

*Lawrence* 556 Sins - man wanted term named  
to see if there some he had not committed  
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SIN  
ROM..6..23

(no service to-night)  
Bethel - Newell

I am talking to you to day on a subject that never is interesting. People do not go away complimenting a sermon on the subject of the morning. I am talking about SIN. *just plain old sin*

The first thing we want to know is "Where did sin begin? To find that out we might better see first what sin is. One definition is that sin is missing the mark. *what mark?*

Another is that sin is the transgression of the law. That is not clear enough. Maybe the following will cover it:

SIN IS THE VOLUNTARY TRANSGRESSION OF A KNOWN LAW OF GOD BY A HUMAN FREE MORAL AGENT. *our thoughts are sin (to please)*

So sin did not begin till there was a free moral agent. If the devil were a free moral agent sin began with him. Now this devil was called the Serpent in the Garden of Eden. The Devil, you know, has spoken through different mediums..Through a man..the Demiac.."What have we to do with thee the Son of the most high God?" "Our name is legion for we are many" etc. In the Garden maybe he talked through this powerful beast. *(Horns - no he comes through persons)*

So far as human race is concerned sin began when man listened to the voice of the serpent and did what God told him..a free moral agent..not to do.

We do not have time in one sermon to discuss original sin...Adamic sin so we will think together for a while on actual sin.

It comes of course under two heads:

- a. Sin of commission ..
- b. Sin of omission

I SIN IS THE FOULIST FIEND OF DARKNESS THAT EVER STALKED OUT OF THE PIT OF HELL TO ATTRACT MANKIND...

Blasts character

Blights hope

Destroys lives

Wrecks homes...tears down everywhere it lays its horrible hand.

*internal* - his house like an adder.

*had did not make sin my answer -*

Sin is universal...If there were a place somewhere in this world where there was no sin we would all go to packing to night to go there.

It is said that some guides in Africa were showing some American soldiers around. They came to a volcano. They all got up to rim of it where they could see the molton larva...the Americans remarked "That looks like hell doesn't it?" One guide remarked to the other, "These Americans have been most every where haven't they?" Whether Americans have been everywhere or not sin has.

SIN IS CRUEL..Every robbery, every whiskey joint that sells the biggest trouble maker in the world, every murder, every false gossip, every cruelty, every broken home, every jail, every penitentiary, are the fruit of sin. *(The ideal home - then 10 years later)*

It usually comes on gradually:

- a. Leprosy
- b. Ox at slaughter pen
- c. Snake ( it is deceitful )

*we do know it is here*

The only cure is Christ - He can not cure till you call Him in.

*my preacher preaching on liars - asked congregation how many had read 25th chapter of Matt  
hands went up all over the house - He said this is the congregation I want to speak to for there ain't no 25th chapter of Matt.*

