

NO PLACE TO HIDE OUR SINS

Numbers 32:28

Introduction: From the very first couple on earth to our present day and even beyond to the end of time, people have tried to cover up their mistakes, their wrongs, their misdeeds, their errors, in other words, their sins. God reminds us that even though we think our sins are not noticed or have been forgotten, they have not and we are still accountable for every sin and God knows our every sin.

I. GOD SAYS OUR SINS WILL FIND US OUT IN TIME

1. Adam and Eve tried to hide their sin of eating from the forbidden tree.
2. Cain killed his brother and tried to hide what he did.
3. The brothers of Joseph sold him into slavery and hid it from their parents.
4. Achan disobeyed the command to not take anything in battle but he did and buried it in his tent.
5. David committed adultery and tried to cover it up.
6. Annanias and Sapphira tried to cover up how much they really got for some property they sold.
7. Every day in our time people do wrong things and then try to cover it up or lie about it, or pretend it never happened.
8. It is our very nature to sin and our nature to try to cover it all up, hoping nobody will notice.

II. GOD SAYS THAT OUR SINS WILL COME OUT IN OUR CONSCIENCE

1. Adam and Eve's conscience bothered them so much that they tried to hid themselves from God and then tried to hide their nakedness with leaves they tied on their bodies.
2. Cain had killed his brother then he buried him and when asked by God about him, he denied by trying to excuse himself from being accountable for his brother's whereabouts.
3. Joseph's brothers who sold him into slavery regretted for years what they did to Joseph and how they lied to their parents by telling them that a wild animal had killed Joseph.
4. David's conscience bothered him so much after committing adultery that he brought Bathsheba's husband in from the battle field, but then reassigned him to the front line where he would be killed.
5. Achan finally had to admit that he had disobeyed the command to not take things in battle and that he had buried them in his tent.

6. Annanias and Sapphira, when confronted about how much they really sold their property for trembled and they shook in fear and shame for what the lie they had told the Church.
7. Today we read and hear of people who committed crimes years ago finally coming to authorities and confessing of the crimes everyone had forgotten about but themselves.
 - Eventually our conscience reminds us of the wrongs we have done.

III. IF NOT NOW, OUR SINS WILL BE BROUGHT OUT WHEN WE STAND BEFORE GOD

1. It seems normal to think that "we've gotten away with it" if God doesn't smack us down or bother our conscience or somebody doesn't find out about what we have done.
2. As we forget about our sins, we also think that if God was interested, He has also forgotten about our sins, the things we did that were wrong.
3. Then some think that God doesn't really care about them and therefore doesn't care what they do or don't do, therefore He never notices what wrongs they do.
4. There are some who think that God is so merciful and loving that He will just maybe shake His head and say, "naughty, naughty" or something like that and not punish them.
5. The true fact is, every human being will someday stand before God and give an account of his/her earthly life and every single sin committed will have to be dealt with for God misses nothing and God forgets nothing and God "keeps records."

CONCLUSION:

1. It is said that some people nearing death have had their lives "flash" before their eyes and they saw every part of their past lives, those things long forgotten or not even noticed before.
2. Our scientists tell us that nothing is ever completely forgotten that a person experiences and that every single incident can be recalled under the right circumstances.
3. God says every single human being will stand before Him and give an account of his/her life.
4. **GOOD NEWS** - There is a way for a person to be able to stand before God and not have a single sin, a single wrong brought before God in judgment - that way is for a person to believe in God's Son, Jesus.
 - Jesus came to make it possible for sins to be forgiven, to be blotted out, to be forgotten by God.
 - Jesus came to be the substitute for penalties assigned to the sins of people.
 - Therefore when a person believes in God's Son, Jesus, that person is "saved" from his/her past and given a new birth, a new start and in God's time, a new body, a new name and a new home in Heaven.