

I do not believe any selfish husband ever imagined his sin would lead to the chaos that is in our modern community. He simply neglected his wife, his role, and God's commandment. This is how the devil works. He began to question God's motives when he tempted Eve. She suspected God was withholding something from her she was entitled to. She questioned God's goodness. She disagreed with God's arrangement. She took of the forbidden fruit and brought down all kinds of consequences upon the world.

The mess in the world is not all Eve's fault. It is not all Adam's fault for going along with his wife. It is not all the fault of the husband who ignores his wife. The fault is the devil's. He influences people to doubt God and His word. When we do not think of all of God's teachings as authoritative then we are starting on the slippery road to disaster.

What could be wrong with biting into a piece of fruit? Why should Cain have to worship God in God's way? What was wrong with selecting a different source of fire for sacrifices? Couldn't we serve God as one of a variety of gods? Why can we not use instruments of music in worship if we like them? Why should I stay married to someone who makes me unhappy? The questioning of God's authority leads to denominations, false doctrines, immorality, division, crime, and everything else. When we do not respect God's authority then we become our own authority. Whatever I want and can get away with is fine. The problem is, I can only get away with it in this life. God will judge all people by His standard.

Sometimes sins seem insignificant by comparison to other sins. Social drinking is not as bad as rape. Murder is worse than profanity. Terrorism is worse than lying. The fact is, we are looking at the consequences rather than the sin. All sin violates God's will. All sin leads to Hell. All sin shows a lack of respect for God's authority and will trigger more sins in our future. Think about it.

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10:30 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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Announcements

Julie, Jill, and Shelby's daughter continue to battle cancer. Continue to pray for them and all the sick.

Marcia Bartle is in an assisted living home in Greenwood. She likes cards.

Sign up to read to Lucille. The sheet is on the bulletin board.

Glenda will be in Florida with her daughter for an undetermined amount of time to aid them both in the loss of Sheila.

We need a male teacher for the downstairs class in July and August.

Tonight will be our singing night. Come back at 5:00 to worship our Father in songs of praise.

Keep Jerry and Joan in your prayers. Jerry came forward last week repenting of errors in his past.

Why not contact one of our shut-ins this week?

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The Development of Sin in Society

Ron Roberts

“One thing leads to another,” we used to say. This is true of sin. One sin leads to another sin. Consider how we got to our current state in our country.

The first sin was man not loving his wife. I am not talking about Adam and Eve. I am talking about the typical home in America. The selfish man views himself as king of his castle. His wife is his servant. She is the maid, the cook, the seamstress, and the secretary. She works tirelessly and is underappreciated for all she does. This is clearly a sin on the husband’s part as God commands husbands to love their wives (Eph. 5:25-30, Col. 3:19, 1 Pet. 3:7).

Because man failed to show love to his wife she found it difficult to submit to him. She became susceptible to alternatives. She could be seduced by a neighbor who treated her better than her husband (sin of fornication: Gal. 5:19). She could seek a job so she might support herself and in time divorce her husband (another sin: Matt. 19:6). She could also rebel against him and no longer submit (sin again: 1 Pet. 3:1-6).

Since the man did not show love to his wife and she began looking for alternatives, feminism was born. Women began seeking independence from men. This is how Eve behaved when she brought the first sin into the world. She decided, without her husband, to partake of the forbidden fruit. She then took the leadership role and convinced him to eat of the tree also.

As feminists advance their agenda to make women equal or superior to men, they bring in a variety of sins. They reject God’s role of placement in the family. They do not submit to fathers or husbands. They advance sexual activity without marriage. They promote abortion if a woman becomes pregnant. They dress immodestly and charge any man who notices them with sexual harassment. They fight man in any way possible and charge him with abuse if he resists in any fashion.

Now let me note a few disclaimers here before you get upset. 1. Women are equal to men in God’s view. They have been assigned a role of submission, but this does not make them inferior. They are joint heirs of salvation with men (1 Pet. 3:7). 2. Many men are abusive to women without being provoked. Even if provoked they have no right to use their strength against the weaker vessel. 3. Men are also guilty of harassing women without cause. They look on all women as objects used to satisfy their carnal desires. This mentality frequently shows up in their conversation. All of these flaws in certain men advance the feminists claims of mistreatment (even when they are lies).

Because men did not love their wives, wives sought independence, and the feminists movement was successful; homosexuality merged into our society. The feminists were first to challenge the role of the genders. Women could work in anything man could. They could be soldiers on the battle front. They could be fire fighters. They could be the family’s breadwinner. Men were told to get in touch with their feminine side, to be more sensitive, and to be less aggressive. Roles in the home and in the work place were confused. Is it any wonder that people became confused about their own sexual orientation? With confused images of father and mother, brother and sister, man and wife; people began to wonder where they belonged and what they were.

Politicians quickly recognized the loud LGBTQ community could influence votes. It became unpopular to hold to the Biblical standard of one man and one woman in marriage. It became political suicide to cling to Bible teaching that homosexuality was a sin (Rom. 1:24-27). Entertainers soon began voicing their approval of the same sex couples, so they would not appear bigoted. Because boys do not feel like boys they believed God made a mistake in their creation and they sought a surgical way to become a girl. Because girls were not supposed to be attracted to boys they began forming alliances with other girls. We began hearing terms like “gender fluid”, and began arguing about who could use which public restroom. Could a boy go into the girls’ room if he believed he was a girl?