly or unintentionally.

- D. Note that there was a sacrifice to be offered for sins of ignorance, & forgiveness was available. Num. 15:28.

II. BUT THERE WERE SOME SINS THAT WERE CALLED HIGH HANDED OR PRESUMPTUOUS SINS (KJV) OR SINS OF DEFIANCE (NASB, NKJ). For these, there was no sacrifice & no forgiveness extended under Moses' law.

READ DEUTERONOMY 17:12-13; 18:20

"I don't care what the Bible says..." "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice?"

III. THESE TWO CLASSES OF SINS STILL EXIST TODAY.

READ LUKE 12:47-48.

For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them (2 Pet 2:21).

A. Sins committed ignorantly or unintentionally should be repented of & cleansed by the blood.

READ I TIMOTHY 1:12-13

James 5:19-20; Gal. 6:1

B. After a person has realized his guilt, repentance should not be postponed, lest his sin take on the nature of rebellion & eventually place him beyond the power to repent.

READ HEBREWS 6:4-6

1 Timothy 4:1-2

READ MARK 3:28-30 and compare the attitude of the Pharisees with that of Paul, when each saw proof of the Deity of Jesus.

CONCLUSION: READ HEB. 10:26-29. Don't flirt with sin. Continued overriding of your conscience can harden you to the point that you can't be brought back to God, and your spiritual condition will be worse than that of the person who has never known the way of truth.

Springhill, LA, June 3, 1973

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La Porte, TX, November 23, 1975

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