



# THE MESSENGER

## AUGUST 13, 2023

### NEWS AND NOTES

#### **Congregational Meeting**

Today

#### **Our Next Gospel Meeting**

September 10-15

#### **Weekly Bible Studies**

Thursday at 2 on Zoom

#### **Times of Service**

##### **Sunday**

Bible study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

##### **Wednesday**

Bible study: 7:30 PM

(Immediately followed by a short worship service)

#### **First Friday of Month**

##### **Singing**

February 3, 7:30

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### “ITS DESIRE IS CONTRARY TO YOU”

God said two things to Cain about sin in Genesis 3:7 that I want to consider with you. “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.” In this article we will consider the statement, “Its desire is contrary to you.” In our next article, Lord willing, we will consider the statement, “You must rule over it.”

Sin is so *easy* to commit. It can be done with little to no thought. It can present itself to us as something so appealing. It plays to our carnal appetites and promises fun, gain, and fulfillment if we’ll just give in to the temptation. It urges us to notice how “everyone else is doing it” and question whether there is really any sense in refraining? It encourages us to cast a critical eye toward God and wonder if it is even fair for Him to withhold certain things from us? “Did God *actually* say...” don’t do this or that? (Genesis 3:1b) As one man said in my hearing several years ago in justifying his sin, “We’re all sexual beings with urges. Sue me for doing what I’m preprogrammed to do.”

Sin is *always* contrary, or against, us. It never has our best interest at heart. It separates us from God and is the reason Jesus died on the cross. Let us never blind ourselves to the deceptive nature of sin. (Hebrews 3:13) It caresses the conscience with half-truths and reasonable

## Members Needing Our Prayers

Mark and Carol Halbrook, John Thompson, Joyce Bolton, Rick Small, Benny and Arlena Poynter, Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson,

## Others Needing Prayer

Georgia Patton, Glenda Miller, Michael Edwards, Alyse Nash, Charles and Mary Bishop, Helen Thomas, Patty Hill, Eli Kempton, Sophie Brown, Family of Valari Butler-Jones, Charlie Hoy, Janice Parsons, Veronica Bowman, Allison Walker, Mark Nickles, Dwayne Harrod, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Patty Hill

## To Our Guests

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sounding lies. Consider the quote from the gentleman in the previous paragraph. “We’re all sexual beings with urges (some truth yet far from a complete picture). Sue me for doing what I’m preprogrammed to do. (God preprogrammed him to satisfy his sexual urges however he chose? False).”

Whatever pleasure sin provides is fleeting at its best (Hebrews 11:25). Even so, sin does not always provide even that measure of pleasure. What it *does* always provide is separation between God and the sinner. (Isaiah 59:1-2) It will not advertise that. In fact, it will do all it can to keep such thoughts as far from the mind of the one it is enticing as possible. Let’s not be deceived. When sin is crouching at the door, its desire is **always** and **absolutely** contrary to our good. Adam Litmer

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