

## The WHY of Sin (2)

Sin results from a failure to obey law (1 John 3:4). Today, the law of Jesus Christ is in effect (Heb 1:1; 7:14; John 12:48). The result of all sin is spiritual death and separation from God (Jas 1:13-15; Rom 6:23; Isa 59:1-2). We have considered *deception* and *ignorance* of Divine law as causes of sin; here are two more causes.

**PRIDE:** Uzziah, King of Israel, sinned against God because of pride. The record says, “But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.” The Lord struck the king with leprosy and he remained “a leper until the day of his death” (2 Chron 26:21). Pride causes contention; Solomon wrote, “By pride comes nothing but strife” (Prov 13:10). The Lord hates “a proud look” (Prov 6:17). “A man’s pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor” (Prov 29:23; cf. Jas 4:10). Pride will cause one to believe that his ways are as good or better than God’s ways.

**UNBELIEF:** The ancient Hebrews sinned due to unbelief. They were not ignorant of God’s will; they simply refused to obey it. Their sins caused God to deny them rest in the Promised Land, “they could not enter in because of unbelief” (Heb 3:19). True faith results in obedience to God (Heb 11). Disobedience is evidence of unbelief. Both Paul and Moses sinned in unbelief (1 Tim 1:13; Num 20:12). Undoubtedly, many people today sin because they do not believe what God says in His Word.

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