

Q&A

Fall 2020

Question: #1

“As I pray my morning and evening prayers, there is a recurring theme distinguishing sin, iniquity and transgression. Can you shed some light on differentiating between the three? It seems to me a rather important issue. Is one more egregious than the other?”

(from Charlotte Gunther)

“Lead us not into sin, or transgression, iniquity...”

Sin	חטאת	“error”
Iniquity	עון	“guilt”
Transgression	פשע	“willful sin”

Leviticus 16:21-22

Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the **iniquities** of the sons of Israel and all their **transgressions** in regard to all their **sins**; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who stands in readiness. The goat shall bear on itself all their **iniquities** to a solitary land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

Question: #2

*“Can you please explain how **Jude 1:9-10** connects to **Zechariah 3:2**? These few verses and the connection are confusing. For example, how it speaks of Michael presuming not to ‘bring against him a blasphemous accusation’?”*

(from Chuck Kastor)

Jude 1:8-10

Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile [*angelic*] majesties. But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” But these men rail against things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.

Zechariah 3:2

Adonai said to Satan, “Adonai rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, Adonai who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?”

Clues: Deut. 34:7 / Matt. 17:3 / Rom. 5:14

Question: #3

“After Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden tree, their eyes were opened. When you compare that to how the Apostolic Writings depict a person cleansed from sin as having been blind and then given sight, you would think Adam and Eve’s eyes would have been closed instead of opened. What’s that about? What were their eyes opened to exactly?”

(from Rosella Groves)

Genesis 3:5-7 “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

Genesis 21:19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water and she went and filled the skin with water and gave the lad a drink.

Numbers 22:31 Then Adonai opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of Adonai standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand, and he bowed all the way to the ground.

2 Kings 6:17 Then Elisha prayed and said, “Adonai, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” And Adonai opened the servant’s eyes and he saw and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Question: #4

“In Hebrews 9:27 it states that ‘it is appointed unto man once to die’. I would like your opinion – do you think it says that we have an appointment with death, that when God created us, He created us to live for a certain number of days?”

(from Kim MacArthur)

Hebrews 9:27-28 (KJV)

And as it is **appointed** [ἀπόκειμαι] unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:...

Hebrews 9:27-28 (CLT)

And, in as much as it is **reserved** to men to be dying once, yet after this a judging, thus Messiah also, being offered once for the bearing of the sins of many, will be seen a second time, by those awaiting Him, apart from sin, for salvation, through faith.

Luke 19:20 Another came, saying, “Master, here is your *mina*, which I **kept put away** in a handkerchief.”

Colossians 1:5 ...because of the hope **laid up** for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel

2 Timothy 4:8 In the future there is **laid up** for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

