

Three Kinds of Sin

*The Lord defines sin in the scriptures: 1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: **for sin is the transgression of the law.** Thus there is no conflict as to what sin is and what it's not, for the Lord also instructs us there are three different ways that He, Our Lord and Redeemer deals with the sins we commit against His laws:*

1. *Sin done without knowledge of His will, His law, not knowing right from wrong: **Sin of Ignorance.** The title defines just how this sin is transgressed...it's done in ignorance.*
2. *Sin committed without being mindful of the fact, forgetful, not conscious of one's doings, knowing right from wrong, but unaware of being in the wrong: **Hidden Sin.** It is committed when one is not mindful of their state of mind.*
3. *Lastly, sin done boldly with full knowledge of our doing, and doing it regardless of Yah's law, fearlessly while in His presence recorded as **Presumptuous Sin.***

Each one of these sins correlates with a sin offering in the Old Testament which was given to the nation of Israel to cover their transgression until the time of the Messiah. The first sin offering performed for the sin of Ignorance is recorded in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 4.

The sin offering required to cover the Sin of Ignorance:

Leviticus 4:1~12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, **If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them:** If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a **sin offering.** And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD. And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation: And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary. And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away, As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt offering. And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung, Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth **without the camp** unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.

Leviticus 4:13~ 21 And **if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance,** and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which should not be done, and are guilty; When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation. And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD. And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation: And the **priest shall dip his finger in**

some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, even before the vail. And he shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the LORD, that is in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn it upon the altar. And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for a sin offering, so shall he do with this: and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them. And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: **it is a sin offering for the congregation.**

Leviticus 4:22~ 26 When a ruler hath sinned, and done somewhat **through ignorance** against any of the commandments of the LORD his God concerning things which should not be done, and is guilty; Or if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish: And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD: **it is a sin offering.** And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering. And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

Leviticus 4:27~ 35 And if any one of the common people **sin through Ignorance**, while he doeth somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty; Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering. And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar. And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savour unto the LORD; and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him. And if he bring a lamb for a sin offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering. And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar: And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

Leviticus 5:14~19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, If a soul commit a trespass, and sin through **Ignorance**, in the holy things of the LORD; then he shall bring for his trespass unto the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy estimation by shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering: And he shall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him. And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wist it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his **Ignorance** wherein he erred and wist it not, and it shall be forgiven him. It is a trespass offering: he hath certainly trespassed against the LORD.

Ignorance #7684. *sheg-aw-gaw: a mistake or inadvertent transgression: an error, unawareness, unwittingly. Ignorance: the state or reality of being unaware; lack of knowledge, lack of learning, or information. Also from #7686.*

Ignorance #07686. *shaw-gaw'*: to stray, causatively, mislead, to mistake, especially to transgress; by extension (through the idea of intoxication) to reel, be enraptured: cause to go astray, deceive, err, be ravished, wander.

Romans 7:7~13 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I had not known sin**, but by the law: **for I had not known** lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. (*Note that Paul defines lust as coveting*) But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, **sin revived**, (*or was made alive, known to be*) and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, **deceived me**, and by it slew me. Wherefore **the law** is holy, and **the commandment** holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

Sin through Ignorance is defined as an offence committed while unaware of God's law. In other words, I did not know that it was sin; I was ignorant of the laws of Yah. I did not know that it was wrong to do it. We are held in the bondage of ignorance until truth is shown to us. For example, if a young child spoils in its pants not knowing it is unacceptable behavior and then when corrected continues to do so refusing to control himself, he is no longer seen as being innocent. And the parents allowing the child to continue unchecked in this behavior also feel the burden and shame of an uncontrollable child, just as Yah does when we continue to sin. Though ignorance is passively waiting for knowledge and understanding to establish rule over it, ignorance will not leave on its own; it must be forced out. We force out Ignorance by accepting truth's mandate to change our ways. The changing of self is called repentance, the first step to salvation. We cannot call ourselves enlightened in the truth while walking in darkness which is called hypocrisy. The sin offering for Ignorance is still required today through repentance, by believing in Christ for His forgiveness of sin. One without the other leaves us in the same spot we started in: Ignorant of applying the gift of knowledge and the understanding of truth. The application of both knowledge and understanding is called wisdom.

Proverbs 3:13~18 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

The sin offering required to cover Hidden Sin:

Sin committed without being mindful of the fact, forgetful, not conscious of one's doings, knowing right from wrong, but unaware of being in the wrong is called Hidden Sin. It is committed when one is not mindful of their state of mind.

