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THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN

(Genesis 3:1-4)

INTRODUCTION

(Hebrews 3:12-13) "Beware ("take heed"), brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin"

Bumper sticker reads: "If it feels good, do it."

You may call garlic "perfume" all you want to, but it still stinks.

(Isaiah 5:20-21) "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight."

1. DECEITFUL IN ITS PROMISE OF WHAT IT WILL BRING

(Genesis 3:5) "The serpent said to the woman, You will not surely die"
Sin promised Eve life and knowledge; but, sin brought sorrow and an exit from Eden.

(Hebrews 11:24-25) "By faith Moses ... choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin."

(Galatians 6:7) "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows that will he also reap"

Sin sets a beautiful table, but it does not show the belly-ache that comes after.

2. DECEITFUL IN ITS APPEARANCE

Sin will show you its shining start, but not its dark end.

(2 Samuel 12:16, v19) David ends up weeping.

(Genesis 13:12-13) Lot ends up seeing his wife turn into a pillar of salt.

(Judges 16:23-30) Samson ends up captive and dies.

(Luke 15:11-16) The son who was prodigal spent all and ended down in a hog pen.

3. DECEITFUL IN ITS CURE

Sin gets us into trouble, and then we believe the cure sin offers.

Sin says, "Forget it" / God says, "Repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38)

Sin says, "Hide it" / (Proverbs 15:3) "The eyes of the Lord are in every place"

Sin says, "Deny it" / (Romans 10:10) "... confession is made unto salvation"

Sin says, "Wait" / (2 Corinthians 6:2) "... Now is the acceptable time ..."

CLOSE: (Proverbs 13:15) "The way of the transgressor is hard"