



A Study on the adverse
effects of Sin!

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My Monster and Me!



“Every animal leaves traces of what it was; Man alone leaves traces of what he created.”

Jacob Bronowski

“And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes will be opened, and ye shall be gods, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:4,5 KJV

“My dear brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back again, you can be sure that the one who brings that person back will save that sinner from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.”

James 5:19, 20 NKJV

“Dear brothers and sisters, if another Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back on the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each others troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody.”

Galatians 6:1-3 NLT

Sin in its primary state is the coronation of self over Christ.

This story typifies the relationship between man and sin. Sin is a creation born out of the disobedience of men. Although man may try to control its power, it will inevitably begin to take control of the man. When a Christian sins they are making a creation of their own

self-image. This creature will demand to be nurtured and fed even if it means devouring the ones we love the most. Unless this creature is confronted through the power of a repentant heart, it will continue to wander treacherously through the dark corridors of our soul. The purpose of this teaching is to show the inherent dangers of a Christian harboring sin and that to do so is to bring great peril upon our lives and those we love.



The 1931 movie adaptation of Mary Shelly's Frankenstein has long been revered as the template of modern horror movies. Uncharacteristically tame in light of our post-modern age, Frankenstein still has the power to intrigue and mystify. A mere conversance of its thesis can lead to more stimulating questions, "Can man make something in his own image? Can man take the place of God? Can mortal man wield the instruments of immortality?" These questions date back to the Garden of Eden and have set the perimeters of human existence since its inception. However, our purpose is to allegorize this gothic tale and squeeze every ounce of spiritual truth from it.

"Where do Monsters really come from?"

When a Christian opens the door to sin in their life they (like Dr. Frankenstein) create a monster that will ultimately be their demise. Through this story, I would like to expose the dangers of harboring secret sin and the monsters it creates.

"When we start going into the closet, we'll start living in the closet, and then one day we'll find that we are locked in the closet."

"Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted of God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when they are drawn

away by his own desires and enticed. Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death.”

James 1:13-15 NKJV

“Be sure that your sins will find you out!”

Moses



It is clear that in this story Dr. Frankenstein is in over his head, dabbling in something he could not control. Blinded by the twins of destruction: pride and deception, Dr. Frankenstein blindly puts himself in harms way. So wrapped up in his selfish desire, he focused on what he could do, rather on whether he should.

“But I fear, Lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus.”

2 Corinthians 11:3 NKJV

Deception causes us to be blind to our folly and leads us down a path of isolation. The enemy seeks to divide you from God and concerned family and friends so that he may conquer your life.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”

1 Peter 5:8 KJV

The devil seeks to isolate us from the rest of the pack, so we are easy prey.

A Lioness looks for the straggler within the herd. Probing for weakness in her prey.

Christians straggle because:

They are hurt (Offense, bitterness)

Inattentive

Sick

Distracted

When we are under sins sway we are convinced that what we are doing is for our own benefit and are unable to see the road we are on. Others begin to see the destination that is forthcoming and begin to speak to us concerning our spiritual condition, but we stubbornly plod along unaware of the consequences to our actions.

Regardless of the cost of popularity in any relationship we must warn a brother or sister if we see them in sins grip!

“When I say to the wicked, “You shall surely die, and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life. That same wicked man shall die in his sins, but his blood I will require at your hand.” Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul.” Ezekiel 3:18, 19 KJV

“Open rebuke is better than love carefully concealed.”

Proverbs 27:5

Do not be alarmed if the initial confrontation does not cause them to deter from their malevolent behavior, because it will serve as a foundation for restoration later.

“...But speaking the truth in love...”

Ephesians 4:15 KJV

“What you crown in private, will eventually reign in public.”



The most lethal deception concerning sin is the perceived ability to control it. We believe that we can chain it up and make it serve our carnal needs. Through behavior modification, routine and even religion we can temporarily squelch the monsters appetite. But without the Lordship of Christ in the area the monster dwells, we will again fall prey to its power.



“For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.”

Romans 7:15 NKJV

There are many ways we try to temporarily sedate the monster. We may use drugs and alcohol, co-dependent and corrupt relationships or other diversions in life. Coping mechanisms that only breed more monstrosities bring feigned relief and temporary reprieve. However these chains will soon give way and the monster will be free to wreak havoc in our life!

“For the wages of sin is DEATH, but the gift of God is eternal LIFE in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 6:23 KJV

Death has many venues:



Friends and Family (Joshua 7: 10 – 26)

**“I, who irretrievably destroyed thee, by destroying all thou lovedst.”
The Monster to Dr. Frankenstein Chapter 24**

Opportunity in Life (2 Kings 5: 20 – 27)

Destiny and Purpose (Numbers 20: 1 – 13)

Self-defeating Death (Esther 7: 1 – 10)

“Sin is an equal opportunity Destroyer!”

Sin’s payday is not always exacted on the perpetrator; payment can be exacted on innocent parties associated with the person responsible. So often the ones we dearly love are targeted and become the first victims in our spiral down to destruction. We should come to ourselves if we see the adverse effects of secret sin soaking into our loved ones, but many times we are blind to it’s effects turning to blame shifting and pathetic excuses.

**“You cannot sin alone.”
David Emigh**



“But when he came to himself...”

Luke 15:17 KJV

“Now when they had heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

Acts 2:37 NKJV

The consequences of our sin will eventually bring us to a moment of truth. We reach a crossroads where a decision must be made. Will we continue allowing the monster to rule our lives or will we rid ourselves and our world of this sinful atrocity?

“Personal sin can only be convicted and sentenced when we personally condemn it to death.”

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9 NKJV

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10: 3-5 NKJV

“Never Underestimate the Power of the Repentant Heart!”

**“For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.”
1 Corinthians 11:31 NKJV**

We must put the monster in its rightful place by convicting it as God convicts it. Burning it out of our lives by the fires of repentance and confession!

Next time we are confronted with creating a monster we will ask ourselves this question:

“Will I crown Christ or Self at the time of Temptation?”

