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**The body of Christ in Africa and the world should
be a body that focuses on enlightenment and
encouragement in the scriptures.**

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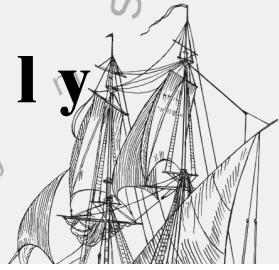


...they received the word with all readiness of
mind, and searched the scriptures daily,
whether those things were so."

CHRIST IS COMING SOON AND WILL REIGN ON EARTH



What really is Sin?



Let us look at the aspects of sin and how and what motivates sin in us as we examine ourselves. What is Sin? If we say it is the disobedience of God's law then we are correct. But is it more than that? Let us rightly divide the word of truth to see what is the underlying reason for sin. Let us have a deep understanding as to why we sin and how can we see it for what it is.

Let us open our Bibles to Genesis 3. We look at the first sin committed by man and woman. **(Gen 3:1)** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

(Gen 3:2) And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,

(Gen 3:3) but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."

(Gen 3:4) But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

(Gen 3:5) For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Gen 3:6) So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

(Gen 3:7) Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Yes they were tempted and the action in obeying the temptations leads to sin. But look closely at what they were told. Starting at v.4 YOU will not surely die, For God knows that when YOU eat of it YOUR eyes will be opened, and YOU will be like God, knowing good and evil. And the following verse goes into the thoughts of Eve's mind. The lust of the flesh, The tree was good for food. The lust of the eyes, and it was a delight to the eyes and the pride of life, that the tree was to be desired to make one wise she then took of its fruit and ate and she also gave to her husband, and he ate. Then their eyes were both opened. Were their eyes closed literally before? Of course not, so what is really being said here? Were not their eyes opened to the fact that they would be in violation of a law that God gave them? Why wasn't that aspect in their minds before? I believe it was. But in a small fraction of time, one thing struck them as they were tempted They were only focused on themselves! No one else, just themselves. The cunningness of the serpent didn't allow Eve to see beyond her own gratification. Brothers and sisters is not this the root of the act of sin. The focus on ourselves and ourselves alone? Did it occur to Adam

and Eve that this one small act of disobedience would negatively affect them and their seed, humankind, for the rest of our days while we breathe the breath of life? Let us look at another aspect of sin and why it is done.

(Gen 4:1) Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.”

(Gen 4:2) And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.

(Gen 4:3) In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, **(Gen 4:4)** and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,

(Gen 4:5) but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

(Gen 4:6) The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?”

(Gen 4:7) If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

(Gen 4:8) Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

And Yahweh had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. Did Cain offer the best of his offering? It doesn't say however, from Genesis 3 we are given the only sacrifice please to God at that time. Verse 21 tells us God (Elohim) made for them garments of animal skins for a covering. And the fact that Abel offered the Firstborn of his flock along with its fat portions, this would later become a requirement under the Law of Moses, So based on this fact we can see why Abel's sacrifice was accepted. We now ask was Cain's offering one of selfless giving? Verse 5 says but for Cain and his offering he had no regard, because he brought an offering of the fruit of the ground. From the sound of it it seem Cain did not put much thought into his offering before God and thus Cain's was rejected.

We look for a minute at offering, is offering a selfless act or a selfish one? It is selfless, and this is why God has shown us the need for offering. In the Law it is about not wanting for ourselves but wanting to give God our best or most valuable asset. **Romans 12:1** give us the perfect antitype. **(Rom 12:1)** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Here we are told to present our bodies, not for our own benefit, which is our spiritual worship or as another translation puts it, **(Rom 12:1 NLT)** And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your give your bodies to God

of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Is there any aspect of self service anywhere in this verse? Sadly, the world around us, even those who call themselves Christians, Are involved and preaching to the world prosperity gospel. What is prosperity Gospel? The internet defines it as Prosperity gospel preachers teach their followers that the way to gain riches is to give more money to the kingdom, especially by giving to their churches and ministries. The quantity of material and financial prosperity one expects to gain is in proportion to what one gives. Now the first question to ask is, Does God need money or material things to fulfill his will and purpose with man? And even if he did, Is he not the creator of Heaven and Earth? And who would he purchase things from if he needs something when he is the maker of all things?

There are so many instances in scripture when we can show sin is the result of selfish thought and action. The modern world around us is ever pounding the idea of focus on self, pamper self, etc. Yes we are to love ourselves and take care of ourselves. **(Eph 5:28)** So husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; **(Eph 5:29)** for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church,

(Eph 5:30) because we are parts of His body. An important example for us. We nourish and cherish our bodies not for our benefit as we read earlier in **Romans 12:1** so we can present ourselves as living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. Our own self service is what can lead to sin. We are called not for our self glory but for the glory of our Father and his son who sits at his right hand today.



