

Message Notes

"God-centered sin-killing"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - "Bring out your dead!"

Where we've come so far:
Nine Particular Directions for Killing Sin

This week: A Vision of God that kills sin

Two Big Ideas:

1. Consider God's Excellency
2. Consider God's Vastness

Three who dared to gaze upon God

1. Moses

The Context (Exodus 33:12-16)

The Amazing Request (Exodus 33:17-18)

God's Response to that Request (Exodus 33:18-23)

The Encounter (Exodus 34:5-7)

Moses' Response (Exodus 34:8-9)

2. Isaiah

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Isaiah's Response (Isaiah 6:5)

The Cleansing (Isaiah 6:6-7)

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OR IT WILL BE
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A study of John Owen's "A Mortification of Sin"

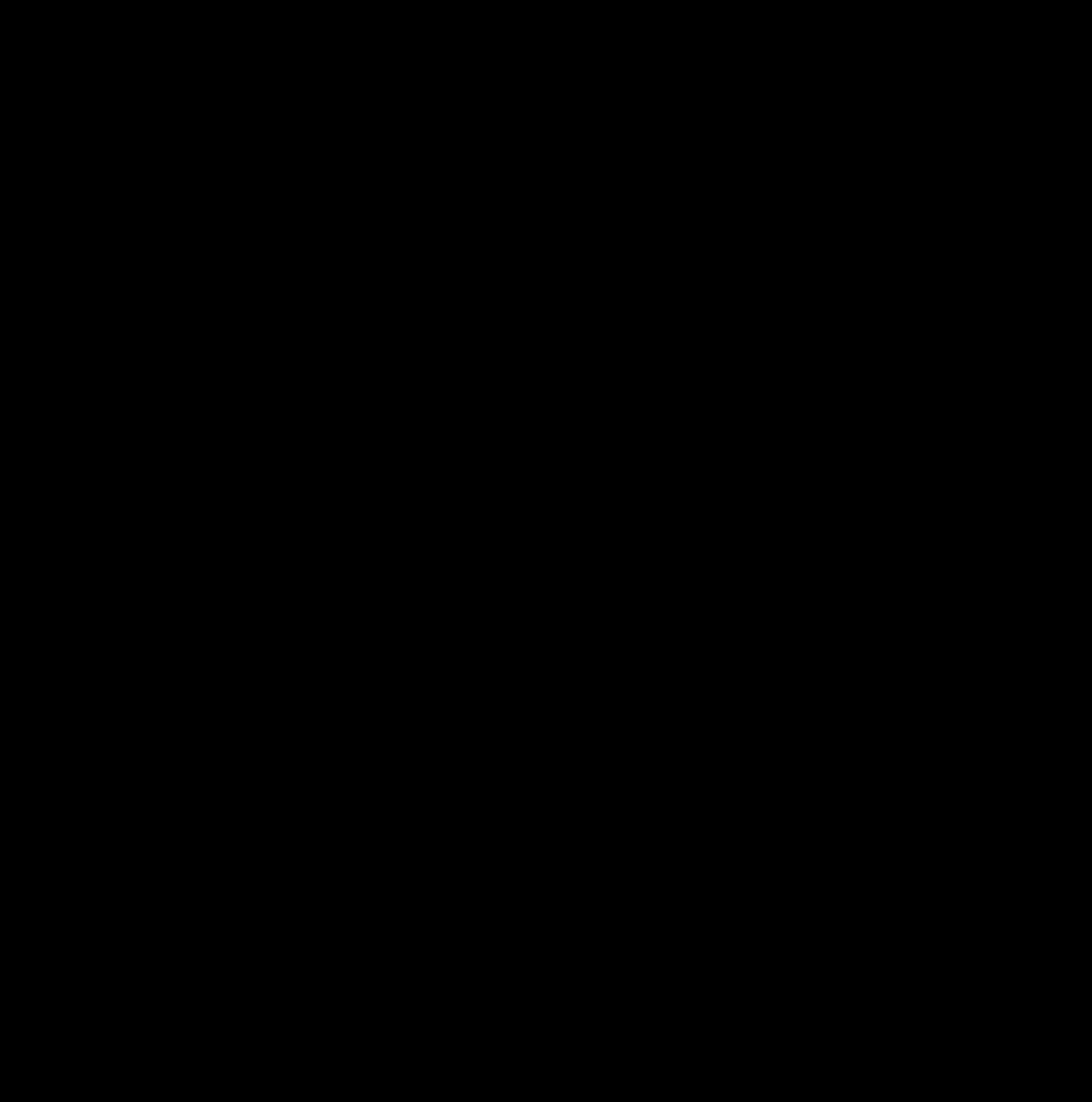


Foundation for Mortification

Romans 8:13

“If you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body you shall live.”





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- 1. Know the Clear Symptoms of Serious Sin**

What hump?

Nine Particular Directions in Killing Sin

**2. Get a Clear and Abiding Sense Upon
Your Mind and Conscience of the Guilt,
Danger, and Evil of Your Sin**

Consider the Guilt



Consider the Danger

The Danger of Robbing a Bank

1. You might get caught
2. You might get shot
3. It might lead to a whole life of crime, changing you forever

**Consider
the Evil**

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3. Load your conscience with the guilt of sin.

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4. Ache for deliverance from the
power of sin.

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5. Consider whether you are prone to certain sins.

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6. Consider whether you are prone to certain sins in certain situations.

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7. "C'mon, fight!"

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Owen:

8. Use and Exercise Yourself to Such Meditations as May Serve to Fill You at All Times with Self-Abasement and Thoughts of Your Own Vileness

Nine Particular Directions in Killing Sin

Treichler:

8. Get so filled with God that you, your problems, *even* your sin becomes secondary

Consider God's Excellency!

“Be much in thoughtfulness of the excellency of the majesty of God and your infinite, inconceivable distance from him. Many thoughts of it cannot but fill you with a sense of your own vileness, which strikes deep at the root of any indwelling sin. When Job comes to a clear discovery of the greatness and the excellency of God, he is filled with self-abhorrence and is pressed to humiliation (Job 42:5-6)...

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“And in what state does the prophet Habakkuk affirm himself to be cast upon the apprehension of the majesty of God [Hab. 3:16]? “With God,” says Job, “is terrible majesty” [Job 37:22]. Hence were the thoughts of them of old, that when they had seen God they should die. The Scripture abounds in this self-abasing consideration, comparing the men of the earth to “grasshoppers,” to “vanity,” the “dust of the balance,” in respect of God [Isaiah. 40:12-25]...

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“Be much in thoughts of this nature, to abase the pride of your heart, and to keep your soul humble within you. There is nothing [that] will render you a greater indisposition [disinclination, unwillingness] to be imposed on by the deceits of sin than such a frame of heart.

Think greatly of the greatness of God.”

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Consider God's Vastness!

“Think much of your unacquaintedness with him. Though you know enough to keep you low and humble, yet how little a portion is it that you know of him! The contemplation hereof cast that wise man into that apprehension of himself which he expresses:

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“Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man. I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy. Who has ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his Son's name, if you can tell?”

(Prov. 30:2-4)

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Labor with this also to take down the pride of your heart. What do you know of God? How little a portion is it! How immense is he in his nature! Can you look without terror into the abyss of eternity? You cannot bear the rays of his glorious being."

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Three who Dared to Gaze upon God

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Exodus 33:12-15

¹²Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ ¹³If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

Moses

The Amazing Question

Exodus 33:17-18

¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

¹⁸Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

Moses

God's response to that bold question

Exodus 33:19-23

¹⁹And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰But,"

he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." ²¹Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

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