



The Goal of Blamelessness

*The Lord has rewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.
For I have kept the ways of the Lord,
And have not acted wickedly against my God.
For all His ordinances were before me,
And as for His statutes,
I did not depart from them.
I was also **blameless** toward Him,
And I kept myself from my iniquity.
—2 Samuel 22:21-24*

Many of us seem to be caught up in a continual cycle of sin-and-forgiveness. Having come to Christ and obtained forgiveness for our most recent sin, we head right back out to sin again, only to come back seeking forgiveness again. What if we were to actually break this pattern and live in alignment with God's ways? The Bible not only says this is possible, but has identified some people within its pages as having done so. They're called "blameless".

This ad infinitum pattern of sinning, going to God, going back to sin, going back again to God, is nothing new. It's how many in the day came to treat the Old Testament system of sacrifices, falsely believing they could behave however suited them as long as they performed the appropriate sacrifice to cover for it. Such people replaced God's desire for obedience from the heart with obedience to a ritual, which neither helps the individual nor pleases God.

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For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. But this is what I commanded them, saying, "Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you."

—Jeremiah 7:22-23

The sacrifices were supposed to occur at the **END** of the process, **AFTER** one's heart was convicted and returns to God in shame and humility, pledging to repent. The biblical meaning of "repent" is to turn away from sin and never return to it, to proactively change one's behavior to avoid engaging in it again. With such a heart, mind, and attitude one **THEN** came to offer the appropriate sacrifice.

It worked as a sort of individual covenant between the individual and God. Every "covenant"—or promise by two parties for mutual good—is sealed with blood and accompanied by a sign of remembrance between them. After their respective sacrifices, Noah was given the sign of the rainbow, Abraham the sign of circumcision. The sign for individuals were the sacrifices, intended as public confessions of a commitment to repent—to never return and repeat said sin.

So the question in today's context might be, "How do you treat the cross?" Does your behavioral pattern indicate that you think you can do anything you want as long as you get back to the cross in time to ask forgiveness? Or do you come in the spirit of true repentance, truly sorrowful and seeking to turn away from that sin forever, never to repeat it?

There are 3 examples in the Bible, men to whom the word "blameless" is actually attached.

*These are the records of the generations of **Noah**. Noah was a righteous man, **blameless** in his time; Noah walked with God.*

—Genesis 6:9

*The Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant **Job**? For there is no one like him on the earth, a **blameless** and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause.”*

—Job 2:3

*But the high places were not removed from Israel; nevertheless **Asa’s** heart was **blameless** all his days.*

—2 Chronicles 15:17

These men share 3 common characteristics:

- They walked according to God’s ways; in fact, they never strayed from them.
- They actively shunned evil, turning away from it every time it appeared, even fighting against it.
- They had a reverence (what the Bible terms “fear”) for God that made them believe that sin was something committed against God personally; they **NEVER** wanted to do something against God personally.

How well-represented are these characteristics in your own life? It’s most certainly a measurable indicator of the depth of your personal struggle. The natural result of adopting these behaviors is to become biblically blameless, one who naturally follows God in everything in every way in every situation.

It all really begins with the characteristic listed third, fear of God. We have to come to own for ourselves and allow our behavior to be changed by the knowledge that sin is something we personally commit against the God we profess to so deeply love. To wrong another human we profess to love eradicates any notion of true love; so does disobedience to God. Love is verified by our overriding concern for **THEIR** feelings even at the expense of our own. We have to come to

actually hate sin for what it does to the most important love relationship of our life—God.

Having accomplished this, **THEN** we will have the right motivation and perspective to shun sin every time it presents itself, to actually fight against it and say, “No! I won’t allow this because of what it does to the One I love!” Like the examples of blamelessness listed above, we come to actually *hate* sin so that it is not allowed any foothold or entrance into our life.

Finally, we find ourselves clinging to His path and His path alone, never **WANTING** to stray from His commandments and ways because of the protection it affords from sin and engendering all the right behaviors in our life. Love and obedience breeds biblical faithfulness resulting in the condition described as “blameless”. The cycle of sin is broken.

*You shall be **blameless** before the Lord your God.
—Deuteronomy 18:13*

*Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins;
Let them not rule over me;
Then I will be **blameless**,
And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.
—Psalm 19:13*

*The perverse in heart are an abomination to the Lord,
But the **blameless** in their walk are His delight.
—Proverbs 11:20*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and **blameless** before Him...
—Ephesians 1:3-4*

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and **blameless**.*

—Ephesians 5:25-27

*And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and **blameless** until the day of Christ;*

—Philippians 1:9-10

*But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and **blameless**,*

—2 Peter 3:13-14

*These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. And no lie was found in their mouth; they are **blameless**.*

—Revelation 14:4-5

Let's break the cycle and show Christ the depth and sincerity of our love for Him by **choosing** to be blameless.

In His Love,

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