What Do I Think About Sin?

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INTRODUCTION

- This morning I want to talk, though, about sin and what do we think about sin.
- I think sometimes with sin, though, we think it's okay as long as we can keep going.
- Am I more like Moses and God? Or like Aaron and the people? And it may surprise us to see what side that our actions show that we belong in.

1 God Hates Sin

Exodus 32:7–10

- And the Lord said to Moses, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.
- Now therefore, let me alone that my wrath may burn hot against them, and I may consume them.
- Sin is not a game. Sin is not something to be coexisted with. Sin is something to be stamped out, avoided, fled from.
- I want us to see that God is clear. God hates sin.

2 Moses' Reaction to the Sin Was Like God's

Exodus 32:11–14; Exodus 32:19–20

- Moses was truly being a mediator for the people. But make no mistake. Moses' reaction to the sin was like God's, not the Israelites.
- As soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot.
- Moses knew what the people were doing was wrong.
- Moses clearly was abhorred by the evil. As any child of God would be.

3 Aaron Made Excuses, but the Levites Came

Exodus 32:21–24; Exodus 32:26–28

- He not only didn't take blame, he shifted blame, shades of Adam and Eve.
- When Moses said, Who is on the Lord's side, come to me, the Levites came. And when they were given the tough commandment of God, they fulfilled it.
- But in this dispensation, answering to Jesus the Christ, when God says to do something, we do it.

4 Do I Work at Staying Close to God?

Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Genesis 16:13

- But the people felt distance from God. And the people didn't know what had become of Moses.
- You know what I'd say, remember who God is and what he has done for you.
- I wonder if I perhaps am the one who placed distance between me and God.

- We know God's not the problem. We know that God is just and holy. How will I work to close the gap to keep sin from reigning in my life?

5 Do I View Sin Like God and Moses?

Romans 12:9

- We need to not only avoid sin, we need to hate sin.
- Romans 12, 9 says, let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil, cling to what is good.
- We treat sin as if it's a bad pet, it's a bad friend. We keep it at the door, and sometimes we feed it because we like it being around.
- We have to be like God and Moses. We cannot be like Aaron and the Israelites.

6 How Do I Respond to Sin?

Hebrews 12

- Sometimes I think we view repentance as a simple confession. There's more to repentance than confession. In fact, the very nature of the word is a turning from.
- But most importantly, we need to repent of them. We need to turn from sin. No longer let it cling to us.
- The truth is we're a lot like Aaron when we make excuses when we sin.
- If we are guilty, if we have stained our garments with sin, we need to confess and we need to turn from them.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We need to hate sin as Christians. This year I need a vow, I will put no unclean thing before my eyes. I will not be anywhere near sin.**

MY NOTES