

VARIATIONS OF SIN

Psalm 32:5

“Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.”

Hebrew-

chatta'ah: sin

Original Word: חַטָּאָה

Phonetic Spelling: (khat-taw-aw')

Definition: sinful thing, sin

avon: iniquity

Original Word: אָוֹן

Phonetic Spelling: (aw-vone')

Definition: iniquity, guilt, punishment for iniquity

pesha: transgression

Original Word: פֶּשַׁע

Transliteration: pesha

Phonetic Spelling: (peh'-shah)

Definition: transgression

Sin- means to “**miss the mark**” / knowingly or unknowingly doing something that will yield negative results. There were sacrifices for unintentional sins (Numbers 15:27). Humans are born with the sin nature. This means we are born at a disadvantage and the propensity to “miss the mark.” ex. Prayerlessness is a sin (1 Samuel 12:23), If you know to do the right thing and you don't do it, it is sin (James 4:17). Continued sin leads to a reprobate mind (Romans 1:24)

Trespass or Transgression- means **to cross the line** or to move beyond a boundary you knew was present. David trespassed when he knowingly sent Uriah to the front lines of the battlefield so that he would be killed (2 Samuel 11). There were sins (plural) that led to his transgression. Transgression *can also* be used as a synonym for sin. They are only slightly different in meaning, more so in Hebrew than Greek. When we ‘transgress’ or trespass, we walk on a path of our own and not Christ's. Think of it as ‘backsliding.’ Transgression is a knowing departure from godliness and is not just one act of “missing the mark” like sin. “Knowingly run a stop sign, tell a lie, or disregard authority” see (Psalm 32:1) Samson intentionally broke his Nazarite vow...

Iniquity- deeply **rooted**; it means “to make a premeditated choice of disobedience to the law” Continual sin without repentance. The build up of iniquity is pictured as a “cup of iniquity” that when full receives the judgement or wrath of God. The prophet Micah (Micah 2:1) prophesies judgement on those who “plot evil on their beds! At morning's light they carry it out because it is in their power to do it.” A sin or transgressions may not be punishable by judgement, but iniquity is a “guilt or guiltiness” worthy of punishment. See Genesis 15:16 “The sin of the Amorites” was worthy of judgement. This is iniquity. Iniquity is also referred to as generational sin. See also Job 13:26, Exodus 20:5, Genesis 44:26

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If you are under grace (Galatians 5:18) then you aren't under the Law
Paul says if you are led by the Spirit you aren't under "obligation to the Law."

Paul also says that we should not be misled, we cannot mock the justice of God.
You will always reap what you sow.
If you sin, you will harvest the repercussion of it.

Meanwhile, God warns us in many ways to keep us from continuing in sin-
(Job 33:14-19), (Romans 1:24)

"For God speaks again and again. Though people don't recognize it"

HOW?

- Dreams of the night/ Visions / Whispers in our ears / Disciplines us on a bed of sickness / Disciplines us on a bed of suffering (problems, various issues of life)
He hands us over to a reprobate mind, a mind that is totally deceived or dead (i.e. a "seared consciousness")

Remember this:

Our sin affects people like us, not GOD (Job 35:6-8)

Examples of sin that can lead to trespass and then iniquity:

Job 31:11-12- LUST

Lust is a shameful sin, a crime that should be punished. It is a fire that burns all the way to Hell.

Proverbs 6:26-29- ADULTERY

"For a prostitute will bring you to poverty, but sleeping with another man's wife will cost you your life. Can a man scoop a flame into his lap and not have his clothes catch on fire? Can he walk on hot coals and not blister his feet? So it is with the man who sleeps with another man's wife. He who embraces her will not go unpunished."

SIDE NOTE:

The man who commits adultery destroys himself, he will be wounded and disgraced, his shame will never be erased. Adultery is a sin that leads to transgression if continued and if not repented of will lead to iniquity.

Iniquity that is not resolved will be passed to the 3rd and 4th generation (possibly 40 years) (Exodus 20:5). To "visit iniquity" is allowing that consequence of sin to be passed down generation to generation. The children will not be put to death for the sins of their previous generations (Ezekiel 18:2-24), but the curse of iniquity will be passed in perpetuity until it is broken.