

THE HIGH PRICE OF SIN

(Proverbs 13:15)

- Introduction:
1. People don't like to talk about sin today, and when they do, it is softened:
 - a. Abominations are called accidents.
 - b. Wickedness is called weakness.
 - c. Sin is called a slip.
 - d. Iniquity is called an indiscretion.
 2. We need to begin seeing sin as God sees it and not as Satan advertises it.
 3. If we don't see the difference, we are bound to pay much more than what we ever realized.
 4. Sin takes one farther than he wants to go, keeps him longer than he wants to stay, and costs him more than he wants to pay.
 5. Let's look at the high price of sin by glancing at the life of Samson. *What did Samson's sins cost him?*

I. SIN COST HIM HIS SIGHT

- A. (Judges 16:21).
- B. (II Corinthians 4:3-4) Some are blinded by Satan.
- C. Sins blinds one to:
 1. It's nature (Isaiah 5:20).
 2. It's consequences (Romans 6:23).
 3. The beauty of holiness (Psalms 27:4).

II. SIN COST HIM HIS FREEDOM

- A. (Judges 16:21).
- B. (John 8:34) Sin enslaves.
- C. (Romans 6:16-20).
- D. (II Peter 2:19) While promising liberty, sin brings bondage.

III. SIN COST HIM HIS STRENGTH

- A. (Judges 16:19).
- B. (I Corinthians 11:30) Sin weakens.
- C. Sin certainly weakens one spiritually, and often weakens one emotionally and physically.

IV. SIN COST HIM HIS SELF RESPECT

- A. (Judges 16:25).
- B. Sin will rob a person of every vestige of self respect and self esteem until he cannot even look at himself in the mirror without regret.
- C. (I John 2:28) God intends better for us.

V. SIN COST HIM HIS LIFE

- A. (Judges 16:30).
- B. (Romans 6:23) Wages of sin is death.
- C. (James 1:15) The end of sin brings death.
- D. (Revelation 21:8) All sinners will experience the second death.