Leviticus 5:1~13 And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity. Or if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether it be a carcase of an unclean beast, or a carcase of unclean cattle, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and if it be **Hidden** from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty. Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness it be that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be **Hid** from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty. Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be **Hid** from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these. And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing: And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make

an atonement for him concerning his sin. And if he be not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass, which he hath committed, two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, unto the LORD; one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin offering first, and wring off his head from his neck, but shall not divide it asunder: And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar: it is a sin offering. And he shall offer the second for a burnt offering, according to the manner: and the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin which he hath sinned, and it shall be forgiven him. But if he be not able to bring two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he that sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put any frankincense thereon: for it is a sin offering. Then shall he bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it, even a memorial thereof, and burn it on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: it is a sin offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him: and the remnant shall be the priest's, as a meat offering.

Hidden #05956. *aw-lam'*: a primitive root to veil from sight, conceal (literally or figuratively):-X any ways, blind, dissembler, hide (self), secret (thing). **Hidden**: concealed, obscure, latent, secret, covert, occult.

*First Example: Leaving a store after a purchase only to realize one hadn't been charged for some items. By leaving the store with unpaid items, one is a thief, guilty of the act of stealing. Yet upon being made aware of the **Hidden Sin** committed, restitution is required that involves going back to the store and paying for the uncharged items. One should never carry that sin around because until restitution is made one stands outside of Yah's favor. As you go to Yahshua, He pays the blood sacrifice of the offence but you are still required to pay back the physical requirements for stealing the items.*

*Second Example: While eating in an uncontrolled environment, you unknowingly eat unclean food. Sin has been committed. When it is brought to your attention that the food was unclean that **Hidden Sin** has now been revealed. You knew that it is against Yah's law; you know that it is sin requiring you to make restitution for the blood shed by Yahshua.*

These examples of offerings were designed to impress a sense of responsibility for us to fear God in order to enlighten the hearts of the people against committing any "secret wrong," as the penalty for such a transgression is death. Forgiveness must be made by Yah in order for us to continue on the path to salvation.

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Hidden sin: *Hidden sin is defined as sin committed against Yah's laws without the sinner having the knowledge that such behavior is indeed sinning against His law. When the transgressor later becomes conscious of sinning through Yah's Holy Spirit or by others, his **Hidden Sin** shows that in this case they are not fully aware of the consequences of their actions. We tend to let down our guard to error and thus allow a given situation to control us rather than being in control of ourselves. Going with the flow without thought, feeling too comfortable not focused on our goals are pitfalls jeopardizing who we are to be, saints that can both chew gum (teach) and walk (action) at the same time. Selah!!!*

Presumptuous Sin:

*Lastly, sin done boldly with full knowledge of our doing, and doing it regardless of Yah's law, fearlessly in His presence is recorded as **Presumptuous Sin**.*

Numbers 15:30~31 But the soul that doeth ought **Presumptuously**, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. **Because he hath despised the word of the LORD**, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.

Deuteronomy 17:12~13 And the man that will do **Presumptuously**, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, **even that man shall die**: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

***Presumptuously** #02087 zaw-done' from 2102; arrogance: pride, proud man, haughtiness, conceited, egotism, self-importance.*

Hebrews 6:1~8 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, **let us go on unto perfection**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit. **For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened**, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, **If they shall fall away**, to renew them again unto repentance; *seeing* they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: **But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected**, and is nigh unto cursing; **whose end is to be burned**.

***Presumptuous Sin:** This sin is committed while knowing exactly what one is doing despite numerous unsuccessful corrections to repent. No longer willing to heed correction or past feelings of guilt, this person has hardened his heart, is stiff necked. Even Yah no longer chooses through spiritual motivation and physical correction to motivate the sinner to change. Remember change must come from within one's self. If a person is forced into a change, as soon as that force is removed, the person will revert to sinning. Yah does not want robots, but desires those that proactively strive to be there with Him.*

*So through Yah's love, He forgives our sinning against His laws through **Ignorance** (one void of understanding of his will) and Yah forgives sinning **Hidden** (one void of a conscious knowledge of the fact). Both are forgiven if we acknowledge the truth and repent of our sinful actions. Thus the same godly principle of forgiveness is asked of us. Since we are made in the likeness of the Father's Son Yahshua to become as He is, we are asked to forgive others of sin done to us as our Father in heaven forgives us of our sins against Him. The scriptures verify this same principle for us to follow.*

Matthew 6:12~15 And forgive us our debts, **as we forgive our debtors**. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: **But** if ye forgive not men their **trespasses**, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall **trespass against thee**, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

We are obligated to inform our brother of his sin of Ignorance of breaking Yah's law. We are to help him, not punish him. Judgment and punishment lie in the hands of Yah.

