

Seven Deadly Sins

Envy

the wages of sin is death Romans 6v23

What is envy?

They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters... *Romans 1v29*

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy: drunkenness, orgies, and the like. *Galatians 5v19-21*

For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy [evil eye NKJV], slander, arrogance and folly. *Mark 7v21-22*

1 *Samuel 18v1* After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.

2 From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house.

3 And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

4 Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

5 Whatever Saul sent him to do, David did it so successfully that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the people, and Saul's officers as well.

6 When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes.

7 As they danced, they sang: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."

8 Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?"

9 And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

10 The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

12 Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had left Saul.

13 So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns.

14 In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him.

15 When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.

17 Saul said to David, "Here is my older daughter Merab. I will give her to you in marriage; only serve me bravely and fight the battles of the LORD." For Saul said to himself, "I will not raise a hand against him. Let the Philistines do that!"

28 When Saul realised that the LORD was with David and that his daughter Michal loved David, Saul became still more afraid of him, and he remained his enemy for the rest of his days.

It is true that some preach Christ out of envy. *Philippians 1v15*

What does envy do?

...man's envy of his neighbour. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. *Ecclesiastes 4v4*

A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones. *Proverbs 14v30*

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. *James 3v16*

...his brothers envied him *Genesis 37v11 NKJV*

It was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him. *Matthew 27v18*

I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. *Galatians 5v21*

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. *1 Peter 2v1*

What to do about envy?

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *John 1v9*

In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. *Proverbs 16v9*

The plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will *Ephesians 1v11*

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. *Romans 8v28*

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? *Matthew 6v26*

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. *Philippians 4v12*

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. *Philippians 4v13*

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. *1 Corinthians 13v4*