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Course of Sin v1, v 21a

- **Jas 1:15**
- **Desire** “Then when lust”
- **Development** “has conceived”
- **Delivery** “it gives birth to sin”
- **Condemnation** “and sin is accomplished it brings forth death”

Counsel of the Sovereign v 10-11

- **2nd Chronicles 7:14**
- **Position** “If my people, which are called by my name”
- **Posture** “shall humble themselves”
- **Prayer** “and pray”
- **Pursuit** “and seek my face”
- **Purpose** “and turn from their wicked ways”
- **Pardon** “then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land”

- **RESULT 2nd Chronicles 7:15** God’s eyes opened and His ears attentive

Concealment of Sin v 21b-22

- **Pro 28:13**
- **Covering Sins** “He who conceals his sins/transgression shall not prosper”
- **Confession of Sins** “but he who confesses and forsakes them”
- **Compassion by the Sovereign** “shall have mercy or will find compassion”

Confrontation of Sin v 23

- **Num 32:23**
- **Affirmation** “But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD”
- **Assurance** “and be sure your sin will find you out”

Condemnation of Sin v 24-25

- **Col 3:6** For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come upon on the children of disobedience:
- **Wrath of God**
 - II Thess 1:7b-9 ...The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power
- **Works of the Devil/Disobedience to God**
 - 1st Jn 3:8-10 ⁸ the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ **No one who is born of God practices sin,** because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. ¹⁰ By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

Is Committing Sin Worth Loosing Your Spiritually/Eternity/Heaven

- **Sin Separates**

- **Isa 59:1** Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:
- **Isa 59:2** But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

- **Sin Penetrates**

- **Rom 6:12** Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey its lusts.
- **Eph 4:27** **DO NOT** GIVE THE DEVIL AN OPPORTUNITY.

- **Sin Destroys**

- **Rom 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God's Promises

- **Takes Away Sin** Matthew 1:21-23, *"And she (Mary) will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is HE WHO WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS."*
- **Reconciles** 2nd Cor 5:19 *"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation"*
- **Adoption Through Faith** Galatians 3:26,27, *"For you are all sons of God through faith IN CHRIST." (vs. 26). "For all of you who were BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST have clothed yourselves with Christ" (vs. 27).*
- **New Life...Alive in Christ** Romans 6:4-14

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Josh 7:24-25 ²⁴ Then Joshua and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the mantle, the bar of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent and all that belonged to him.... And all Israel stoned them with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.