



REBUILD *this* TEMPLE

DAY 5

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HOW OUR SIN AFFECTS GOD

Thus far this we we have come to taste anew that God is love, the pure and boundless expression of goodness and mercy. He extends this love to us through a deeply personal relationship, inviting us to share in His divine life. As we dwell in His love, He nurtures us, guides us, and calls us to grow in holiness. This relationship is not just a theological concept but the heart of Christian life, where God's love is continually revealed and poured out to transform us.

However, while God offers this immeasurable love, sin disrupts this relationship. Sin is more than a mere moral failing; it is a breach in our connection with God, rejecting His love and closing ourselves off to the grace He offers. It damages our bond with Him, as it distances us from the very source of life and love. Instead of walking in the light of His presence, sin casts shadows that hide us from God's face and make us deaf to His call.

The more we turn to sin, the more familiar it becomes, gradually desensitizing us to God's presence. Sin dulls our spiritual senses, so we become indifferent to God's plan for our lives. Our hearts harden, leaving us vulnerable to deeper alienation from His love. In this state, we may become less aware of the depth of our transgressions and less willing to turn back to God in repentance. This spiritual indifference is a great danger, as it masks the true extent of our need for God's mercy.

Scripture vividly illustrates how sin affects God. In Genesis 6:6-7, we are given a profound insight into God's response to sin: "And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart." This passage reveals that our sin deeply affects God, not as a distant or detached force, but as a loving Father who bears the pain of our infidelity. God's regret and grief of heart illustrate that our sins are not mere offenses to rules but betrayals of the love He continually offers us.

This depiction underscores the truth that God feels our sins acutely, as each sin is a choice against His will and love. Yet, His response is not wrathful abandonment but pained yet hopeful love longing for our return. God's heart remains open, constantly inviting us back to His loving embrace through repentance and reconciliation.

Understanding how our sin affects God brings to light the immense love and mercy He continually shows us. It is a call to live more truly in His love, turning away from sin so that our relationship with Him is restored and deepened. Let us beg the Lord for the grace to never become indifferent to our sin, but seek always to live as true children of God, ever mindful of His love and ready to reflect His light in the world.

G O I N G D E E P E R

Take an extra 15 minutes for prayer today. Begin by 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, ask yourself: "What is my attitude towards sin? How does my sin affect God?"