

# The Results of Sin / The Rewards of Obedience

## Part II: Overview of the Divided Kingdom

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### ➤ Intro: tone = positive (assume doing)

- **topical review** of last quarter's Sunday AM Bible class
- **theme:** The Results of Sin / The Rewards of Obedience

### ➤ - review Part I

### ➤ Sin results in hurting innocent people

#### - OT example:

- **Amaziah**, son of Jehoash, and tenth king of Judah, took over a disarrayed kingdom as a result of his father's sins and the people's sins (depleted treasury, despoiled palace and temple, discouraged people were among the consequences of his father's war with Syria): **resulted in Amaziah's death by popular violence**

#### - expound

#### - lessons for today:

##### - hurt people we don't know

- **illus:** Boy beaten at bus stop remains in hospital (Sioux City Journal, Oct. 25, 2007)

##### - hurt innocent people, and people we love

- **the hurtful results of sin often go much farther than we ever intend, or can even imagine**

- **illus.:** What would have happened if Eve had rejected Satan's temptation and not taken the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to Adam? – **Adam hurt (tempted) by her sin** - Satan used Eve to get to Adam

### ➤ - Jesus: always hurt when we sin – Eph. 4:30 grieve the Holy Spirit

- **1 Pet. 2:24** hurt Jesus: bore our sins in body on cross, by whose stripes we've been healed

- **illus.:** Jesus hurt when lawless men crucified Him (Acts 2:23)

### ➤ - Heb. 10:26, 29, 30-31 hurt Jesus: what we do to Jesus when we sin – God's reaction

### ➤ Sin results in chastisement (punishment) from God

#### - OT example:

- **Jeroboam's sin resulted in chastisement** for him, his family, Israel (**1 Ki. 14:7-16**)

- **personal punishment:** son died, his lineage would eventually die (eaten by dogs and birds)

- **national punishment:** Jeroboam not repent, Israel destroyed, Assyrian captivity

- **innocent people hurt (punished):** babies, children, the righteous prophets

#### ➤ - lessons for today:

- **Heb. 12:4-6** God chastens (disciplines) His children today – adversity, sickness, trials, etc.

- **Heb. 12:10** so we may share His holiness

- **Heb. 12:11** sorrowful when going through, later joyful after being trained

- **Heb. 12:15-17** so saved, not sell birthright like Esau

### ➤ - Rev. 3:19 Jesus' admonition, Laodiceans (lukewarm church, would spew out of mouth)

- **Jesus chastens with His word – disciplines us because He loves us**

### ➤ - 1 Cor. 9:27 to avoid chastisement from God, must discipline ourselves so God doesn't have to

- **illus.:** little boy thinks about telling a lie, knows he'll be punished – **solution:** tells the truth

➤ **Sin results in death**

- OT example:

- **Josiah**: good king although father was sinful, found the law, caused Israel to repent, purged sin
  - **sin of arrogance resulted in death, throne went to evil son, Egypt took control of Judah**: arrogant assumption that God would bless Him no matter what he did and how he did it - went to war with Egypt with a little army, assuming God would give them victory, **He died and Egypt took control of Judah**

➤ - lessons for today:

- **2 Cor. 12:20; Ja. 4:16** confidence is a good thing, but we **can't let it turn into arrogance**
  - **pride of life – often result sin physical and spiritual death**
  - **illus.: security of the believer, vs. once saved always saved – spiritual death**
    - security: if remain faithful, eternal life in heaven
    - arrogance: impossible to fall once a saved - once saved always saved

➤ - **Gen. 3 Adam and Eve**: all must die because of sin – **Rom. 6:23**

- **Heb. 9:27** must die once (physical) because of sin – **but some must die twice (below)**

➤ - **Rev. 20:14** second death (spiritual), unbelievers, cast into lake of fire

- **Rev. 20:6** saved not die second time
- **Rev. 7:14** saved washed in blood, around throne

- **we don't have a choice regarding physical death – but we have a choice regarding spiritual death**
  - **What have you decided? – action**

➤ **Only way to overcome results of sin is obey God**

- OT examples:

- **God's call through prophets**: Israel and Judah to repent
- **Naaman: go to God for healing**

