

YOU CAN'T GET BY WITH SIN

Galatians 6:7-8

Introduction: Paul warns everyone in this letter to the Galatians that whatever one sows, that is exactly what one is going to reap. That is the law of sowing and reaping and it applies to Christians and unbelievers alike. If a Christian gets into a fight and loses an eye, God will forgive him for fighting if he asks but he will have only the one eye the rest of his life. God will not restore the eye, "...for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap..." It is possible to deceive some of the people all the time, but you cannot deceive God any of the time. God knows all things and sees all things. He knows us NOT as we appear to be, but as we really are. One cannot hide from God. Peter told the Lord, "*Lord, thou knowest all things...*"

I. YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW

1. There is an established law in agriculture, one cannot sow rice and reap corn, one cannot sow beans and reap wheat. In like manner, one cannot sow to the flesh or sin and reap in the spirit. If one sows in sin, one cannot have a crop failure, he/she will reap exactly what was sown. It cannot be gotten away from.
2. The people who sow in sin, shall reap corruption.
 - The home that sows in sin shall reap corruption.
 - The nation that sows in sin, shall reap corruption.
 - God is no respecter of persons or nations.
 - If America sins, and she has, America will reap a crop of retribution.
 - Israel sinned and thought they could get away because they were God's chosen people, but on the contrary, they were more responsible, just as our nation is.
3. One can call the roll of the dead civilizations who would not heed the warning of God, Greece, Babylon, Carthage, Rome and nations following these. All have disappeared because they sowed in sin.
4. Each of us know of someone who lives in sin and seemingly is no worse off. Maybe they are even better off financially and it seems that maybe they are going to "beat the game." But the mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small. the judgments of God may have lead feet, they may be sluggish, but when they grasp the victim, they have iron hands.
5. Remember the story of Esther? She had gained favor with the king and had an uncle named Mordecai who lived near her. He was very religious and refused to bow down to the king's right hand man Haman which made Haman mad so he sought ways to kill Mordecai. He built gallows on which he was going to hang Mordecai but Esther found out and told the king and Haman ended up hanging from the very gallows he built for somebody else. He reaped what he had sowed.
6. If we sow a bad life, we shall reap it in our body, in our character, in our family. We cannot get away for sooner or later, sometime, somewhere, somehow, those who do wrong are going to have to pay for it. "*Be sure, your sins will find you out...*"

7. Daniel was a captive from Jerusalem taken to Babylon. The king liked him but Daniel refused to go on the king's ordered diet. Eventually some became jealous of Daniel and sought ways to remove Daniel. Finally they got the king to have a 30 day period where only the king could be worshipped. They spied on and caught Daniel praying and worshipping God. Daniel ended up in a lion's den but they didn't eat him as God protected him. Those who did all this were thrown into the lion's den and were eaten up. Thus "you reap what you sow." One can not do wrong and get by.

II. YOU ALWAYS REAP MORE THAN YOU SOW

1. There would be no profit in farming if you got back exactly what you planted. The profit from farming comes from the fact that one reaps more than what is sown. The same is true in sowing in sin or in the Spirit. the harvest will always be greater than what is sown.
2. If a man is unfaithful to his wife or his wife is unfaithful to him, there will be many injured. The law of reaping more than was sown is in effect.
3. Jacob and Esau were twin brothers. Esau was an outdoorsman favored by his father and Jacob was favored by his mother, Rebecca. Rebecca overheard her husband, Isaac, tell Esau to go kill some meat and fix it a certain way and he would receive Isaac's blessing. So she told Jacob to go find some skins and wrap them around his arms and chest while she cooked up some meat. Jacob, wearing the animal skins, took the meat into his father and disguised his voice to sound like his brother Esau's, thus fooling his father into giving him the blessing meant for Esau. Jacob stole his brother's blessing, deceived his father and had to flee for his life. Years later he fell in love with a girl, worked seven years for her and was deceived on their wedding night and had to work another seven to get the right one. Thus he reaped more than he had sown. He had 12 sons and 11 of them were jealous over Joseph, the favored one of Jacob. They sold him and told Jacob he had been killed. Jacob had deceived his father, now he had been deceived.
4. There is David who one evening saw a neighbor woman taking a bath on her roof. He desired her slept with her, had her husband killed, married her, had a baby that died. Later one of David's sons committed adultery with his own sister. Another son, Absalom wanted to get even with his brother for what he had done, so he killed him. He then started a revolt against his father, David, who was king. You always reap more than you sow. Sin is expensive and sooner or later it takes it's toll.
5. Sin is man's most horrible blunder. God hates it because hidden within it's passing delight is the horrible devastation of the spiritual and finer things of life. What is the answer for sin? Jesus Christ! He is the only answer. God hates sin because sin hurts people and what hurts people, hurts God. God only asks that we withdraw from sin because ultimately, it will ruin us.

III. YOU REAP LATER THAN YOU SOW

1. A farmer does not plant one day and expect to reap a harvest the next. He must wait for the seed to mature and grow. So goes the harvest for sins that have been sown. You do not reap your harvest as soon as you sin. Thus thousands have the idea that they are getting away with sin simply because the sky doesn't fall the moment they do wrong - sin.
 - Because God doesn't punish sin the moment we commit it, we think that we have gotten away with it, therefore we set our minds to do it again. We are failing to realize that payday comes later. If we think that we are getting away with sinning, it may just very well be that God, through His mercy, is prolonging payday just to give us another chance to repent.
2. A farmer boasted to his Christian friends that he disobeyed the laws of God and yet he still had good crops. He wrote the editor of the local paper about it and said, "I plan on Sunday, I plow on Sunday, I harvest on Sunday, and I don't go to Church. I have made better crops than any of the Churchgoers in town. How do you account for that?" The editor printed the letter the farmer had sent and added, "My friend, just because you planted on Sunday, plowed on Sunday and harvested on Sunday, doesn't mean that God has to square His accounts on Sunday."
3. God moves slowly, but He moves surely. God gives us every chance and as much time as He can for us to get right.
 - King Ahab wanted the vineyard of Naboth so Jezebel, the king's wife had Naboth killed. When the king went to take possession of the vineyard, a prophet told him that he would die and that dogs would lick up his blood and also that his wicked wife, Jezebel would die and dogs would eat her body. King Ahab was later slain in battle and dogs licked his blood as the soldiers cleaned the bloody chariot. 20 years later Jehu threw Jezebel off the balcony onto the paved street, chariots ran over her body and the dogs of the city ate her flesh. Yes, it took some time, but payday came.
4. Payday comes sooner or later. We cannot get away with sin. We reap later than we sow and all the good resolutions will not atone for our sins. Only Jesus can atone for our sins.

CONCLUSION:

1. What if blind Bartimaeus had not called out to Jesus to come heal him? What if he had waited?
2. God says, "*Seek the Lord while He may be found...*" "*Now is the accepted time, now is the day of Salvation.*"
3. Many of us have been trading the essential things for the showy, passing things. We have been led into thinking that we have plenty of time to take care of our sins. Our sins will find us out.
4. It will cost you your sins to become a Christian, it will cost you your soul if you don't.

