

PROTECTION FROM SIN

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Did God give us a way we could "**protect**" ourselves from the harmful effects of sin? Must men live in a "bubble" to immune themselves from the dangers of sin? "What saith the Scriptures"?

"How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You! Blessed are You, a LORD! Teach me Your statutes! With my lips I have declared all the judgments of Your mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches, I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word" {Psalm 119:9-16} In these passages we can see the "**protection from sin**" which comes from God's word. How is this so?

"Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way. " {Psalms 119:104} When one comes to truly understand God's word and makes the proper application in his life, it will put sin in a very different light. Sin is deceitful and can never deliver on the promises which it makes.

"But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death." {James 1: 14,15} Sin can only lead one to death! No good can ever come from one's sins. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" {Romans 6: 23} How can something that only gives "death" be a profitable course for one to pursue?

Sin is enticing, alluring, and appealing to our fleshly lusts. "Do not love the world or the things in the world If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world" {I John 2:15,16} Many men have been victims of the "fleeting pleasures" which last only a short time. Yet, the consequences many times last much longer!

Being a father, I try to warn my children of the dangers of taking the wrong paths in life. God, as my Heavenly Father, is trying to do the same for me. Please read these following passages soberly.

"Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil." {1 Thessalonians 5:21,22}

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God " {1 Corinthians 6:9,10}

"But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out. " {Numbers 32:23}

"Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body." {1 Corinthians 6:18}

Sin is a serious thing. All who are pondering to remain in such a condition, before God, need to consider the chance being taken. All will stand before Christ one day to give an account. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." {2 Corinthians 5:10} Sadly, the protection for our sin will be of no value to us then! Sin is more deadly, spiritually speaking, than anything in this world! Sin has ETERNAL consequences one needs to consider. ***