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Sin Promises:

- Freedom

Genesis 3:1-5

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

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Joshua 7:20-21

“And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.”

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Job 20:12-13

“Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth,
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Though he spare it, and forsake it not; but
keep it still within his mouth:”

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Hebrews 11:24-25

“By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;”

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John 8:34

“Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.”

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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?”

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Proverbs 13:15

“Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.”

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Matthew 23:37,38

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.”

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Psalm 51:3

“For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.”

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Proverbs 11:3

“The integrity of the upright shall guide them:
but the perverseness of transgressors
shall destroy them.”

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Psalm 107:17

“Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.”

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Isaiah 59:1-2

“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”

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Hebrews 10:30-31

“For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

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Romans 6:17-18

“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”

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Ephesians 1:7

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”

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Deuteronomy 6:24

“And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.”

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Hebrews 2:15

“And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

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