

Do We Continue in Sin that Grace May Abound?

1. What does the Old Testament say about living in sin?

From the website jewishjewels.org—*Sin, in the Hebrew mind, is [...] the violation of a commandment, an action (chatta'ah-H2403). Iniquity, on the other hand, is our natural inclination to sin, a state of being (avon-H5771). "Avon" is passed down from generation to generation. Orthodox Judaism calls "avon" Yetzer Hara, the evil inclination.—Genesis 6:5*

Sin → chatta'ah-H2403

Genesis 4:7—1st time the word “sin” is used in scriptures

1 Kings 8:33-36—God expects His people to repent. He will not pour out blessings on disobedient people.

2 Kings 10:31—Jehu took no heed (literally—lo shamar → did not guard) to the Torah. Therefore, he continued in his sin.

Proverbs 10:16; 13:6; 14:34—Righteousness is the complete opposite of sin.

Jeremiah 36:3—Turning from sin leads to forgiveness.

Ezekiel 3:20-21—When a righteous man turns from his righteousness, it won't be remembered → **Matthew 7:21-23**; v.17—“warning” → zahar (H2094)—give warning, teach, admonish, shine—It's a stern warning with a light of hope, which is repentance.

Ezekiel 33:14, 16—Turning from sin=living eternally

Zechariah 14:19—Punishment → sin. If it is a sin not to keep Tabernacles in the kingdom, how about now?

Iniquity → avon-H5771

Exodus 34:7, 9—Read v. 5-9. “Transgression” → peshah-H6588—rebellion; A sin can be intentional or unintentional (more likely to repent quickly), but a transgression is always intentional (less likely to repent).

Numbers 15:30-31—“Presumptuously” → b'yad ramah (H7411)—with a deceiving hand; read v.30-36

Deuteronomy 5:9-10—Echoes **Exodus 20:4-6** and **34:6-7**; “jealous” → qanah-H7067—used of God as not bearing any rival

Psalms 18:20-24—“Before me” → neged-H5048—opposing me, pushing me away from sin—**Genesis 2:18**—“ezer c'negedo”—help opposite or help meet; v.23—Hithpael form of shamar

Psalms 25:4-15—The LORD shows His way to those who walk in His way, not those who are rebellious.

Psalms 32:1-11 → Romans 4:7-8

Psalms 51:1-17—v.1-“blot out” → machah-H4229—command form, also called the imperative form

Psalms 89:32—Read v.30-37; The throne of David is established forever through Messiah, but God will still punish the iniquity of wicked kings (**Jeremiah 22**)

Psalms 103:1-18—The LORD forgives the iniquity of those who fear Him, keep His covenant, and do His commandments.

Proverbs 5:21-23—“Before” → nochah-H5227—**Ezekiel 14:3, 4, and 7**

Isaiah 1:4—Solution is in v.16-17

Isaiah 59:1-2

Jeremiah 5:25—Sin and iniquity hold back the blessings of God.

Jeremiah 11:10—Read v.6-13; the people conspire (qesher-H7195 → commit treason) against the LORD by serving baal (v.12).

Jeremiah 16:10—Read v.10-13; v.10-“show” → nagad-H5046—to make conspicuous, or blatantly obvious

Ezekiel 18:14-32—Iniquity is used 6 times (v.17, 18, 19, 20 [x2], 30); v.19 and 20—“guilt” → iniquity; v.24, 26 (x2)—evel H5766, not avon

Ezekiel 36:16-38—v.31-“loathe” → quwt-H6962—translated as “disgusted” in **Psalms 119:158**

Daniel 9:13, 16 → Read v.13-19; v.13-“understand” → sacal-H7919—**Nehemiah 8:13**-understand and do

2. What does the New Testament say about living in sin?

Sin → noun hamartia (ham-ar-tee'-ah)-G266 and verb hamartano (ham-ar-tan'-oh)-G264

Matthew 1:21 and 26:28—Yeshua came to save people from their sins.

John 8:34—Read v.31-36; committing sin continually makes you a slave of sin.

Acts 3:19—Turning from sin leads to times of refreshing now, but also it ushers in the kingdom of Messiah→**Matthew 23:37-39**

Romans 3:20—The Law teaches us what sin is

Romans 6:1-23 (15x- v.1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23; hamartano in v. 15)

Ephesians 2:1—Read v.1-3; notice the emphasis on how we USED to be

Colossians 2:11—Read v.11-14; Because the LORD forgave us our sins, we are no longer to continue in them.

Hebrews 3:13—Read v.12-14; Sin is deceitful and causes one to not hold on until the end (goal).

Hebrews 10:26—Read v.26-31; Notice the expectation of judgement comes AFTER one comes to the knowledge of the truth→**Revelation 1:5**

James 1:12-15—If one continues in sin, it brings forth death, not life. The grace of God is forgiveness of sins that deserve death.

1 Peter 2:24—Read v.21-25; We died to sins in order to live for righteousness.

1 John 3:4—What if you do sin? **1 John 1:9-2:2; 4:10**

Revelation 18:4-5—His people will not share in the sins and iniquities (adikema [ad-ee-k'-ay-ma]-G92) of the world, even in the Tribulation period.

Iniquity →adikia (ad-ee-kee'-ah)-G93

Luke 13:27—Compare to **Matthew 7:23**; iniquity and lawlessness go hand-in-hand because both are lifestyles, not just single events.

Romans 1:18, 29—Unrighteousness is iniquity and lawlessness. God's wrath will be revealed against these people.

Romans 2:8—Read v.5-10; Notice the two categories, the righteous and the lawless

2 Thessalonians 2:12—Read v.9-12; The ones who are sent a strong delusion are ones who obeyed unrighteousness and ignored the truth→**Psalms 119:142**

2 Timothy 2:19—Those that are the LORD's are the ones who depart from iniquity, or unrighteousness.

3. **Do we live in darkness or in the light?**

Light (phos-G5457—equivalent to Hebrew word “or”-H216)→righteousness, truth; Darkness (scotia [skah-tee'-uh]-G4653—mostly equivalent to Hebrew word “choshek”-H2822→sin

John 1:5—“Comprehend”→katalambano-G2638—to attain, to make one's own, or find (one Hebrew equivalent is matzah—to find); Light (righteousness) shines on darkness (sin), and sin wants no part of righteousness.

John 12:46—Messiah came so that we might abide in the light, not darkness→**Proverbs 6:23**

Acts 26:18—Notice the dichotomy of satan and darkness and God and light.

Romans 13:11-14—Because time is running so short, it is foolish to live fleshly lives. Rather, our focus should be on living for God. V.12 and 14—“put on”→endyo (en-doo'-oh)-G1746—to put on clothing

2 Corinthians 6:14—Read 6:14-7:1; If we are saved, it is the expectation that we come out of the world and be separate; v. 17—“touch”-haptomai (hap'-tom-my)-G680—Greek equivalent of “naga”-H5060—To cling, to fasten oneself to; “Holiness” in 7:1→**Hebrews 12:14**

Ephesians 5:8-21—We have a duty to not only stay away from works of darkness, but we are to expose them and bring them to light.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-10—v.1—“seasons”→kairos-G2540—Greek equivalent of “mo'ed”

1 John 1:5-10—If we say we are one of His and walk in sin, we do not practice truth. We must not have a lifestyle of sin if we are to be considered a child of God.

Isaiah 5:20—This is the state of the world today, but this warning was to people who claimed to be His people.