

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

“Your Sin Will Find You Out”

“Behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out”
- Numbers 32:23

Much of our Christian lives are lived in secret. Only God can see what we are truly like. One of the deceptions of sin is that it can be committed without the knowledge of anyone, and that we will get away with it. This is why many times temptation comes to you when you are alone. But what are you when no one is looking? Is there any sin that you are harboring or nurturing?

The purpose of this study is to expose those sins, which you hide, to the reality that God sees them all and will route your efforts to keep them in hiding. If you would but come to Him for grace, mercy, and forgiveness, He would cleanse you. If you will not, He will expose you.

1. MEN WHO ATTEMPTED TO COVER SIN

- **Saul - 1 Sam. 15:1-35**
- **David - 2 Sam. 11-12**
- **The Elders of Israel - Ezek. 8:5-12**

2. WHY DO WE COVER SIN?

- ☐ Fear of getting caught
- ☐ Embarrassment of being found out
- ☐ Shame and reproach of others
- ☐ Loss of reputation and respect
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One primary reason:

- **John 3:19-20**

“As the viper has his teeth hid in the gums, so that if one should look into his mouth he would think it a harmless creature; so though there be much corruption in the heart, yet the heart hides it, and draws a veil over, that it be not seen.”

- Thomas Watson

3. HOW DO WE COVER SIN?

- **Job 24:15**
- **Psa. 10:1-15**
- **Psa. 73:11**
- **Psa. 94:1-7**
- **Prov. 7:6-10**

“The hypocrite veils and smothers his sin. He does not cut off his sin but conceals it. Like a patient that has some loathsome disease in his body, he will rather die than confess his disease.”
- Thomas Watson

4. GOD SEES EVERYTHING THAT WE DO, THINK, SAY.

- **1 Chr. 28:9**
- **2 Chr. 16:9**
- **Job 7:17-18**
- **Job 31:4**
- **Job 34:31**
- **Psa. 33:13-15**
- **Psa. 44:20-21**
- **Psa. 139:1-4**
- **Prov. 5:21**
- **Prov. 15:3, 11**
- **Jer. 16:17**
- **Jer. 32:19**
- **Hosea 7:2**
- **Heb. 4:13**

➤ **Rev. 1:14**

5. GOD PROMISES TO UNCOVER HIDDEN SIN AND PUNISH IT.

➤ **Exod. 34:7**

➤ **2 Sam. 12:1-12**

➤ **Psa. 7:9**

➤ **Psa. 90:7-8**

➤ **Ecc. 11:9**

➤ **Ecc. 12:14**

➤ **Jer. 17:9-10**

➤ **Ezek. 9:9**

➤ **Mark 4:22**

➤ **Luke 12:1-3**

➤ **Rom. 2:16**

➤ **1 Cor. 4:5**

➤ **Rev. 2:18-23**

➤ **Rev. 20:12**

“Those iniquities which men hide in their hearts shall be written one day on their foreheads as with the point of a diamond. They who will not confess their sin as David did, that they may be pardoned, shall confess their sins as Achan did, that they may be stoned. It is dangerous to keep the devil’s counsel; ‘He that covers his sins shall not prosper’” (Prov. 28:13)

- Thomas Watson *Doctrine of Repentance*, p. 32.

6. THE ONLY TIME GOD PROMISES TO COVER SIN.

➤ **Psa. 32:1-7**



➤ **John 3:21**

➤ **1 John 1:8-10**

“Whatever you uncover, God will cover, but whatever you cover, God will uncover.”
- Rick Holland

7. WE SHOULD NOT HIDE SIN, BUT HAVE INTEGRITY IN THE SECRET PLACES.

➤ **Matt. 6:4, 6, 18**

➤ **2 Cor. 4:2**

➤ **Eph. 5:3-13**

TRUTH IN THE LIFE

As you think about the holiness, omniscience, and omnipresence of God as He probes into your life, what comes to mind as the sin or sins that you are most uncomfortable knowing He knows?

Are there sins in your life that you need to confess to God and repent of?

Are there sins in your home, church, work, school, or neighborhood that you need to confess and make right with others?

What steps are you going to take today to root out the sin that is concealed in your bosom? List at least 5 action items that you will accomplish this next week to implement change in these areas:

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