



Study Guide - 4

Slave of the Dark Empire

Pre-Study Survey

Please answer (Yes, No, or Maybe).

1. Do you believe that you sin only whenever you do something wrong?
2. Do you believe that if you control your actions, you will not sin?
3. Do you believe that you can stop sinning anytime you want to?
4. Do you believe that it's ok to sin as long as you have an excuse?
5. Do you believe that the solution to your sinning is obeying God's law?

DISCOVER

Sin ("original sin") is the spiritual death that Adam and Eve experienced immediately after they chose to break their perfect relationship with God. How did sin begin? What are the consequences of sin? What did we inherit from Adam? How can we be set free from slavery to sin?

QUESTION-1: How did sin start in God's Kingdom?

READ-1: Ezek. 28:14-17; Isa. 14:12-15

DISCOVERY-1: SIN ORIGINATED FROM LUCIFER, THE ARCHANGEL, WHO WANTED TO RULE LIKE GOD IN HIS KINGDOM, IN OPPOSITION TO GOD'S PLAN FOR HIM.

QUESTION-2: What happened to Lucifer?

READ-2: Rev. 12:4,7-9

DISCOVERY-2: LUCIFER AND ONE-THIRD OF THE ANGELS WERE EXPELLED FROM GOD'S KINGDOM IN HEAVEN.

QUESTION-3: How did sin begin on earth?

READ-3: Gen. 2:16-17; Gen. 3:1-7; John 16:9

DISCOVERY-3: ADAM AND EVE CHOSE TO BELIEVE THE LIES OF SATAN INSTEAD OF BELIEVING GOD'S WORD.

QUESTION-4: What were the consequences of Adam's sin?

READ-4.01: Eph. 2:1; Rom. 5:12

READ-4.02: Rom. 5:19; Psalms 51:5

READ-4.03: Rom. 7:18; John 8:34

DISCOVERY-4: BECAUSE OF ADAM'S SIN, ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE BORN SLAVES OF SIN.

1. We are sinners by inheritance.
2. We are sinners by birth.
3. We are sinners by nature.
4. We are sinners by bondage.

QUESTION-5: How does the Bible define sin?

READ-5.01: 1 John 3:4; Romans 8:7

READ-5.02: Matthew 5:21,22,28 READ-5.03: Matt. 22:37-40

READ-5.04: James 2:10 READ-5.05: Jer. 13:23; Rom. 7:21-24

DISCOVERY-5: THE BIBLE'S DEFINITION OF SIN GOES BEYOND MISBEHAVIOR OR VIOLATION OF LAW.

1. Sin is positional - Opposition to God.
2. Sin is mental - Wrong thoughts and attitude.
3. Sin is relational - Failing to love.
4. Sin is indivisible - Imperfect obedience is disobedience.
5. Sin is powerful - Humanly impossible to change or control.

QUESTION-6: How are we kept in bondage to Satan's dark empire?

READ-6: 2 Cor. 4:4

DISCOVERY-6: SATAN RULES THE WORLD BY KEEPING MAN IGNORANT OF THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD AND HIS DESTINY FOR MAN.

QUESTION-7: How are we set free from sin slavery?

READ-7: John 8:32; John 14:6; John 8:36

DISCOVERY-7: JESUS, THE MESSIAH, CAME TO SET US FREE BY REVEALING THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD AND OUR NATURE.



Key 4

REALIZE MY NATURAL SELF.

As a child of Adam, I was born with a sinful nature that causes me to continually live in opposition to God. I need to realize that I am powerless to change or control this inherited natural bent to evil in my thoughts, actions, attitudes and

feelings. Only through Jesus can I be saved from this hopeless condition.

SUMMARY

Because of unbelief in God's word, man was deceived into believing Satan's lies. Instead of continuing in freedom, he was enslaved by Satan. By sinning, man chose to be separated from God, to live independent of His love and life-giving power. This separation disqualifies man from earth rulership. Apart from God, man can only live in opposition to God's original plan for him. Every human being has inherited this condition from Adam ("Original Sin" or the "sinful nature") and it controls what he thinks, feels and does. Without God's intervention, I am powerless to change my course. Jesus Christ came to set me free by giving me a new spirit. This spirit that the Holy Spirit births in me is meant to live only in liberty.

After-Study Survey

Please answer (Yes, No, or Maybe).

1. Do you understand that you sin not only in your actions but in your thoughts and attitudes as well?
2. Do you agree that you can't control your thoughts and attitudes?
3. Do you realize that you can't change your inherited tendencies to think about evil and do wrong things?
4. Do you understand that the Bible says that only Jesus can set you free from slavery to sin?

What Now?

(Please Check)

- ☐ I want to know more about how God can change my life.
- ☐ I want to be loving in my relationships.
- ☐ I believe Jesus Christ can make a difference in my life.