

LITTLE SINS

Romans 6:23 ... "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Habakkuk 1:13 ... "You [God] are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness..."

We are all afflicted with a condition that compels us to justify our actions. One of the first things that many people do when caught in sin by a friend, family member, or employer, is to think of an excuse. They blame someone else, the weather, liquor, drugs, or peer pressure. We naturally want to avoid getting caught because having our sins revealed is humiliating.

A common justification is to claim that the sin you committed, is small. We call minor dishonesty, "white lies," or "fibs" and claim they are not serious problems. We label small-time thieves as "shoplifters," or "pick pockets," and excuse their actions as no big deal. Some people look the other way when a man strikes his wife; some even defend him by saying, "She probably deserved it." When a boy rapes a girl, neighbors say, "That's just the way boys are." A former Barangay captain lectured two adult brothers who raped minor girls, telling them "Don't do that again," and let them go without taking responsibility for the children they produced.

The criminal justice system implemented by God for thousands of years was very simple. For certain crimes, you were executed, for others you were whipped, and for others you compensated your victims. There were no large prisons, long drawn-out trials, or lengthy appeal processes. Our approach today is to make victims suffer as much as possible and protect the criminals. However, a time is coming when God's justice system will erase the faulty tolerance of man and reintroduce instant punishment.

When Christ returns, every person who ever lived will be resurrected and required to meet Jesus face to face. When your time comes to face him, you will either hear him pronounce your sentence or your reward. There will be no defense attorneys, displays of evidence, CCTV footage, eye-witness testimony, legal manipulation, or plea deals for those Jesus sentences. You will not be able to blame someone else. For those who did not repent of their sins and choose Jesus as Lord before their death, justice will be swift and final. The wisest choice you can make today, is to confess your sins to God and repent of them (turn away and do not repeat them). Then, ask God every morning to guide you away from temptation and help you become the man or woman of God who will receive the reward of heaven, instead of the sentence to hell.

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