## WHAT IS MY SIN?

1 Samuel 20:1

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- Psalm 51 gives us three pictures of sin.
- There are places where sin is defined in strict parameters (Lev. 19:22; Num. 5:7; Deut. 19:15).
- But sin often involved an element of rebellion or rejection (Ezek. 18:24; Matt. 15:15-20).
- In this way, even correct actions could be acted out in sinful ways (1 Cor. 13:1-3; Phil. 1:15-18).
- There is a way in which sin takes on a life of its own (Gen. 4:7; Rom. 7:17, 20).
- Iniquity and the consequences of iniquity are referred by the same word (Gen. 4:13; Lev. 5:17; 7:18; Jer. 51:6; Lam. 5:7).
- Likewise, sin and the sacrifice for sin use the same word (Lev. 4:3, 25; Prov. 10:16).

## Some Applications

- Sin can be identified and corrected (Gen. 31:36; 1 Sam. 20:1).
- It is something we are called to stop doing (1 Cor. 15:34).
- But we are trying to get down to the very root (Matt. 5:21-26; cf. 2 Cor. 12:7; Jas. 1:13-15, 26).
- The battle with sin is a battle for control (Gen. 4:7; Rom. 6:14-18).
- Understanding the consequences of sin brings clarity to the role of Christ (Isa. 53:4-12; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 9:28; 1 Pet. 2:24).