

"The Reign of Sin" Romans 6:12-13; 21.

1-The word reign: Verb.

1-Comes from Old French by way of Latin. ...

2-Used in the sense of:

1-To guide; to rule; to be predominant;
to prevail; to govern.

2-Regeneration not regarded as having changed our nature or eradicated all our evil propensions.

1-Regeneration only introduced into us a higher life.

2-After regeneration-----It still rests with us whether we will give our allegiance to sin or to Christ.

3-Sin is a very exacting tyrant.

1-When we become slaves of sin we cease to be our own masters.....

Romans 6:16:

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.

(Compare Romans 6:23)

2-When we cease to be our own masters:

1-We lose the dignity of our nature.

2-We lose self-command.

3-We lose will-power and decision of character.

3-The prodigal a vivid picture of one under the tyranny of sin. Luke 15-11:25.

4-Sin is a very poor paymaster:

1-The decision of Moses:

Heb.11:25; Moses elected to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season..

2-After these pleasures:::::Comes shame, remorse, and the horrible tempest which infuriated sin entails. Then comes death the real wages..Rom.6:23..alienation from God...A hopeless condition.

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1-Man's higher self----his reason, conscience, and will are all yielded to sin.

2-The true self has been disrowned---and the lower self reigns.....Lusts have gained the mastery.

1-John 2:15-16;

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1-Lusts fo the flesh.....sensual and impure desires which seek their gratification in Women and strond drink, delicious viands and the like.

2-Lust of the eyes.....Inordinate desires after finery of every kind, gaudy dress, splendid houses etc.

3-The pride of life...

Hunting after honours, titles and pedigrees; boasting of ancestry; family connections; great offices; honourable acquaintance, and the like.

6-The reign of sin only tends to torment:

1-The soul that sells itself to such a tyrant is a foal:

He that provides for this life only is wise for a moment; but a fool for eternity.

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