

THE THIEF OF THE SAINT **(Jeremiah 5:23-25)**

As we can see in these verses and many others, sin is a thief and robs the believer of good things that God wants to give us. Thank God the sin question has been resolved by Jesus Christ our Lord so we don't have to suffer the eternal punishment for our sins. However, our sins have consequences, (**Gal. 6:7**), and it robs us of many blessings from our heavenly Father.

A GOOD CONSCIENCE

John 8:9 The more we are involved in sin the harder it is to get away from feeling soiled and without the ability to be counted with righteous people.

I Timothy 1:5 The sin in our life will rob us from the most important fruit of the Spirit, love. When we continue in sin our faith in God diminishes so we lose hope and also lose a clear conscience.

I Timothy 4:1-2 Sin will rob us of a pure heart and the ability to perceive right from wrong.

Isaiah 48:22 The sin in our life can rob us of the 'peace of God' that we should have as believers.

Genesis 4:5 Sin usually robs us of a peaceful countenance.

A GOOD CHARACTER

II Timothy 3:10 Paul referred to his character as his "manner of life." People know us by our outward appearance but God knows us by our "manner of life" and when it's bad we lose our character.

II Peter 2:6-8 The sinful people and lifestyle we choose will cause us to lose good character.

Acts 15:36-39 The sinful decisions that we make leave an indelible impression for a long time.

II Timothy 4:10 How many of God's people have been sucked into the world by allowing the 'old man' to tinker with sin until it has a grip on us and suddenly we are robbed of good character.

JOYFUL FELLOWSHIP

Psalms 51:12 As we see in David's life, his sin had robbed him of his fellowship with God.

Galatians 5:22 When we are in sin we are robbed of the fruits of the Spirit such as love and joy.

Psalms 137:1-4 The bible shows that when God's people are in sin they are robbed of His happiness.

Isaiah 59:1-2 When we refuse to repent from our sin God will stop listening and answering prayer.

HEAVENLY REWARDS

Revelation 3:11 Salvation is a gift from God and we can't lose that. However, we can be robbed of the rewards that God would like us to have.

II John 1:8 The more we stray from God's perfect will, the more we rob ourselves from our reward.

I Corinthians 3:10-15 Every Christian will stand before the One who paid the price for our eternal life. Most believers will come far short of receiving a full reward because sin will have robbed us of many rewards without us even realizing it. More than we think will be saved "yet so as by fire" without a single reward. Let us be aware of sin every day and keep short accounts with our heavenly Father.