

# Sin's Deception

(Genesis 37-50)

- Introduction:
1. The great theologian, Bernard P. Fife once said after hearing a sermon, "Sin, that's one subject you just can't talk enough about."
  2. Never were truer words spoken.

## I. Why We Don't Talk About Sin Anymore

- A. Preachers, churches, Christians don't talk much about sin anymore.
- B. We love the Lord, but we struggle with hating sin (Romans 12:9).
- C. In 1973, Karl Menninger wrote a book entitled, "Whatever Became Of Sin?"
  1. He noted that no one wanted to talk about personal responsibility, evil, sin, wickedness.
  2. Instead, they wanted to blame conditioning, sickness, disease, and genetics.
  3. In 2008, the Oxford Jr. Dictionary removed the word, "Sin."
- D. We have become a society of euphemisms.
  1. Abortion – the right to choose.
  2. Murder – mercy killing.
  3. Suicide – dying with dignity.
  4. Homosexuality – gay.
  5. Adultery – an affair.
  6. Cursing – colorful language.
  7. Lying – misinformation.
  8. Fornication – love.
- E. These words are little more than a moral placebo to salve our guilty consciences.

## II. What Sin Does To Us

- A. (Genesis 37:27).
  1. Deceives Us - causing us to rationalize.
  2. It could be worse; At least I didn't...
- B. (Genesis 37-49).
  1. Destroys Relationships.
  2. Think of what it did to their relationship to Joseph and Jacob.
  2. Sin separates people, and separates people from God (Romans 5:1).
- C. (Genesis 42:21-22).
  1. Deprives Us of Joy.
  2. The burden of guilt is hard to bear.
  3. (Matthew 11:28-30).
- D. (Genesis 44:16).
  1. Divests Us of Hope.
  2. They knew that God knew what they had done.
  3. (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

- Conclusion:
1. If you have sin in your life, you need to remove it if you have hopes of Heaven.
  2. Don't let sin destroy you.