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Sin is defined as the breaking of God's law. The 10 commandments listed in Exodus 20:2-17 are laws given by the God. They show us how He wants his redeemed and rescued people to live and please Him. It is the perfect way to live.

God is perfect

God is perfect in every way, and His standards are perfect. That is His nature and nothing can change it. He wants us to be perfect like Him but we cannot because we are sinful.

He hates sin because:

Sin is everything He is not

God hates sin because He is holy. This means He is morally perfect and free from blemish of any kind (Psalm 89:35, 92:15, Romans 9:14). He is the opposite of sin. He looks upon sin as putrefying sores (Isaiah 1:6), a heavy

burden (Psalm 38:4), defiling filth (Titus 1:15; 2 Corinthians 7:1), a binding debt (Matthew 6:12-15), darkness (1 John 1:6) and a scarlet stain (Isaiah 1:18). Sin is everything He is not.

Sin separates people from Him

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear” (Isaiah 59:2). Sin caused Adam and Eve to run away from God and hide “among the trees of the garden” (Genesis 3:8). Because God loves us, He hates being separated from us and because sin is the cause of this separation, He hates it.

Sin directs people to worldly pleasures and not to God's blessings

To pursue sin is to turn one's back on the gifts of God, who has “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11). Worldly pleasures are destructive and the opposite of blessings from God.

Sin blinds people to the truth

False teachers who have been blinded by sin, lead others into sin too (Matthew 15:14). People who are blinded by sin are prevented from accepting Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life closing them to the way of salvation. Since God wants everybody to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), He hates sin.

Sin enslaves people and will eventually destroy them

Sin leads to spiritual blindness and bondage. “Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness” (Romans 6:16).

True freedom is when you have been set free to live as God wants you to live. Only Jesus can give us that freedom because He has paid in full for our sin: “So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36). It is sad that people prefer to choose sin that seeks to destroy us rather than God who loves us and wants to

bless us. May God help us to be wise in the choices we make.

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