

Ps. 106

“The Inexplicable Nature of Sin”

I. Ps. 106:34-45

A. The causes of Israel's sin

- 1) V.33 – Rebellion: “...*they rebelled* (to make bitter or contentious; to provoke) *against His Spirit*” – 1 Sam. 15:23.
 - a) Moses' spirit or God's? – Ps. 78:40; Is. 63:10
 - i) *Rebelling against Moses' spirit = rebelling against God's b/c Moses desired God's will* – Num. 12:3.
 - b) Their bitter rebellion provoked God to anger and Moses to stumble into sin = *we're all responsible not only for our own actions, but also for the “ripple effect” of our actions* – Luke 17:1-4.
 - c) *How & why do we rebel against God's Spirit?*
 - i) His (1) conviction; (2) correction; (3) guidance; (4) timing & (5) purpose.
 - ii) B/c He's too harsh, too strict, too difficult, too late/early.
- 2) V.34 – Disobedience (to God's commands)
 - a) **Kill everyone = too harsh**
 - b) **The consequences of disobedience not taken seriously.**
- 3) V.35-36 – Exposure to sin (*which never produces Godliness*)
 - a) **Mingled** (Heb.= to braid – 2 Tim. 2:4) with the Gentiles.
 - i) *One of satan's greatest lies is we can dwell amongst sin without any personal impact* – Num. 33:50-56; Deut. 7:1-4, 16; Joshua 23:10-13; Judges 1:19-2:3; 2:11-3:11.

ii) *The more we hang around/entertain sin, the more enticed & entangled (braided) we become, and the sin becomes tied/braided to our heart – 1 Cor. 15:33 – “Bad company ruins/spoils/rots good morals” – ESV.*

b) **Learned** their works.

i) *We **always** become our focus; the more we entertain sin, or are entertained by sin, the more educated we become in that pattern – Gen. 3:6; Ps. 1:1-2; Prov. 4:14-15.*

ii) *We either learn the ways of the LORD, or the ways of the world – Rom. 8:5-8.*

c) **Served** (worshiped) their idols.

i) *We either serve the God of heaven or the gods of this world – Ex. 23:33; Deut. 7:16; Joshua 24:15; Matt. 6:24.*

ii) *When we mingle with sin, we become intrigued with sin, educated about sin, which leads to serving the object of our sin – James 1:14-16.*

B. **The results of Israel’s sin**

1) **V.36b – they “hung” themselves.**

a) *Sin always ensnares/entraps us (Heb. 12:1) which leads us to a place we don’t want to go, a place we don’t know exists & a place we can’t escape – James 1:14-16.*

2) **V.37-39 – the inexplicable** – Micah 6:7.

a) *Sin always produces irrational & extreme behavior due to its addictive nature; people do whatever necessary to appease their craving – Jer. 2:11-13.*

b) **Sin always follows a forgetful nature – v.7-13, 19-22; Ex. 15:22-24.**

3) V.40-42 – God’s wrath

4) V.43 – Rebellion & resistance

a) “...*they rebelled in their counsel (plans) and were brought low (sank in; stuck) for their iniquity.*”

i) *The longer we rebel & resist God’s grace, standards & conviction, the more entrenched we become* – Judges 2:19 (v.7-23); John 8:34; Rom. 6:16; 2 Pet. 2:19.

C. The response of Israel’s God

1) V.44 – **Regarded** (looked upon) their affliction...*when He heard their cry = they repented* – Lev. 26:40-42; Is. 55:6-7; 1 John 1:9.

2) V.45 – **Remembered** His covenant.

a) God **never** goes back on His word, even when we go back on ours – 2 Tim. 2:13; Ps. 89:34; Neh. 9:9-31.

3) V.45 – **Relented** from His anger – Ps. 103:8-18; 2 Chron. 7:14.

D. God’s purpose – v.8; 47-48; Ps. 50:15