

Indwelling Sin in Believers by John Owen

Chapter 13: God's Bridle on Sin

- 1) A determined will to sin is not sin. (True/False)
- 2) Two things are necessary to bring forth sin: the power to do it and the continued will to sin. How does Owen say these two are changed by God?
- 3) How are providence and grace distinguished?
- 4) One of the ways God takes away or cuts the power of sin is by taking away life. Give examples.
- 5) God judicially takes away a believer's life to prevent him from sinning. (True/False)
 - a) To be cut off when under the guilt of sin would _____ and _____.
- 6) How does Isaiah 57:1 explain the death of believers at the hand of God?
- 7) Give two examples of God's taking away the ability to continue in sin.
- 8) How does Owen say God "limits the flood of sin that would overflow the earth"?
 - a) If the measure of unregenerate men's sinning is their ability, what happens to them when God restricts their power?
 - b) Give an example of God's preventing the accomplishment of conceived sin in His people.
 - 1) God's dealing with His children in this way differs from that of His dealing with unbelievers in two ways. What are they?
- 9) Give an example of God's using an external hindrance to sin.
- 10) Explain how the deliverance of Peter from prison, or Christ from the rage of the Jews, are examples of God's providence.
- 11) What did God use to divert the thoughts of Joseph's brothers from his murder?
- 12) Owen says that such providences are advantages to faith by:
 - a) They give us insight into _____.
 - b) Our own lives will convince us _____.
 - c) We may also learn how _____.
 - d) If men's rage prevails against the church we should become despondent (True/False)

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- e) Those who have benefited from such providences should _____.
- f) These providences also show us the great benefit of _____.
- 13) God works on the sinner either by _____ grace or _____ grace.
- 14) Esau's purpose to kill Jacob and Laban's purpose to harm Jacob were changed by _____.
- 15) Restraining grace works by presenting _____ to the mind of the sinner.
 - a) How are these arguments made effectual?
- 16) Give an example of the difficulty of doing what men aim at.
- 17) The _____ and _____ are used by God to prevent the breaking out of sin.
- 18) "Conscience is _____."
- 19) Owen says this consideration kept Joseph's brothers from killing him.
- 20) What great argument does God use with the saints in their temptations?
- 21) The other side of this is _____.
 - a) Owen gives two examples from Scripture of this argument. What are they?
- 22) God never works secretly in men's hearts without such arguments. (True/False)
- 23) Explain the idea of renewing grace in Owen's primary example of Paul.
- 24) How is special assisting grace effective to Asaph in Psalm 73?
 - a) This is a particular work of _____ in which he exerts his faithfulness to his own.
 - b) In what New Testament passage does God promise assistance of deliverance from temptations?
- 25) What is the final way Owen mentions that God prevents the "coming forth of sin"?
 - a) What does Psalm 119:67 say is the result of this last way of prevention?