➤ - lessons for today:

- **2 Ki. 5:1-3** lessons on personal evangelism

- **sincere concern for others** - her master, who was responsible for the girls slavery
- **speak the truth** – tell others what they need to know, let them make their own decisions
- **us today**

➤ - **Acts 17:30** all men must repent to be saved – **times of ignorance passed, word**

➤ - **Lk. 4:27** Naaman was the only one who took advantage of God's grace, though available to many

➤ - **2 Ki. 5** Naaman had to obey a nonsensical command to be saved – **do something silly**

- **tell story**: went to Elisha, dipped 7 times in Jordan, mad, servant convinced, obeyed, healed

➤ - **1 Pet. 3:21** baptism: corresponding to Noah's salvation, nonsensical command (ark, immersion)

- **If we obey God (overcome sin), the rewards are great! – this life, next life**
    - **OT example:**
      - **Elijah:** taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire and horses of fire – **cf. Jesus ascension escorted by angels**
  - **- lessons for today:**
    - **Ja. 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:6** exalted at proper time
      - **spiritually, physically, eternally**
  - **- 1 Cor. 2:9-10** our reward is more awesome than mortal mind can imagine – eye not seen and ear not heard
    - but God revealed - not entered heart of mortal mind apart from what God has revealed
  - **- 2 Cor. 12:4** exact description not lawful to be communicated – **walk by faith**
  - **- Rev. 21:1-7, 16** symbolic description of city - heaven
    - **stats: heavenly city**
      - **2,250,000 square miles** – a city about 2/3 the sized of the US - ground floor only
      - **3,375,000,000 cubic miles** – a city about 2/3 size of US that goes up 1,500 miles
        - city would extend up about 7 times farther than the International Space Station
      - **792,000 floors high**, if there is a floor every ten feet
  - **- Rev. 22:1-5** worshipping God before His throne – **see His face**
- **Summary / Inv.**
  - **stay focused: don't play with sin**
    - results in a warped mind (depraved)
    - results in separation from God
    - results in hurting others (Jesus, God)
    - results in chastisement (punishment)
    - results in death (physical, spiritual, eternal)
  - overcome the results by obeying God
  - if obey, reward is greatly
  - **inv.:** obey, overcome sin, rewarded eternally in heaven – **What's your choice?**

## **Boy beaten at bus stop remains in hospital (Sioux City Journal, Oct. 25, 2007)**

By Travis Coleman Journal staff writer

**SIoux CITY -- A 14-year-old boy remains hospitalized with head injuries after he and a friend were attacked by two men while waiting for a school bus Wednesday morning.**

Brian Hill and an unidentified friend were **waiting on a porch near the northeast corner of 14th and Douglas streets around 7 a.m.**, the Sioux City Police Department reported Wednesday. **Two men approached the boys, asked for cigarettes and attacked them**, said Brady Hill, Brian's 17-year-old brother.

**Hill suffered significant head injuries**, while his friend escaped. **Police Capt. Melvin Williams said the attack was unprovoked.** A bus driver found the boy and a police officer in the area was flagged down. Hill was then taken to Mercy Medical Center -- Sioux City. A school official located Hill's North High School name tag on the ground and notified his parents, Brady said.

Hill's condition was not released Thursday. His brother said examinations on Thursday showed **swelling in his brain** has not gone down since Wednesday's attack. But Hill is sleeping on his own, his brother said.

He said the family isn't sure when the swelling will go down or when Brian will get better. The family just has questions.

"I want to find out why," Brady Hill said. "I feel very strongly that I want to do the same thing to them that they did to him."

Area residents are lending support to the family, as some have given Hill's mother, Theresa, money for food while she sits at his bedside.

Police described the two men as Hispanic or American Indian males, 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 11 inches tall, one with a round face and the other with a long face. They're believed to be between 18 to 25 years old.

The 13th and Douglas bus stop is being changed to 14th and Grandview because of the attack, effective Monday, said Marilyn Charging, school equity director.

If anyone has information on this crime, they're urged to call Crimestoppers at 258-TIPS or Sioux City police.

**sins of addiction, greed, coveteousness resulted in two innocent boys getting hurt**