

9. Finally, sin leads to abandoning God and isolation.

Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” (Genesis 4:13-14)

People ruin their lives by their own foolishness
and then are angry at the Lord. (Proverbs 19:3 NLT)

But the Lord said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. 16 So Cain went out from the Lord’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden. (Genesis 4:15-16)

Notes



The Core

Core 2:
We are each created by God,
but, we are all corrupted by Sin.

What does the Bible say about sin?

1. We have rebelled against God.

“as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” (Romans 3:10-12, ESV)

2. We are separated from God.

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom 3:23)

“but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God.” (Isaiah 59:2 ESV)

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins.” (Ephesians 2:1)

3. We are dead without God.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23 ESV)

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?” (1 Corinthians 15:55 ESV)

The Progression of Sin

1. We are all born with a sinful human nature.

“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.”
(Romans 5:12 ESV)

“Lord, I have been a sinner from birth,
from the moment my mother conceived me.” (Psalm 51:5)

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.” Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.
(Genesis 4:1-5)

“By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts.” (Hebrews 11:4)

2. Sin causes a lack of faith.

“We obligate ourselves to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord; also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks;” (Neh 10:35-36)

3. Lack of faith says, “God will not provide for me.”

4. Pride says, “I can do it on my own - I can do it without God.”

5. Lack of dependence on God leads to anger.
Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? (Genesis 4:6)

6. Anger causes us to ignore the warnings of God.

If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” (Genesis 4:7)

And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.
(Ephesians 4:26 NLT)

7. Ignoring the warnings of God will eventually allow sin to overtake you.

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.
(Genesis 4:8)

8. When sin overtakes a person their heart turns hard.

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”
“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”
The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.” (Genesis 4:9-12)