

Spiritual Gravity

Isaiah 53:3 – 6

I. Intro

- A. All familiar with story of how gravity discovered; Sir Isaac Newton, sitting under a tree, thinking about forces of nature, apple falls
- B. Factual realities of gravity:
 - i. Can't flip switch, turn on and off
 - ii. Not a human invention
 - iii. Can't see gravity, only feel its effects
 - iv. Think about "Law of gravity" but no choice whether to comply or not, we're all bound to it
 - v. No one is unaffected by gravity – no exceptions, even in space though gravity pull not as strong as on earth
- C. **POINT**: Spiritually, also a force of gravity – sin; like physical gravity ...
 - i. Sin affects every human being – no exceptions
 - ii. Can't flip switch, turn sin on and off
 - iii. Sin is not an invention – however, sin entered the world through human disobedience to Creator of the world
 - iv. Even though we have a choice whether or not to give into temptation to sin – we're all born into this world bound by it
- D. Not only does gravitational force of sin impact each and every individual in the world, but also it impacts the world (all creation) collectively
- E. Basically, two categories of people in the world – **1)** those who believe they've not done anything bad enough to need God's forgiveness; **2)** those who believe they've lived such terrible, sinful lives that they are beyond God's forgiveness; both are wrong – every person is in need of God's grace and forgiveness – we all need a savior
- F. **READ Isaiah 53:3 – 6**
- G. Two major points: **1)** In God's eyes, there's no such thing as a major sin or minor sin – no degree levels of sin; **2)** just like person who swims not always referred to as a swimmer, or person who acts not always called an actor – we're not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners
 - i. Psalm 51:5 (ESV)
 - 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

II. Sin Pandemic

- A. Just come through "pandemic" – first and only many have ever or ever will experience
- B. Difference between epidemic and pandemic (not insulting intelligence)
 - i. epidemic – spread of contagious disease within relatively small geographical area

- ii. pandemic – epidemic on larger scale, crosses international boundaries
- C. **POINT**: Sin is a viral pandemic – the fallout of sin was spiritually nuclear
- D. **Question**: Think about Eve – why didn't she simply walk away from Satan when he tempted her? What could she have been missing in her life or what was she looking for?
 - i. Discontentment – often the cause for sinning
 - ii. Pride – thinking she could be like God
 - iii. Not fully believe/trust God's word; Satan twisted and led her to doubt God's words
- E. Difficult for many people to accept that every individual born on the planet are born sinners after that dreadful moment when Eve believed the lie and disobeyed God, then led her husband to follow in that disobedience
- F. **REFER v. 6**
- G. **Romans 3:10-12 (ESV)**
 - 10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;
 - 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.
 - 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."
- H. **Romans 5:19 (ESV)**
 - 19 ... by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners ...
- I. **No one is immune to this sin pandemic; the gravity of this sin disease effects everyone; ultimate effect - Romans 6:23 (ESV)**
 - 23 For the wages of sin is death ...
- J. **Apostle Paul, man responsible for spreading the Gospel and Christianity throughout most of ancient world, how sin effected him: Romans 7:15, 17-18 (ESV)**
 - 15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.
 - 17 So now **it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.**
 - 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.
- K. **Because every single person – past, present, future – is plunged and sinking in the depths of this spiritual gravity, we need rescuing**
 - i. **Romans 7:24 (ESV)**
 - 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me ... ?

III. Sin Remedy

- A. More detail next week
- B. **Not any new revelation – life is not simple; we live in a touchable, seeable, physical world but that's only one dimension; there is also untouchable, invisible, non-physical dimension – the spiritual world**
- C. **1 Corinthians 15:44 (ESV)**
 - 44 ... If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

- D. **Just as we see, experience good and evil in physical world, there is also good and evil in the spiritual world – at the helm of all this evil is the devil; throughout scripture we see instances where the devil reveals himself, but he is working constantly**
- E. **In this life, we'll constantly battle this gravitational pull of sin in our lives**
- F. **1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)**
8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- G. **Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)**
12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- H. **POINT: The key to cure for sin – because we're not only dealing with physical, we're also fight against spiritual – there has to be a spiritual remedy**
- I. **Deuteronomy 20:4 (ESV)**
4 for the LORD your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies (**sin is an enemy**), to give you the victory.'
- J. **Ephesians 6:10-11 (ESV)**
10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.
11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

IV. Close

- A. **Story of adulterous woman**; brought to Jesus by religious leaders, men (testing Him), according to the Law she was to be stoned; Jesus' words – *"Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."*; they leave (they didn't get what they were looking for – way to trap/accuse Jesus of heresy/blasphemy); Jesus' final words to woman caught in sinful act – *"Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more"*
- B. **Sin affects every person – no exceptions; can't turn on and off; not invented, but entered the world through human disobedience; we have a choice, but all are bound by sin**
- C. **Sin is a worldwide pandemic, but there is A remedy – through putting faith and trust in Jesus Christ as our only Savior from sin (elaborate next week); REFER v. 5**
- D. **Romans 6:23 (ESV)**
23 For the wages of sin is death, **but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**