

“No-one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 6:44

1. We may be separated through sin but it is God who draws us to back to Him
2. This relationship is designed to begin now and last until past the return of Jesus
3. Would you say that law lasting till past the return of Jesus and the relationship with God lasting for ever suggest that love and law go together?
4. Does God love you?

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LESSON 7 SIN

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in His name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12

1. As many as receive Jesus – they are enabled to become sons, heirs of God. The focus is on relationship
2. How would you describe your relationship with God?
 - a) Growing closer
 - b) Growing more distant
 - c) I would like a relationship with God through Jesus

“But your iniquities have separated you from God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear”

Isaiah 59:2

1. Sin is at heart about broken relationships
2. Sin has consequences upon relationships

“Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.”

Genesis 3:8

1. God used to meet freely with Adam and Eve
2. Adam and Eve chose not to meet with God

“He (Jesus) was in the world, and though the world was made through him the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.”

John 1:10,11

1. Separation from God means that we do not recognise God’s presence
2. How does Jesus feel and respond when He is rejected?

“The Lord saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.”

Genesis 6:5

1. The centre of sin is not in actions but in the thoughts we have
2. Evil tends to grow—into actions that hurt ourselves, others and God
3. What would be a human response to this rejection?

“You have heard that it was said, ‘do not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Matthew 5:27,28

1. The New Testament teaches the same as the Old Testament
2. Sin is as much in the thought as in the action
3. Even if we do not carry our thoughts into actions – the sin has already happened—in our minds
4. Would you agree with this?

“What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law.”

Romans 7:7

1. Sin is ‘visible’. We can see it in people’s actions
2. The measurement is seen in the law of God
3. The law is designed for our good
4. Who would think that the law is sin?

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of the pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”

Matthew 5:17,18

1. The law isn’t just found in the ten commandments
2. The law is everlasting and unchangeable
3. How easy would it be to keep all of God’s law?
4. Would God’s law describe God’s nature?