

**KINDS OF SIN – SECRET SINS**

Psalm 19:12-14

## INTRODUCTION

- A. In our lessons we will observe some general classifications of sins and the various kinds of sin mentioned in God's Word.
- B. In our text, David mentions four different kinds of sin: secret sins, presumptuous sins, sins of the heart, and sins of the tongue.
- C. Tonight we will discuss Psalm 19:12 – Secret Sins.

## DISCUSSION

- I. SECRET SINS ARE SINS WE COMMIT UNKNOWINGLY, UNDISCERNINGLY, IGNORANTLY – SINS OF WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE.
  - A. Leviticus 5:14-19.
    - 1. ("known" – Strong's H3045 – "yada" – "to be made known, perceived, instructed." (Niphal).
    - 2. Psalm 19:12 – Strong's H5641 – "sawthar" – "to hide oneself, to be hidden, be concealed." (Niphal).
    - 3. It seems that this is the primary import of David's petition in verse 12.
  - B. How are such secret sins discovered and avoided?
    - 1. Be keenly aware that you have such sins.
    - 2. Be like David, pray to God about such, asking His help in ascertaining them.
    - 3. Be willing to do self-examination. 2 Corinthians 13:5.
    - 4. Be a student of God's Word. 2 Timothy 2:15. The reason being that the Word of God is God's instrument to convict of sin. Romans 7:7; 3:20; Titus 1:9; John 16:7-13.
    - 5. Be persistent in avoiding any sin; for, sin habitually committed ceases to be recognized and admitted as sin.
- II. SECRET SINS ARE SINS WHICH ARE CONCEALED FROM THE EYES OF OTHERS.
  - A. Ephesians 5:12; Psalm 90:8.
  - B. Sin seeks secrecy.
    - 1. The thief, the sensuous, the murderer, the false teacher, etc., all want secrecy.
    - 2. John 3:20-21.
  - C. Such secret sins will not likely remain secret. Numbers 32:23.
    - 1. The sins of Ananias and Sapphira – Acts 5:1-11.
    - 2. Jonah – Jonah 1.
    - 3. David – 2 Samuel 12:1-14.
    - 4. Gehazi – 2 Kings 5:23-27.
    - 5. Achan – Joshua 7:10-26.
  - D. Such secret sins, through unknown to men, are known to God! Matthew 6:4, 6, 18; Psalm 69:5; Genesis 16:13; Jonah 1:3-4.
  - E. Such secret sins are oftentimes, the most insidious of sins. Psalm 64:1-10.
  - F. Such secret sins crush the offender's soul. Psalm 32:1-5; 38:1-4.
  - G. Such secret sins bring death to the sinner. Secret sins are hidden foxes which gnaw at the vitals of our spiritual beings.
  - H. Such secret sins will be brought to light at the judgment. Ecclesiastes 12:14; Luke 12:2-5; Romans 2:16; 1 Timothy 5:24.
  - I. Such secret sins are usually the most dangerous. Why? We are left to our own initiative and may have become indifferent to the dangers of our "secret" sins.
- III. SECRET SINS ARE SINS COMMITTED IN THE HEART.

- A. Ezekiel 8:12.
- B. These sins consist of impurity of thought. Matthew 5:27-29. Improper motives. Philippians 1:15-17. Bad attitudes. Luke 15:25-32. Violations of the conscience. Romans 14:22-23.
- C. Though they are in the heart, they are still sin. 1 John 3:15; Matthew 5:21-22.
- D. Such will find expression in over action. Proverbs 4:23; 23:7.
- E. Remember: God knows our secret sins. 1 Kings 8:39.

#### CONCLUSION

- A. Secret sins can be “covered” in the blood of Christ. Psalm 32:1; 85:2; James 5:19-20.
- B. Acts 22:16 – all repented sins are washed away.
- C. Have you obeyed the Christ?