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THE PAIN SIN BRINGS

"God will not allow Himself to be sneered at. / Whatever a person sows, he will reap. If you sow your selfish desires, you will reap decay and ruin." – Galatians 6:7

I have always warned Christians [and myself] to be careful because, given the right set of circumstances, we can do anything that an evil non-Christian can do. Look at David [2 Samuel 11-2). The man had many wives and concubines and could have held a beauty contest and made the winner one of its concubines.

God loved him and had blessed him, but one day he saw a beautiful woman taking a bath on the roof with no clothes on, had her brought to him and committed adultery. When she got pregnant, he allowed her husband, one of his soldiers, to come home so he could sleep with her and hide his sin. Out of respect for his fellow soldiers he would not sleep with his wife so David had him killed and married the woman to hide his sin. But he did not hide it from himself. He suffered:

PAIN FROM CONSCIENCE

"Before I confessed my sins My bones were wasting away and I groaned all day long. / My strength was gone, like a summer drought." / "Against you and you only have I sinned / Please give me back the joy of your salvation." – Ps 32 / 51

David thought he'd gotten by with this because nobody knew for the day. He knew and his guilty conscience ruined his health and stole his joy. I never knew my father but one of my uncles was like a father to me. Within reason, he gave me

what I asked for for Christmas. He taught me to fish and hunt.

One Christmas he gave me a Swiss army knife and as eight-year-old boys will do I went out in the yard looking for something to cut. I tried to shave the bark off of a little tree; accidentally cut it down and glued it back together. [That's what 8-year-old boys do.] The week after Christmas we were going up to North Georgia like we always did to hunt rabbits.

About halfway there he said, "Bobby did you cut down that little tree I planted?" As 8-year-old boys will do, I said, "No Uncle Woody I didn't do it." About 5 minutes later, I started crying and said, "Uncle Woody I did it. I didn't mean to; it was an accident please forgive me." He said, "Bobby, its' OK, we all make mistakes but next time tell me the truth. [If that's not a good daddy I don't know what is.] It killed me that I hurt the person who loved me and had been so good to me.

It also hurt him, especially when I lied to him. The amazing thing about Christianity, and what sets it apart from all other religions, is that when we sin we hurt God. Before David repented God said to him through Nathan the Prophet – David how could you do this to me? I took you from the sheepfold and made you a king and I would have done many other things if you asked me to. David knew this. In Psalm 51 he said Oh Lord, "it is against You and You only that I sinned." When Jesus went to Jerusalem for the last time, He stopped for you could see the city and "wept" Ephesians 4 says our sins "grieve" God's Spirit.

In Genesis 42 Joseph's brothers threw him in a deep well in the desert to die a slow and horrible death. Satan was there but so was God. When they saw a caravan passing by on its way to Egypt they said they might as well make some money out of this, and sold him as a slave.

About 20 years later the brothers went down to Egypt to get some food and they spoke to the man in charge, not knowing it was Joseph. He told them he would give them food but they had