

“DEALING WITH SIN” by Larry R. Ping II

One thing all men have in common is sin. The Word of God reports, *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”* (Rom. 3:23). What separates all men is how they deal with sin. Some try to hide it, although such activity is always useless (Psa. 139:7-12). Psalm 32 offers a blueprint to “deal with sin.”

1) KEEPING SILENT ABOUT SIN PRODUCES NOTHING POSITIVE. David penned, *“When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer”* (Psa. 32:3-4). Sin, unrepented of, no matter how long ago it was committed, will still condemn us. Keeping silent about sin will lead to spiritual death (Rom. 6:23).

2) SIN MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED. Psalm 32:5 reports, *“I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.”* This text helps the reader to appreciate to confess sin is to acknowledge sin. This must be done in order to achieve forgiveness. John said, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (I Jn. 1:9). Have we acknowledged our sins to God? If not, why not?

3) HAPPINESS COMES TO THOSE WHOSE SIN IS FORGIVEN. The man after God’s own heart said, *“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered”* (Psa. 32:1). Joy always accompany salvation (Lk. 15:7,10,21; Acts 8:39). Be sure you have properly covered your sin, and the joyfully live!

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“...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...” (Matt. 3:3)

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“BE NOT DECEIVED...” by Larry R. Ping II

The Bible can fairly and accurately be called a “Book of Warnings.” It warns in various ways, using different phrases to issue the warnings. One such phrase is “be not deceived.”

Moses cautioned, *“Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them”* (Dte. 11:16). Pay heed to these following warnings.

1) BE NOT DECEIVED, SINNERS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. Paul confirms this in I Corinthians 6:9-11. Some are under the illusion they can live in sin, and still be saved. Paul also alerts the Galatians about this fact (Gal. 5:19-21). Do not allow yourself to be convinced you can sin, do nothing about it, and be saved!

2) BE NOT DECEIVED, EVIL COMPANY CORRUPTS GOOD MORALS. The Corinthians were advised concerning this in I Corinthians 15:33. Solomon said, *“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed”* (Prov. 13:20). Do not allow yourself to be convinced you can be with sinners, and not be affected, for you surely will be (Jam. 4:4).

3) BE NOT DECEIVED, YOU WILL REAP WHAT YOU SOW. Paul penned, *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap”* (Gal. 6:7). Hosea prophesied, those who have *“sown the wind...shall reap the whirlwind”* (Hos. 8:7). This has always been true, and always will be!

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BIBLE READING QUESTIONS

The Bible reading for January 15-21 spans John 9:1-John 12:50.
Answer the following questions based upon your reading.

- 1) What question did the disciples ask about the blind man (Jn. 9:2)? _____

- 2) “I am the _____ : by me if any man _____ in, he shall be _____, and shall go in and out, and find _____” (Jn. 10:9).
- 3) How were John’s words described in John 10:41?

- 4) Name the three siblings mentioned in John 11:1.

- 5) “And he that was _____ came forth, _____ hand and foot with graveclothes: and his _____ was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, _____ him, and let him _____” (Jn. 11:44).
- 6) The priests wanted to put Lazarus to _____ (Jn. 12:10).
- 7) Jesus announced He was a _____ in the world (Jn. 12:46).

READING SCHEDULE AND MEMORY VERSES FOR THE DAYS OF JANUARY 15-21, 2023.

January 15, 2023: John 9:1-John 9:24

January 16, 2023: John 9:25-John 10:21

January 17, 2023: John 10:22-John 10:42

January 18, 2023: John 11:1-John 11:16

January 19, 2023: John 11:17-John 11:44

January 20, 2023: John 11:45-John 12:19

January 21, 2023: John 12:20-John 12:50

“Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work” (John 4:34).

“Princes persecute me without a cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your word” (Psalm 119:161).

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