Luke 17:3~4 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother **trespass against thee**, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he **trespass** against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

1 Corinthians 11:23~32 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, **unworthily**, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **But let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh **unworthily**, eateth and drinketh **damnation to himself**, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. **For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged**. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

Through the parable of the sower and the parable of the wise steward, Yah showed there was only one out of four that found their way through the gate into the kingdom. All were on the path or knew of the path to walk on, but three found themselves lost in the world. One cannot see the forest when you're in the forest, nor can one see sin when enveloped in sin. And one cannot see self until we contrast ourselves to truth, comparing our actions to truth as required by a living obedience to God's law. Sin is at the door waiting for all to enter, but all must control the self, or it will control you. It's all in the doing!!!

Genesis 4:1~7 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, **sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.**

Summary of Three Kinds of Sin:

Being vigilant against sinning by holding Yah's word close to your heart through constant study and applying His word to daily living are keys to receiving the reward of eternal life in the kingdom with Yah and Yahshua.

Luke 12: 35~40 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from (*for*) the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. **Blessed are those servants**, whom the lord when he cometh **shall find watching**: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Watching protects the self from being corrupted by the world. The 10 virgins of Matthew 25 watching and preparing for an ample supply of oil in their lamps for our Lord's coming, represent an example of being a good steward that gained talents earned by doing, not by just sitting and not investing oneself by joining in the walk.

Luke 12:41~48 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and **wise steward**, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that **servant**, whom his lord when he cometh **shall**

find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. **But** and if **that servant** say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, **and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.** And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be **beaten with many stripes.** **But** he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be **beaten with few stripes.** For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Four different types of people are mentioned similar to the seed thrown in four different places as relayed in the "Parable of the Sower" in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 13:

1. *Those that were called to be servants, or wise stewards, who at His return find their lights burning, giving, watching and **doing.** Their reward is to rule with Him at His return.*
2. *Those that were called to be servants **but grew weary and did not continue,** and turned from their service or stewardship and followed after the world. These servants will be appointed their place with the **unbelievers** (outside the city). Revelation 22:14*
3. *Those that were called to serve and were shown the truth of His will who did not prepare themselves and did not repent and change. These servants will be **beaten with many stripes,** for they knew their master's will, and still were found unchanged at His return.*
4. *Those unknowing His will, "**the truth,**" will be **beaten with few stripes,** for they knew not the will of the Ruler to come, yet were still found guilty for not obeying His laws.*

*Four different types of people set in two groupings: some rewarded and some beaten. Of the beaten, all were beaten for their guilt...sins, the transgression of Yah's law. But those that knew better and still did contrary were **beaten more,** appointed a place **with unbelievers.** The same offence...sin, the transgression of the law, was committed by all three, and each was punished for their sin in different severities. Note the one that didn't know the truth was beaten with few stripes which leads us to conclude that ignorance is no excuse for not doing the truth because the penalty for sin of any kind is death.*

John 9:39~41 And Jesus said, **For judgment** I am come into this world, that **they** which see not (*the gentiles*) might see; and that **they** which see (*the Jews*) might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we (*the Jews*) blind also? Jesus said unto them, **If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.**

Once again sin, the transgression of the law, is the same, but the transgressor is being judged differently according to their declaration of being able to see, to know or understand the law and what is required of the person.

John 15:18~24 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: **but** because ye are not of the world, but **I have chosen you out of the world,** therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. **If I had not come and spoken unto them,** (*the Jews*) **they had not had sin: but** now they have no cloke (*excuse*) for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. **If I had not done among them** (*the Jews*) **the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but** now have they both **seen** and **hated** both me and my Father.

Yet again because they declared that they were alert, and could see, and did witness the miracles of our Lord, yet refused to acknowledge Him as the Christ, the coming Messiah, and hated Him, thus their sin is

held against them. Sin is dealt differently, yet sin is the same, the transgression of God's law. Remember, all are judged by the same standards as are we who know having no "cloak" to hide behind.

1John 3: 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: **for sin is the transgression of the law.**

*My soul is like a mirror in which the glory of God is reflected,
But sin, however insignificant, covers the mirror with smoke.*

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