

Return to Me #5
The Sin Myths

Word

Scripture Reference

Zechariah 5:1-11

Discussion Questions

1. Share an example of how people, even Christians, usually justify sin.
2. Read Zechariah 5. Like most people, we think sin is not a big deal unless you do something hideous; but God expects that when His people return to Him, they should pursue holiness. He would rather see a life that is by worldly standard “average” but lived with integrity and Christ-likeness than a so-called “successful” Christian who has obtained his success through sinful means. In this passage Zechariah saw the sixth and seventh (out of eight) visions that dispel our wrong view of sin. Describe the sixth vision and discuss what it represents (v. 1-4). How would sin be dealt with?
3. The first myth we believe about sin is that there are categories, that some sin are worse than others. However, God is holy, pure and cannot tolerate sin, and in His eyes, sin is sin and should be punished. How do you look at sin? Discuss how integrity is being compromised for the sake of a better business deal or better grade in school. As a Christian, you are called to obedience. How should you deal with sin in order to live a life of obedience to God?
4. The second myth we tend to believe about sin is that it has no consequence, but the Bible teaches us that your sins will be found out; if not now, all will eventually be revealed. Just because you live in the age of grace, you may think that your sin will not be judged. What does verse 4 tell us will happen if you live in sin? Discuss the consequences of sin in your life and in your relationship with the Lord. What kind of life will God uplift in the end?
5. Sin cannot be simply identified, but must be dealt with/destroyed (v. 5-8). What does Zechariah’s seventh vision of a basket with a woman inside represent? Do you believe in the myth that identifying your sin is enough to live a godly life? What sin in your home or in your personal life do you know is wickedness to God, but you haven’t gotten rid of it? Describe how Christians conceal their sins. What makes them cover sin up instead of giving them up to God? When God convicts you of sin, what should you do with it?
6. Sin is incompatible with Godly living. Where did the two women with wings (angels) take the basket? Why? Do you believe in the sin myth that it is possible for you to serve two masters? Discuss how is it that you cannot live with God and with sin at the same time. Why can’t sins be tolerated in a believer’s life? What enables God’s children to be forgiven from the penalty of sin and have the ability to live a holy life?

Walk

*“What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.”*

Is there anything in your life that needs to be washed by the blood of Jesus so that you can live a life that is truly transformed and honoring to God? What should you do about it? Meditate on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Worship & Prayer

Father, You are loving, gracious, and merciful God, but You are also a holy and just God who cannot tolerate sin. Forgive me for redefining what You say is sin and for trying to justify my wrongdoings. I honestly desire to live a life worthy of Christ’s sacrifice, so search me, Lord, for any sin, hidden or not, and forgive me. Cleanse me, Lord. Grant me the grace and strength to face the consequences, and allow me to walk in humble obedience to Your will. I pray these in Jesus’ name. Amen.