

# SUBTLE SINS -1

# Psalm 48

(9) God, we have meditated on your gracious love in the midst of your Temple. (10) God, according to your name, so is your praise to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. (11) Mount Zion will be glad; the towns of Judah will rejoice because of your judgments. ... For this God is our God forever and ever. He will guide us until death.

**Psa 89:5-7** Let the heavens praise your wonders,  
O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the  
holy ones! (6) For who in the skies can be  
compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly  
beings is like the LORD, (7) a God greatly to  
be feared in the council of the holy ones,  
and awesome above all who are around  
him?

Respectable

or

Acceptable

or

**Subtle SINS**

# Subtle SINS

- Hard to grasp;
- not obvious or easily understood;
- barely noticeable.
- Not open or direct;
- crafty; sly.

## Subtle SINS

- Not precipitated
- Like mild salt water
- Once you warm it, the salt comes out
- But it is in the water all the time

What is a false premise.

- A false premise is a false conclusion made based on a truth or argument previously made.
- a previous statement or proposition from which **another is inferred** or follows as a conclusion

# The call to Proper thinking: Rom 12:3

For by the grace given to me I say  
to everyone among you  
not to think of himself more highly  
than he ought to think,  
but to think with sober judgment,  
each according to the measure of  
faith that God has assigned.

“There are three persons living in each of us:  
the one we think we are,  
the one other people think we are, and  
the one God knows we are.” Ravenhill

Every man and woman, child or young person,  
sinner and saint has a tendency inherent in us;  
to overestimate our goodness and  
to underestimate our capacity for sin.

[Sometime even over estimate other virtues and personal traits or  
gifts such as our smartness, good looks and intelligence etc.].

- **Lev 20:26** You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.
- Deu 7:6 “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

- 1Pe 1:14-16 *As obedient children*, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, (15) but as he who called you is holy, *you also be holy in all your conduct*, (16) since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”
- 1Pe 2:5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, *to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

- Rom 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined **to be conformed to the image of his Son, ...**
  - If we are transformed, why do we have struggles with sins?

Gen 4:7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, **sin** is crouching at the door. **Its (SIN's) desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."**

We can see an expanded verse in Galatians.

Gal 5:17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

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For the **desires of the** flesh (*obedience to sin nature*)  
**are against the Spirit**, (*obedience to the Holy Spirit*)  
and the **desires of the Spirit**  
**are against the** flesh,  
**for these are opposed to each other,**  
**to keep you from doing the things you**  
**want to do.**

“... **sin** is crouching at the door.  
**Its desire is contrary to you,**  
**but you must rule over** it (sin)” (Gen: 4.7)

Sin is a never departing companion of us, in this world. It is always at the doors of our senses. And its desire is to **overrule us**.

The command of sin to us for “desire (of the sin nature)” in us must be over ruled by us. Or, we must **rule over it**, than allow **sin** to rule us.

- Believer communities have legalized holiness of saints on externals.
- And we completely ignored the internals!
- Is it time that we say:
  - Mat 23:23 “Woe to you (us), ... (we) have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you (we) ought to have done, without neglecting the others.