




“Sin is what we do
when our heart is not
satisfied with God.”

John Piper

A close-up photograph of a person's hands gripping a heavy, dark metal chain. The hands are positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers wrapped around the links of the chain. The chain is thick and appears to be made of cast iron or steel. The background is a light-colored, textured wall, possibly made of stone or concrete. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the metallic sheen of the chain.

This is God's Word for my life in this place and at this time. Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own and I believe he has a purpose for my life.



The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”



Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. He asked the LORD, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me?”



Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers? Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!' I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me.



If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.”



The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it.



“Tell the people: ‘Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The LORD heard you when you wailed, “If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!” Now the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat it.



You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, But for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it—because you have rejected the LORD, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, “*Why did we ever leave Egypt?*”

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-20


A close-up photograph of a person's hands and forearms. The hands are wearing heavy, dark metal cuffs and are firmly gripping a thick, dark metal chain. The chain is attached to a light-colored, textured wall. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the metallic surfaces.

Breaking Free



Sin is not just an action,

It is a *Craving*



Sin produces Spiritual Blindness

The Lie – false reality

The Priority – idealize future

The Rejection – me over God



We need the...

Truth

“you have rejected the LORD,
who is among you, and have
wailed before him, saying, “Why
did we ever leave Egypt?” v20

A close-up photograph of a person's hands, appearing to be in a state of distress or captivity, as they grip a heavy metal chain. The hands are encased in large, dark metal shackles. The background is a textured, light-colored stone wall. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the metallic sheen of the shackles.

We need intimate...

Worship

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?” Psalm 42:1-2



We need...

Jesus

“Because [Jesus] suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

Hebrews 2:18



“I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.” Isaiah 42:16