

"Fear of Sin" Psalms 4:4 2-28-43.

1-Psalms 4:4-Stand in Awe, and sin not:  
commune with your own heart upon  
your bed, and be still. Selah.

1-Awe: First time used in the Bible.

Comes from a Greek word which means:

To be angry, and sin not. A like state-  
ment by Paul, Eph. 4:26, Be ye angry and  
sin not.

2-Awe: Psalms 33:8-Inhabitants of the world  
stand in awe: Means to: Shrink, be afraid

3-Awe: Psalms 119:161-My heart standeth in  
awe of thy word: Means to: Fear.

4-Selah: Used 71 time in Psalms and three  
times in the book of Habakkuk.

Selah is a Hebrew word and seems to have  
identified a Hebrew musical note which  
meant to: Pause; Lift up; or Mark this.

5-Selah nowhere has any grammatical connec-  
tion with the context.

2-David said, "Mark this: Stand in Awe and sin  
not."

1-This morning we use the word AWE in the  
sense of fear, so, "The Fear of Sin!"

3-There is no cowardice in being afraid of sin.

1-There is no true courage in daring to break  
God's Law and defy God's anger. Joseph was  
no coward, but a brave man, when he said,  
"How can I do this great wickedness, and  
sin against God," Gen 39:9.

4-My proposition: To point out some chief  
reasons for cherishing the  
fear of sin.

1-FIRST: Because of what sin is in regard  
to God.

1-It insults the majesty of God.

2-Sin practically denies the existence of  
God. At the very least, It denies the  
Authority of God, and heaps scorn on His  
warning, "The soul that sinneth, it shall  
die," Ezekiel 18:4; 20. 1-SIN GRIEVES GOD,  
AND SIN ROBS GOD.

2-Another reason for cherishing the fear of sin  
is: Second, reason:

Because of what sin is to the  
sinner.

1-Sin actually breaks the inward law of man's  
nature.

2-Sin defaces God's image.

3-Sin destroys man's power to know God.

4-People complain that the Bible is over-severe  
regarding sin.

5-That the Bible is too hard on human nature in  
representing it as fallen, corrupt, dead.

6-THEY FORGET THE REASON: The noble and lofty  
view the Bible takes of man.

1-A little lower than the angels; Heb. 2:7..

2-Man is made in the image of God, Gen. 1:27..

3-Man is the offspring of God, Acts 17:29.

4-A ruined hut is no great matter, but a  
palace in ruins is a woeful spectacle.

3-The THIRD reason for cherishing the fear of  
sin is:

Because of what it does to the sinner.

1-Look about you and see the:

1-The harvest of broken hearts; 2-Ruined lives;  
3-blasted hopes; 4-Wasted powers AND desolate  
homes, ALL THE RESULT OF SIN.

2-IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THIS LOOK ABOUT AND SEE:

1-The disease; agony; despair, death; which  
sin sows and reaps every day.

3-We sometimes gloss the vilest sin over by  
saying, "He is only sowing his wild oats."

HIS WILD OATS DID YOU SAY:

1-Where did he get them?

2-Who gave him leave to steal them?

3-What will the harvest be? and who will  
reap them? YOU SAY, "He will come about all  
right by-and-by. Suppose he does, WILL THOSE  
COME RIGHT WHOM HE HAS HELPED TO MISLEAD AND  
RUIN. The blood of Christ required to cleanse from  
sin. His blood shed on the Cross, so I point you  
to: The Cross the mightiest persuader to  
"stand in awe, and sin not!"

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