

Three Reasons Not To Sin

Scripture

“Blessed [be] the Lord, [Who] daily loads us [with benefits], The God of our salvation! Selah Our God [is] the God of salvation; And to GOD the Lord [belong] escapes from death. But God will wound the head of His enemies, The hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in His trespasses.” (Psalms 68:19-21 NKJV)

Commentary

The first reason is found in the verses above. God will take vengeance upon the unrepentant sinner. As He says, “If I whet My glittering sword, And My hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My enemies, And repay those who hate Me. I will make My arrows drunk with blood. . . .” (Deuteronomy 32:41-42 NKJV) While God is loving and kind, and takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, He will repay evil with wrath.

However, beyond fear of judgment is common sense. Why would you want to persist in sin? To sin is to violate the holy commandment. “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.” (1 John 3:4-5 NKJV) When you have felt the effects of a deadly poison realizing you were nigh unto death, and then have been given the antidote, would you drink the plague again?

No, true repentance belongs to the saved which is the third reason not to sin; it is a characteristic of the lost.

“Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor [is] he who does not love his brother.” (1 John 3:6-10 NKJV)

If you have been dabbling in sin, cast this cup far from you. “For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.” (Hebrews 10:26-27 NKJV)

“But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. . . And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end.” (Hebrews 6:9-11 NKJV)