

REVERSING THE PATTERN OF SIN – Part 1

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- What is the Pattern of Sin?

1 – Senses	3 – Actions
2 – Desires	4 – Penalty

Gen. 3:1-5	the serpent tricked Eve
6	saw – desired – took
16-19	Eve's penalty – Adam's penalty
Josh. 7:3	Joshua's spies – did not consider the country of Ai to be a threat
5	the men of Ai struck down about 36 men
7	Joshua approached the Lord God
20-21	Achan confessed to stealing.....saw – coveted – took
25	penalty
2 Sam. 11:2-4	saw – inquired – took her
14-17	killed Uriah
2 Sam. 12:10-12	penalty
Acts 8:18-19	saw – wanted “power” – offered money
20-23	penalty
James 1:14-15	desires (through the senses) – actions – penalty

- Notice the variety of lust
 - Eve trusted her wisdom
 - Achan physical possessions
 - King David sexual desires
 - Simon power & prestige
- How do you change the pattern of sin? – You reverse the sequence
 - You avoid the penalty – by changing actions
 - You avoid bad actions – by changing desires
 - You avoid bad desires – by changing what your senses absorb
- But what is the first step? – How do you remove the penalty?
- You remove the penalty – through repentance – a lifetime of repentance and obedience

Acts 2:38	repent – be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins
Rom. 7:15-25	Paul described inward battle – a lifetime of repentance

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- How do you reverse the penalty? – Repentance
- How do you reverse bad actions? – By changing desires

Luke 6:45 our actions – reflect what is in our heart
Matt. 5:28 lust is an early form of sin

Wrong reaction – “since I was lusting already, I decided to commit the action
Right reaction – “since I was lusting, I needed to battle the sin at this stage before
it became an action”

- How do you reverse your desires? – By changing what the senses absorb

Matt. 6:22	if your eye be single, your whole body will be full of light
Acts 17:11	searched the scriptures daily
Rom. 10:17	faith comes by hearing the word of God
Rom. 15:4	written for our learning – comfort of the scriptures = hope
Matt. 4:3	word of God – greater than – what you smell & taste
5-6	word of God – greater than – what you hear
8-9	word of God – greater than – what you see
Matt. 13:44	parable about the Kingdom

- 1 – Senses – Find the Kingdom
- 2 – Desires – Receive with joy
- 3 – Actions – Invest your life
- 4 – Reward – The Kingdom of God

Heb. 11:13	saw the promises
14-16	heavenly country
	1 – Senses – saw promises
	2 – Desires – embraced promises
	3 – Actions – strangers & pilgrims
	4 – Reward – heavenly country