

SIN-MISSING THE MARK?

Have you even been exposed to this teaching about sin? The Preacher draws a bull's-eye target and then draws arrows all around it. Most of these arrows fall way short of the target completely. He may draw one or two hitting the target but missing the bull's-eye. He then explains that sin is missing the mark and falling short of God's glory. He then says that no matter how hard we try we will always miss the mark.

This is a total distortion of God's truth! The sinner misses the mark because he is purposely aiming in the opposite direction of the true target!! It is not that he tries to hit the bulls-eye and misses but it is that he knowingly and rebelliously shoots his arrows in the total opposite direction of the true target.

True sin is the aim and intent of the heart to totally disregard God and His love. It is the aim and the intent of the heart that determines if a person is holy or not. The sinner can aim and hit the true target but he refuses to do so.

It is not a criminal act to aim at a target and miss. People do not go to hell for simply missing. A sinner goes to hell because he is a criminal. The reason why the sinner is a criminal is because he has the ability to aim at the right target but he purposely aims in the opposite direction. He deliberately and defiantly has aimed his heart in total opposition to God. He is so stubborn and rebellious that even though he can turn around (repent) and aim in the right direction, he

never will without the grace of God. This stubborn refusal is what sends the sinner to hell.

Every sinner has committed two evils. These are, forsaking God and building a system that tries to quench their spiritual thirst and desire. The sinner has not only refused God's right to rule over him but he has replaced the only true God with a false god.

Jer. 2:13 "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

1 John 3:4 "Sin is lawlessness" i.e., breaking the law, a **WILLFUL** act.

Sin is a **CHOICE** to disregard God and go one's own way.

Isa. 53:6a "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way."

God would never command or require repentance if man was truly unable to obey.

Acts 17:30 "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent."

The sinner's **REAL** problem is his **REFUSAL** to come to God when He attempts to draw him near.

Matthew 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a

hen gathereth her chickens under her wings,
and **ye would not!**"

Every person has received light from Jesus Christ and no one has **ANY EXCUSE** for rejecting God.

John 1:9 "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

Romans 1:20 "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"

Below are the various scriptural words used to describe sin. The overwhelming evidence is that man is a rebel, choosing to violate the known law.

- To act perversely, to twist and distort
- To be stubbornly disobedient
- To refuse to serve God
- To act treacherously or deceitfully
- To be rebellious
- To be lawless, to refuse to conform
- To be obstinate or uncompliant
- To deviate from the right
- To be ungodly, to act impiously
- To be unjust, to refuse to do right.

The word of God does not describe sin as a simple miss or weakness but as rebellion.

For those of you that wish to study this more, here are Scriptures for you to look up.

John 1:11,
Jeremiah 2:13
I John 3:4
Isaiah 24:5
Ezekiel 33:31
Ezekiel 34:6-7,10,
Ezekiel 18:1-5,9-10,13-14,17-20
John 9:41
James 4:17
John 15:22,24
John 1:11
Jeremiah 2:13
Proverbs 1:24
Titus 1:15
Jeremiah 17:10
John 9:41
