



# REBUILD *this* TEMPLE

DAY 6

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## THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

If we are to become spiritually mature, it is essential to reflect deeply on the profound implications of sin in our lives. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* provides us with profound insights, notably, in paragraph 1440, where it states, “Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him.” This simple yet powerful statement encapsulates the spiritual tragedy that sin represents—a severance of our profound bond with the Divine source of love and life.

When we consider mortal sin, the gravity intensifies. Mortal sin is a deliberate turning away from God that completely separates us from His grace. Until we earnestly seek reconciliation through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we remain apart from the life-giving grace that sustains our souls. This separation leaves us spiritually desolate and in dire need of the healing and restoring embrace of God’s mercy.

Even sins that seem minor—venial sins—wound our soul and gradually diminish our spiritual vitality. These sins weaken our resolve and cloud our intellect, making the resistance to future temptations more difficult and hindering our growth in virtue. It is much like a gradual numbing, where over time, without tending to these lesser offenses, our spiritual senses become dull.

The consequences of sin ripple beyond our relationship with God—infiltrating and sometimes devastating our human relationships as well. Within families and communities, sin fosters discord and can be the root of severe conflicts and divisions. Moreover, sin instigates an internal battle within each of us. When we act contrary to God’s laws, the natural harmony between our conscience and actions is disrupted. We experience guilt and spiritual unrest because deep down, we know the truth God has inscribed on our hearts. Ignoring this divine voice leads to internal discord and robs us of true peace.

Perhaps most insidiously, sin has the effect of desensitizing us to God. Repeated indulgence in sinful behavior numbs our spiritual faculties. We become increasingly deaf to His call, our hearts hardened, unable to feel His presence and love. This numbness blinds us to the beauty and goodness of God, distancing us from the path of holiness He invites us to walk.

Yet, amidst this somber reflection, there is hope. Our God is infinitely merciful. Through sincere contrition, which I will discuss further tomorrow, the door to God’s grace swings open wide once more, inviting us to step into the light of His love and forgiveness. However, if our relationship with God is going to be free of narcissism, we must confront the truth that there are consequences to sin.

## G O I N G D E E P E R

Take an extra 15 minutes for prayer today. Begin by re-reading Psalm 51. Read it once to familiarize yourself with the text. Then, read it a second time, slowing down to focus on the word or phrase that resonates with you. Read it a third time, again slowly, and see if the same word or phrase still speaks to you. Finally, have a conversation with God about how this word or phrase relates to your life. Take a moment to listen and invite God to speak to you.