

## THE BESETTING SIN.

Hebrews 12:1

Romans 6:23

INTRODUCTION: In our text we find that FAITH demands three things: 1. LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, 2. AND SIN, 3. AND RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE BEFORE US. Last Sunday I talked with you about LAYING ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT. Today I want to talk with you about SIN WHICH DOTHSO EASILY BESET US. This is the second demand of faith.

WHAT BESET MEANS: Our English word BESET comes from a Greek word that means to: 1. To stand round. 2. To stand by, or a by stander.

3. SOONER or later a by-stander, an idle onlooker will be found standing in the way.

### THE SIN WHICH DOTHSO EASILY BESET US

1. The writer does not mean one special kind of sin.
2. He is speaking about sin generically...All manner of transgression.
3. It is not as we may hear the words misquoted: THAT SIN which doth so easily beset us. All sin according to this passage and James 2:10, is a BESETTING SIN.

### ESTIMATING OUR CHARACTER IN RELATIONSTO BESETTING SINS

1. We flatteringly estimate our character by reckoning up the sins to which we have not inclination.
  1. We are free from all of these we say, and feel that we have good reason to congratulate ourselves.
2. HOW ABOUT OUR WEAK POINTS? Never mind the strong points.
  1. Are we gaining or losing there? Some one has said:
  2. You are as good as your worst part...and no better.
  3. You are as strong as your weak part, and no stronger.

### THE BESETTING SIN OF THE HEBREWS

1. "An evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. Heb. 3:12.) Skepticism - Withholding of belief.
  1. The "evil heart of unbelief" reveals itself in departing from the living God.

### BESETTING SINS ARE DECEITFUL SINS. Heb. 3:13.) CONSIDER:

1. The great promises of sin: LIFE PLEASURE PROFIT.
2. The actual wages of sin: DEATH TORMENT DESTRUCTION

### THE BEGINNING OF SIN: Lust; Sin; Death, James 1:15

1. If the sparks of sin were quenched there would be no flame of sin:
  1. How can a man kill who dares not be angry?
  2. How can he be an adulterer in act, who does not first transgress in thought.
  3. How can he defraud, that does not first covet. WE ARE SAVED FROM NOTHING IF WE ARE NOT SAVED FROM SIN. Little sins are pioneers of hell.

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THE DEADLIEST SIN of all is the consciousness of no sin.  
See 1 John 1:6-10