About us

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October Readings

- 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles
- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Luke
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- John
- Acts



Bible study groups

Let us study the Bible online, together. We have different Bible study groups, that works best for each of us. If we study the Bible together on WhatsApp, Zoom and in our gatherings, we learn from each other.



Our Fellowships

Do Berean Christadelphians believe in heaven?



Our Ecclesias in the world

Ahsante kwa Kazi to Ecclesia in Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, Tanzania, USA, Canada, Mozambique, Australia and Papa New Guinea.

Acts 17:10

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.



Yes they do.
They make their prayer to:
"Our Father who art in
HEAVEN...
"Thy will be done on earth as it
is done in HEAVEN "

Psalms 115:16

[16]The *heaven* , even the
heavens , are the LORD'S: but
the earth hath he given to the
children of men.

Mbingu ni mbingu za BWANA, Bali
nchi amewapa wanadamu.



- The prophet and king David did not go to heaven at death.

Acts 2:34

[34]For David is *not* *ascended into the heavens:* but he saith
himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

Maana Daudi hakupanda mbinguni; bali yeye mwenyewe anasema,
Bwana alimwambia Bwana wangu, Keti upande wa mkono wangu
wa kuume.

Salt

Matthew | 5:13-16.

5:13 'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

5:14 'You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

5:15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Jesus is comparing the true brethren to the salt and in next verse as light.

Is there relation between salt and light?

Salt is for giving food taste and sometimes used as preservatives. The world has lost taste and in a state of rotting, Jesus wants us to be salt. He wants our encouraging word to be seasoned with salt col 4:6.

Light is very necessary especially in night. If we walk at night without light we are likely to fall into pits or be attacked by thieves and robbers.

Let's be light placed at high point/stand for the world to see or be like salt that has its real taste or else we loose taste and be thrown away.

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GOD'S COMPASSION

At Yom Kippur Jewish people read the story of the prophet Jonah and the dramatic example of God's compassion on the repentant city of Nineveh.

And they hope their repentance will also merit God's complete forgiveness.

Biblical figures were not super-heroes. Like us they were flawed human beings, not always up to the work God asked of them.

Jonah did not want God to have compassion on any nation except the descendants of Abraham.

He tried to evade the work. The storm, the giant fish, and being saved from drowning were all acts of compassion on God's part to demonstrate to Jonah that he was to listen to what God wanted, not to his own judgement.

Jonah preached the message and Nineveh repented.

But Jonah was still angry with God.

God could have done what he asked and ended his life, but once again he tries to rouse Jonah from his self-pitying posture.

He provided a plant that gave shade and then took it away.

And provides a rather withering critique to Jonah. You care about a plant you did not work for.

Should I not care for my creation, to try to reconcile them to me?

The story is about God's compassion for his reluctant prophet.

Jonah was thinking at the material level. He did not want Nineveh to be blessed with riches and good crops.

But God was thinking about repentance and forgiveness.

Perhaps the lesson for us is to never think other people are not worth God's compassion. And therefore our work should be in showing them this compassionate Creator.

The poet Thomas Carlisle expresses in "Coming Around ."

And Jonah stalked to his shaded seat
And waited for God to come around
to his way of thinking.

And God is still waiting
For a host of Jonahs.
in their comfortable houses
to come around
To His way of loving.



Sis. Kaye Yuen, Canada

How much is God Worth?

How much can I give to the Creator, from my riches?

How much, does man have that he can boast of?

Ever asked yourself such questions in a quest to give back to Yahweh, for how good He has been to you, or for the very fact that He created you/ gave you life?

Remember, the song;What shall I offer to the Lord to make Him happy? Not houses, not vehicles, not anything in material form but simply offer a loving, patient, caring heart. And where do you meet Yahweh to offer this loving, patient, caring heart?

Man was created in the image of God, so, when you do to your neighbor as you would to yourself, it pleases God, be kind, loving and caring to your brother/sister/friend, by extension you are doing it for Yahweh.

Back to our first question - how much is mine, that I should offer to Yahweh? **1 Chronicles 29**, through David, we learn that everything belongs to Yahweh and we should actually offer our all, however precious:

V11 “Yours, Yahweh, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty! for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Yours is the Kingdom, Yahweh, and You are exalted as head above all.”

V12 “Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all; in Your hand is power and might; it is in Your hand to make great, and to give strength to all.

V14 “... For all things come from you and of your own have we given you.”

This reminds me that I should not boast of anything but be forever grateful to Yahweh for all that He has given me... and continues to give me.

Like David did, lets us give wholeheartedly anytime there’s need to give, with no worry of running short of anything. The God who gives, will never allow us to be in want; refer to **Luke 6:38** - how consoling, comforting: Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your bosom. And don’t we know that it is more blessed to give than to receive – **Acts 20:35**

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News & Events

The Berean Christadelphian
December gathering will take place
in Kamukuywa, Chesamisi Boys
High School,
Bungoma Kenya

The dates are **December 11-14, 2025.**

Topic: Book of Daniel

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Continue next month should the Lord will.
