

## **THE THIEF OF BELIEVERS (Jeremiah 5:20-29)**

**Jeremiah 5:25** Sin is the biggest thief a Christian could ever have. It robs us of everything that God desires us to have in this life and the life to come.

**Isaiah 59:2** Our sin keeps us from fellowship with God and keeps God from answering our prayers.

**Galatians 6:7** Sin cannot take our 'sonship' away (**Gal. 4:4-7**) **neither** can it take our 'salvation' away from us (**Jn. 3:15-16**) but as the bible indicates sin for the believer and nonbeliever has consequences.

### **Sin Robs Us Of A Good Conscience**

**John 8:9** It is impossible to sit in judgment of other peoples sin when all along our own conscience is agonizing over our own short falls and our hearts are not right with God.

**I Timothy 1:5-7** Often we as believers that are not right with God and are being convicted but not repentant become judgmental and lose the love gift that every believer has from The Holy Spirit.

**I Timothy 4:1-2** Over time our sin can turn a good conscience into one that is so callous and hard that we will not listen to sound doctrine and truth but will listen to false doctrine and lies.

### **Sin Robs Us Of The Peace Of God**

**Isaiah 48:17-18, 22** God reminds His people that His desire is for us to have His rest and peace but He will keep it far from us when we are in sin and do not heed His instruction and calling.

**Proverbs 3:5-6** When we are in sin God's leading and guidance is lost to us. We are led by our own understanding if we do not have God's help and that always leads down the wrong road.

**Isaiah 26:3** When believers are living in sin and disobedience to God our mind, hearts and will are not focused on our Savior but on ourselves. When we are self willed God's peace will not be ours.

### **Sin Robs Us Of A Good Countenance**

**Genesis 4:5-6** When we know right from wrong and sin against God or others, most of the time we get sad or overly stern with those around us and they can tell that something is wrong with us.

**Isaiah 3:9** God reminds us that sin can get to the point of turning believers into people that look and act exactly like the lost. Believers that have rejected confession and repentance can be arrogant and possess an attitude that is hostile to all that is right.

### **Sin Will Rob Us Of Our Joy**

**Psalms 51:12** As David tells us in his helpless state of sin that we can lose the joy of the Lord when we have sinned against God. Unfortunately for most believers we do not cry out to God for help.

**Galatians 5:22** One of God's spiritual laws teaches us that we cannot be filled with our sin and be filled with the Holy Spirit at the same time, one or the other must be ruling in our soul.

**II Timothy 4:3-4** When we are in sin we cannot enjoy the study or the teaching and preaching of God's word. We will not enjoy fellowship with believers and will find excuses why we miss church.

### **Sin Robs Us Of Eternal Rewards**

**Revelation 3:11** We can have accumulated many rewards but can lose them in a moment of time.

**I Corinthians 3:13-15; II John 1:8** Lets make sure all our sin is confessed and repented of so we can stand at the Judgment Seat and receive something of eternal value.