



Brown Community Group Discussion Guide

“Origin of Sin” Series Lesson 3 – December 13, 2015

Human Nature and All Mankind

I. **Series Core Questions:** What was the origin of sin? Where did it occur and how? How did sin originally manifest itself in a perfectly created world by God? We will study these issues from several different angles:

1. Origin of Sin
2. Garden of Eden and Man’s First Sin
3. Human Nature and All Mankind

II. **Scripture Teaching:**

Human Nature and All Mankind - Scripture says that we are born sinners and that we are by nature sinners; Unrighteous from the beginning.

God created the conditions where “free will” creatures would be able to make a choice between obedience and disobedience to God. This condition existed when God created the angel Lucifer, who was without sin, yet apparently had “choice through his free will”. Lucifer chose to rebel against God and sin ([Isaiah 14:12-15](#), [Ezek. 28:13-15](#)). Likewise, Adam and Eve, having been made by God without sin, listened to Satan and chose to sin against God ([Gen. 3](#)).

But God did not cause them to sin ([James 1:13](#)). In the freedom of their wills, each decided to rebel against God, and sin entered the world ([Rom. 5:12](#)). God simply allowed the condition to exist where sin was possible.

God has created the condition in the world where the ability to rebel against Him was possible. Yet, He is not responsible for that rebellion once it has been committed. Therefore, sin originated with Lucifer, who was the first to rebel, and entered the world through Adam who likewise chose disobedience.

[Psalm 51:5](#)

“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”

[Proverbs 22:15](#)

“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child.”

[Genesis 8:21](#)

“. . . the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth.”

- The word translated youth, signifies the whole of the former part of the age of man, which commences from the beginning of life, has reference to the birth or beginning of existence
- This sinful state does not “start” at some later date of life, it is with us from birth.

Unrighteousness is often spoken of in Scripture as something belonging to the human race as a whole. This implies that it is a “spiritual characteristic” of our species. In other words, sinfulness is considered a property of human nature after the fall. Thus, it must be concluded that we are all born sinners, since we are all born human and sin is regarded as a property of humanity.

Ephesians 2:1–3:

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

- Paul is reminding Christians of what they were like before their conversion to Christ and that All Christians came from this state
- Scripture regards all people before they are saved by Christ as sinners and deserving of punishment from God.

Jeremiah 17:9

“the heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?”

- Wickedness is a property of the human heart post fall of Adam/Eve in the Garden of Eden

Ecclesiastes 9:3

“... the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil, and insanity is in their hearts through their lives.”

- The human heart is sinful, and therefore all humans are sinful.
- Human nature itself is corrupt at its core spirituality, it is not something that is experientially learned over time on earth.

World View Contradiction:

If we are born innocent and good, why aren't there at least some people who have continued in this state and remained sinless? The fact that everybody sins needs some explanation. The best explanation is that we are sinners by nature. Someone might argue that the reason all people sin is because society is sinful, and thus society renders it impossible for anybody to keep themselves entirely pure. But that only pushes the question back one step. How did society get sinful in the first place? If people are born morally good, then how did it come about that they congregated into societies that influence all people to sin?

Death comes upon those who have sinned. While Christ was sinless, He willingly gave up His life, and He did it to conquer the curse of death that we were under. In fact, God imputed to Christ our sins on the cross, and Christ died in punishment of those sins.

Genesis 6:1-22

When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who

were of old, the men of renown. The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ...

- The strange events recorded in Genesis 6 were understood by the ancient rabbinical sources, as well as the Septuagint translators, as referring to fallen angels procreating weird hybrid offspring with human women-known as the Nephilim. This is believed to have happened both before the Flood and after the flood.
- In Israel at the time of David, and before this when the Hebrews were scouting the land - there were tribes of these Nephilim - Goliath the giant of Gath is one example.
- It appears that these fallen angels were active all over the world. These bizarre giants living on the earth are also echoed in the legends and myths of nearly every ancient culture. The ancient Greeks, the Egyptians, the Hindus, the South Sea Islanders, the American Indians, and most all the others have these legends.
- Hebrew word Nephelim (plural of nephel) (Nephilim) literally means "rejects"
- Speculation that Satan put this plan to interrupt Abraham's "seed into motion, as soon as it was made known that the Seed of the Woman (Christ) was to come through ABRAHAM.
- Non-canonical book of "Enoch" called them the "The Watchers"
- Potential correlation to Jude 1 from lesson one

Ephesians 6:12

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.

1 John 3:8

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

1 Corinthians 6:3

Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

III. Group Questions:

1. As you read 1 John 3:8 about one of Jesus primary deliverables, think through the whole series and do you think God "allowed sin" in the world to be able to prove all of His Holy attributes through His Son Jesus Christ?
2. While Jesus obviously came to earth to reconcile us with our Holy Father through forgiveness of sin, how else would we have ever known of all of God's attributes?