



Sample Lesson

Sin, Its Paralyzing Venom - Student Manual

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2 Sin Is Missing The Mark

To effectively deal with sin we must understand it. The next several lessons will help us better understand this enemy that would destroy our lives.

Three words in Exodus 34:6-7 describe sin.

- _____ = to make crooked; to twist; to pervert
- _____ = to rebel
- _____ = to miss the mark

In this lesson we will see:

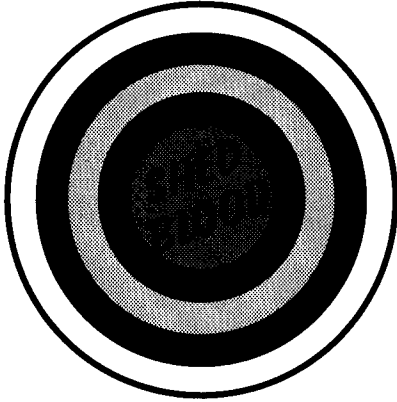
- Sin is missing *the mark*
- Sin is missing *God's mark*
- Sin is missing *God's moral mark*
- Sin is missing the mark of *God's perfect character*

Sin Is Missing The Mark

The most frequent word in the Old Testament for sin is *hatta't* (khat-taht'). It means



Sin Is Missing God's Mark



Who missed God's mark in Genesis 4? _____
How? _____

From the story in Genesis 4, we learn four lessons.

Not All Offerings Are Accepted By God

What Matters To God

What is the only offering for sin that is acceptable to God? _____

What Does *Not* Matter To God

- _____
- _____

You may be the best person on earth. You may go to church, pray, give generously to God's work and even witness and tell others of Christ. But if you have not accepted the shed blood of Christ as payment for your sins, you have *missed the mark* and are still in your sins.

When Man Sins, There Are Two Options

- Death of the _____
- Death of a _____

Five Qualifications Of A Substitute

- The substitute had to be an _____.
- The animal had to be “ _____ ” (without blemish).
- The animal had to be a _____.
- The animal had to be either a lamb, a goat or a bull.
- The animal had to die by the shedding of its _____.

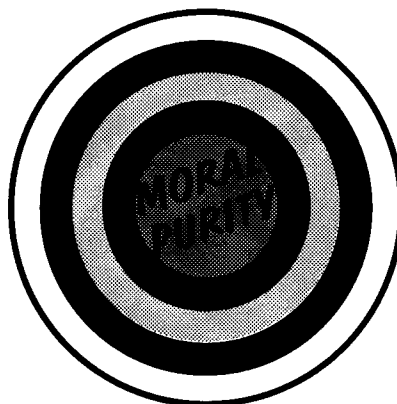
Cain’s offering missed God’s mark. It was not an animal and thus failed in all five areas.

Sin Is Missing God’s *Moral* Mark

Who missed this mark in Genesis 18?

God’s moral standard for marriage consists of two things.

Marriage Is For _____
And _____

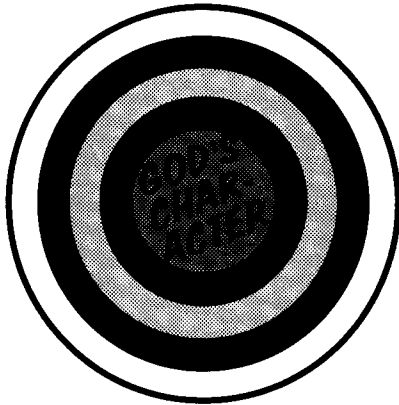


We learn this from Genesis 2:22-24. Therefore, homosexuality “misses” God’s moral mark. Note God’s feelings about homosexuality in the rest of Scripture: “Genesis 19:1-11 tells the story of an attempted homosexual gang rape at the house of Lot by the wicked men of Sodom. Verse 5 mentions specifically the homosexual intentions of the men of Sodom (“to know” referring to having sex). Lot considers this behavior wicked (verse 7). Raping his daughters was considered the lesser of two evils (verse 8). This evil of Sodom is mentioned elsewhere (Jeremiah 23:14; Ezekiel 16:49-50; 2 Peter 2:6-10; Jude 7) in the strongest terms of condemnation. The term “sodomy” has its roots here. A similar story is found in Judges 19:22-30” (*Holman’s Bible Dictionary for Windows*, Version 1.0c, 1994, Parsons Technology).

Sexual Behavior Is Limited To _____

When David committed adultery with Bathsheba, he confessed: "I have sinned against the Lord" (2 Samuel 12:13). The word "sinned" in this verse is the word that means "missing the mark." David realized that he had missed God's moral mark (standard) and thus stood condemned according to God's covenant law with Israel.

Sin Is Missing The Mark Of God's *Perfect Character*



Sin is _____
_____.

What sins violate the following attributes of God?

Truth _____

Holiness _____

Love _____

Mercy _____

Condescending _____

Order _____

Absolute _____

All-Sufficient _____

All-Powerful or Omnipotent _____

Sovereignty or Lordship _____

LEVEL ONE AND LEVEL TWO

The word "abomination" means something that is hated. The following verses name those things that God hates. Each of them misses the mark of God's perfect character. Name the sin that is hated, and name the attribute of God that sin "misses." Use the sins and divine attributes in the list below. You will need to use some of the items in the list more than once.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● God is morally pure ● God is condescending ● Pride ● Planning evil ● God is sovereign ● Idolatry ● God is peace and harmony ● False witness ● Adultery and incest | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quick to do evil ● Dishonesty ● God is truth ● Homosexuality ● God is holy (He hates evil.) ● Murder ● God is life ● Lying ● Sowing discord among brothers |
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SCRIPTURE	ABOMINATION (Sins God Hates)	CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD THIS SIN "MISSES"
Leviticus 18:22		
Deuteronomy 7:25		
Proverbs 6:16-17 (3 things)	● ● ●	● ● ●
Proverbs 6:18 (2 things)	● ●	● ●
Proverbs 6:19 (2 things)	● ●	● ●
Proverbs 11:1		
Proverbs 12:22		
Proverbs 16:5		
Ezekiel 22:11		