



THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS
“NUMBER TWO: ENVY”
I SAMUEL 18: 1-12

TODAY WE CONTINUE IN OUR STUDY OF “THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS” AS WE LOOK AT THE SIN OF “ENVY.” ENVY AND JEALOUSY ARE OFTEN USED INTERCHANGEABLY, BUT WHILE JEALOUSLY IN THE BIBLE CAN SOMETIMES BE USED IN A POSITIVE SENSE. ENVY NEVER IS.

THE ROOT MEANING OF THE HEBREW WORD FOR “ENVY” MEANS “TO BECOME INTENSELY RED.” THE OLD TESTAMENT EXPRESSIONS “TO EYE” AND “THE EVIL EYE” INDICATE ENVY AND JEALOUSY.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WE SEE THAT ENVY, NOT LOYALTY TO ROME, MOTIVATED THE JEWS TO DELIVER JESUS TO TRIAL AND TO CALL FOR HIS CRUCIFIXION, A FACT DISCERNED BY PILATE (MATT. 27:18). THE SIN OF ENVY IS FOUND ALL THROUGH THE BIBLE AND IT IS INDEED A VERY COMMON ONE.

I. OBSERVATIONS OF ENVY

- A. ENVY IS DIRECTED TOWARD PEOPLE CLOSE TO US.**
- B. ENVY REACHES FOR WHAT IS OUT OF REACH.**
- C. ENVY CREATES THE SENSE THAT LIFE IS PASSING US BY.**
- D. ENVY DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.**

II. OVERCOMING ENVY

- A. ACKNOWLEDGE ENVY AS SIN.**
- B. RESIST COMPARING YOURSELF TO OTHERS.**
- C. RECOGNIZE GOD’S GOODNESS IN YOUR LIFE.**
- D. RESPOND TO OTHERS IN LOVE.**
- E. REFOCUS ON GOD.**

APPLICATION

ARE WE GUILTY OF THIS SIN? WE NEED TO CONFESS IT, REPENT FROM IT, AND BEGIN ANEW WITH GOD AS OUR FOCUS. WE DO NOT NEED TO LET THE SIN OF ENVY DRAG US DOWN.