



Paul's Letter to the Galatians

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Day 10 Galatians 3:15-20

The Offense of Sin

Read Isaiah 1:4-6, 1:15-20. This sinful nation of Israel has grieved God. How does He describe the people in verse 4? What does He say they continue to do in verse 5? Look at verse 6. As God explains that how full of sin these people are, what does He describe sin as being like? When they pray to God and offer sacrifices, what will be His response, according to verse 15? Why? What must they do to rectify this? What does God promise to do for them if they repent and obey? What does God say He will do if they refuse to obey?

Read Isaiah 59:1-3. What have our sins done to our relationship with God?

Read Psalm 51:1-6. What is David asking God for here? Is David unaware of his sin? Who does David say he has sinned against? Knowing that this was written after David was confronted by Nathan regarding his sin with Bathsheba and against Uriah, why would David say that? What does David say God delights in?

Read Romans 6:16-18. According to Paul, we are all slaves to who? What does sin lead to? What does obedience to God lead to?

Read Titus 1:15-16. Those who do not believe in God may profess to know Him, but what "evidence" will contradict this profession? How does Paul describe these people?

Read Hebrews 9:22. The Hebrews writer has just explained how the blood was sprinkled on the people and the vessels and the tent under the old covenant. What conclusion does he made in verse 22?

Because God is holy and just, He simply cannot abide sin. It is so far from who He is that He cannot be where sin is. That is why a perfect human was needed to shed His blood for our sins.

Read Hebrews 8:6-7. Why is the covenant that Christ enacted better than the old covenant under Moses? Was this necessary?

Read Hebrews 12:18-24. Under the Law of Moses, the people could not actually approach God. Only the priest, acting as a mediator between God and man, could approach the Holy of Holies, and then only after all the rules and ceremony were followed, at specific times, not just “any old day”. What do we, as believers in Christ, have access to? Who is the mediator of this new covenant?

As you spend time with God today, consider how He has always made a way for people to hope in the promises He has given. Ask God to help you to understand more fully why your sin is an offense to Him, and then? Thank Him for His mercy, knowing that He is always the most offended party when we sin. Praise Him for the mediator He has provided for us in Christ and for the intercessory power of the Holy Spirit. Remember, even if you don’t know what to pray, the Spirit intercedes for you to God, when you come to Him, seeking to do His will.