

HOW CAN WE SIN AGAINST GOD?

Genesis 39:9

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: We have all seen and heard small children, teenagers and then grown "children" speak to their parents hatefully and we have seen them treat their parents in very disrespectful ways. They ignored their parents' instructions, went about doing directly the opposite of what their parents told them to do or not do. They brought dishonor upon their parents. We have said "if that was my child, I'd dothis or that because no child of mine is going to treat me like that...." and so on. It is indeed a shame how some children (even grown up ones) treat their parents. However, we do the same thing with God. Think about it. We treat God exactly as a disrespectful child does his/her parents and we often live our lives in direct opposite of how God wants us to live. We ignore and turn a deaf ear to His Words of instructions. We say that disobedient children do not recognize the love their parents have for them, neither do we when we disobey God who loves us so. In the text, Joseph was a slave but had been given great authority for the man who owned him and the man's wife wanted to have an affair with Joseph. Joseph refused and said "...how can Isin against God?" He thought about how his actions would affect God whom he loved dearly, in spite of being a slave. So then, "how can we sin against God?" ("Sin" in God's eyes is anything contrary to His perfect being and instruction.)

I. WHO IS GOD THAT WE MUST NOT SIN AGAINST?

1. God is a being of perfect, infinite excellence.
 - God created all things.
 - God is holy and cannot look on sin.
 - God is just and He must punish sin.
 - God is present everywhere and knows all things.
 - God is true and faithful.
 - God is merciful and gracious and forgiving.
 - God is condescending, interested in every single person.
 - How, then, can we sin against such a being as almighty God?
2. God is our Creator.
 - God formed our bodies gave us our souls and is our nearest relative.
 - God breathed life into us and gave us our abilities.
 - We belong to God and everything we possess is His.
 - We condemn those who offend their parents, therefore, how can we offend our God?
3. God is our Preserver and Benefactor.
 - God watches over us and keeps us every moment from our birth.
 - God has protected us countless times from evil and danger even when we were in the act of sinning.
 - All the happiness, all the blessings, God has given them to us.
 - All the food, clothing, housing, relatives, friends, came from God.
 - We breathe God's air, stand on His earth, how can we raise up against Him by sinning?
4. God is our true Sovereign.
 - It is God who gave us our existence and it is God who keeps us, therefore it is God who has the right to determine how we are to live.

- It is God who regulates our conduct, blessing and punishing as He sees fit.
- How can we disobey, how can we rebel against the King of the Universe, the Omnipotent One, who governs all things by the power of His Word?
- God forbids nothing which would harm or debase us, why then should we transgress His ways for us? How can we sin against such a wonderful God?

5. God is the one who dispenses blessings, natural and spiritual.

- We are constantly dependent on God for everything and what God gives, He can take away.
- How can we sin, bringing His displeasure?
- God is supreme Judge and can sentence us to happiness or miserableness forever.
- Can all the rewards which earth could possibly offer us, causing us to sin against God, be worth what we would lose in Heaven?
- How can we sin against God, no matter what we might lose down here on earth?

6. God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. God loves our ruined race so much that He gave His only begotten Son to die for our salvation.
 - God gave His son that we might be saved from the consequences of our sin.
2. Through His crucified Son, God offers us peace and everlasting life on the easy term of our renouncing our sins and believing in Him.
3. God's Son, Jesus has done and suffered more for us than any earthly parent would or could have done.
4. If we sin, we are crucifying God's Son all over again. How can we dishonor and offend and grieve God, our Heavenly Father, who has done so much for us?
5. How can we ever justify ourselves if we decide to sin against God?

II. HOW CAN WE SIN AGAINST SUCH A GOD?

1. We have seen more than enough reasons to cause us to not sin against such a loving and caring God.

- Every reason we have seen is logical, powerful and reasonable.
- If we, therefore, continue to sin, we are condemning our own selves.
- Think about it, God is infinite, everlasting, absolutely perfect, our creator, our preserver, our benefactor, our supreme sovereign, our judge who loves us and spared not His own Son giving Him up for us to then offer forgiveness and eternal life with Him.
- How can we sin against such a God?

2. What will we say now?

- Will we say that we will not sin against God anymore? Let us then remember that if we sin against each other, it is the same as sinning against God.
- To say that we will not sin against God is the same as saying we will not sin at all anymore.
- Will we say that we will not sin against our creator, preserver, benefactor, sovereign, judge, the mighty God of the universe, Heavenly Father of our Lord Jesus Christ?
- To sin against God is cruel ingratitude.
- Having repented and placed our faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ, let us therefore put off sin and live lives honoring our God and His Son.

CONCLUSIOIN:

1. As soon as we leave this place we will be assailed by temptations from inside and from the outside to sin against God.
 - We will be tempted to act in manners inconsistent with living as God wants, we will be tempted with all kinds of little temptations.
 - Let us not consent to sin in any "degree," in any manner against our God.
 - Let us not yield to any temptation.
 - Think for a moment how easy it has been in the past to sin. It won't get any easier, it will only get harder, now that we are determined to not sin against our God.

2. We can't begin to think that our past behavior has been such that God has no reason to complain of the manner in which we have lived, that we have been sinless.
 - We all must say "forgive me, for thy Son's sake, forgive me and help me sin no more..."

3. Let us remember who God is, who His Son, Jesus is, and who the Holy Spirit is and all that they have done for us, are doing for us, and shall yet do for us and in remembering, let us stop sinning.