

# Thus Saith God

by Rev. Ted Brooks

"If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity." Job 10:14.

"Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein, and he that rolleth a stone, it will return unto him." Proverbs 26:27.

**Message:**  
**David, You Got One Move.**  
First, let's look again at Job 10:14. "If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity."

Job is saying that if I fail to conduct myself and live a disobedient life, God will not pronounce me not guilty. If I, the speaker sin, if I overstep my bounds, if I overstep the laws of God that divine boundary between good and evil, if I commit an act inherently wrong or whether expressly forbidden or not, if I were to have an evil imagination and ... "Become vain in imagination and their foolish hearts were darkened, professing themselves to be wise they become fools." Romans 1:21

"The devices which you wrongfully imagine." Job 21:27. You see, my friend, before sin has ever been acted upon, sin first is created in the mind. In the mind is where every battle is fought. It is where defeat or victory takes place. Before a clergy ever commits adultery and a bed becomes defiled, it is first acted out in the mind.

What did Solomon mean when he said, "Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein." Proverbs 26:27-Listen again to God's word. "Thou therefore who teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preacheest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery....thou that markest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonorest God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the gentiles through you." Romans 2:21-24.

The answers to these verses are found in verses 19-29. "And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind a light of them who re in darkness.

An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, who hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law."

When you set with the word of God in your hand, read and say and do not you blaspheme the name of God. The pit you have dug will be the one you will fall therein. The sermon you roll up the aisles of your church will one day roll upon yourself. Proverbs 26:27

Remember Job's words "If I sin, thou markest me,....whether in my evil imagination or if I walk after the evil of my heart, (Jeremiah 13:10) thou markest me, and God will in no wise pronounce me not guilty." Job 10:14.

What we are trying to do here is to establish sin which is being committed by ministers and pastors called adultery. When he or she does commit these grievous sins, Job declares that thou art a marked person.

Let me say this....the reason this sin has crept into the local churches is because of careful preachers who have blasphemed the name of God and many have convinced themselves that they are saved. When in fact they are backsliders on God who have been told by careful preachers that heaven is in sight....And Job said "If I sin thou markest me. And wilt not acquit me from mine iniquities." When you or I or anyone oversteps the boundaries of God and commits sin then my friend, you are a marked man.

A careful preacher is one who doesn't want to upset the church. One who is afraid of the "Brother Deacon." A careful preacher won't tell you this my friend, nor instruct you that a continued life is to continued abiding. He

will not tell you that security is eternal only for those whose faith is eternally fixed on Jesus. A careful preacher will tell you that no amount of bitterness or hate will keep you out of the kingdom of God....or you can be as rebellious as you like, do as your please....don't care what God says do....Job cried out, "If I sin thou markest me and the pit I have dug awaits my fall."

A careful preacher at his best is just an earthly friend, a pal or a buddy. He don't want to hurt your feelings. He is trying to get along with everyone. It is a way of being popular and the place he holds has no value. A careful preacher does not love himself nor anyone else. If he did, he would tell you the truth, but he values your friendship more than your soul.

If he really loved you and cared about you and your family, he would tell you how God feels about clergy who commit adultery. He would tell you that God forbids the church to company itself with fornicators. "If a brother be a fornicator or covetous or idolator or a railer or a drunkard or an extortioner with such an one-not to eat with them." I Corinthians 5:9-11.

The Bible tell us to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh. By now you are saying "Brother Brooks has gone overboard." No, my friend, I am a carefree preacher. I am willing to take the risk Jesus took. I am convinced and have confidence that the Living Christ can be exalted in a persecuted life-style. Paul was a convict, a church divider, and he confessed to live is Christ, to die is gain. Look around you, my friend, can't you hear that cry from A.D. 33 "Crucify him! Give us Barabus."

So we are told not to eat, not to keep company with such. Why is the question raised?...So that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. I Corinthians 5:5.

Nathan loved David. When a man loves someone he will be truthful to him. Nathan knew David and knew he had been anointed by God. Not only

anointed, but David was a kind chosen by God, a mighty warrior, a giant killer. David, however, had committed a great sin, adultery and had killed Uriah, the husband of the woman, Bathsheba.

Nathan was a carefree man of God. Even though David being a king, Nathan would not held back the message of God. Nathan said, "David, thou art the

man. Why hast thou despised the commandments of God...to do evil in thy sight. Thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword."

When a clergy commits adultery only in eternity will be know that the soul is lost because of this great sin.

Because of this carefree minister, David was pushed into a corner of conviction. Like a checker player, David had one move to make. David was given an alternative. What will it be David?

Listen to these beautiful words. "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said unto David, "The Lord hath put away thy sin thou shalt not die." II Samuel 12:13. David was a marked man. In verse 5 David had judged himself. "The man who hast done this thing shall surely die...." Conviction was working, David knew that God would not take defiling sins into his kingdom. Where sins are not confessed and repented of, God does not acquit men from their iniquity....There are those of you who have been trapped by this sin. Even now it has become a trapped door. You attend church, sing in the choir or you could be as David who somehow felt that the grace of God would allow him to live as he pleased. What he did not know was that we are free to live but it must be to become what God would have us to be.

Under grace we are free to choose what part we are to take. A wrong turn like David's is in danger and becomes one of dark and of regret. Sin begets sin. The first time we do wrong we may do it with hesitation and with a tremble or a shudder, but the second time it becomes easier. If we continue it becomes effortless. Sin

loses its terror. To start on a path of sin can go on to more and more. David found out that grace would not prevent him from falling as he walked down the road of sin. Neither would God keep him from entangling in a stormy situation. What David did find out was that grace would let him and anyone else repent of the wrong the sin and would allow us to find our way back to a right path.

Let me say this, David needed a real friend, a friend who loved God. He needed a friend who could see that David was trapped beneath the ice of death. David could not breath spiritually. David was dying. David needed a friend who was sent by God. David did not need a denominational preacher. David found out no one can live by grace without guidance. David had walked in the foolishness of evil and he fell and backslid on God. David was trapped. See if you can hear him cry, "Help me, I can't breathe." The only thing, my friend, that will break the hold of Satan is a man who has stood in the council of God and declared thus saith the Lord. When the ice was broken, David cried "I have sinned, I am the one that done this evil in thy sight-not my friend or neighbor, but I." Why David. Why I have done this evil in secret, yet in thy sight-that on the day of judgement that I mightest be justified when thou speakest and be clear when thou judgest." Psalms 51:4.

You can do it, who ever you are, to repent my friend is not something to be ashamed of. To repent is to find joy, happiness, family reunion and peace.

A friendly warning, if you fail to repent. But know thou that for all these things God will bring you into judgement, therefore, remove sorrow from thy heart and put evil from thy flesh for childhood and youth is vanity. Ecclesiastes 11:9-10.

**NOTE: A Carefree Preacher is one who serves a Crucified Messiah and is willing to share his cross. A Careful Preacher is one who wants a crown without a cross.**

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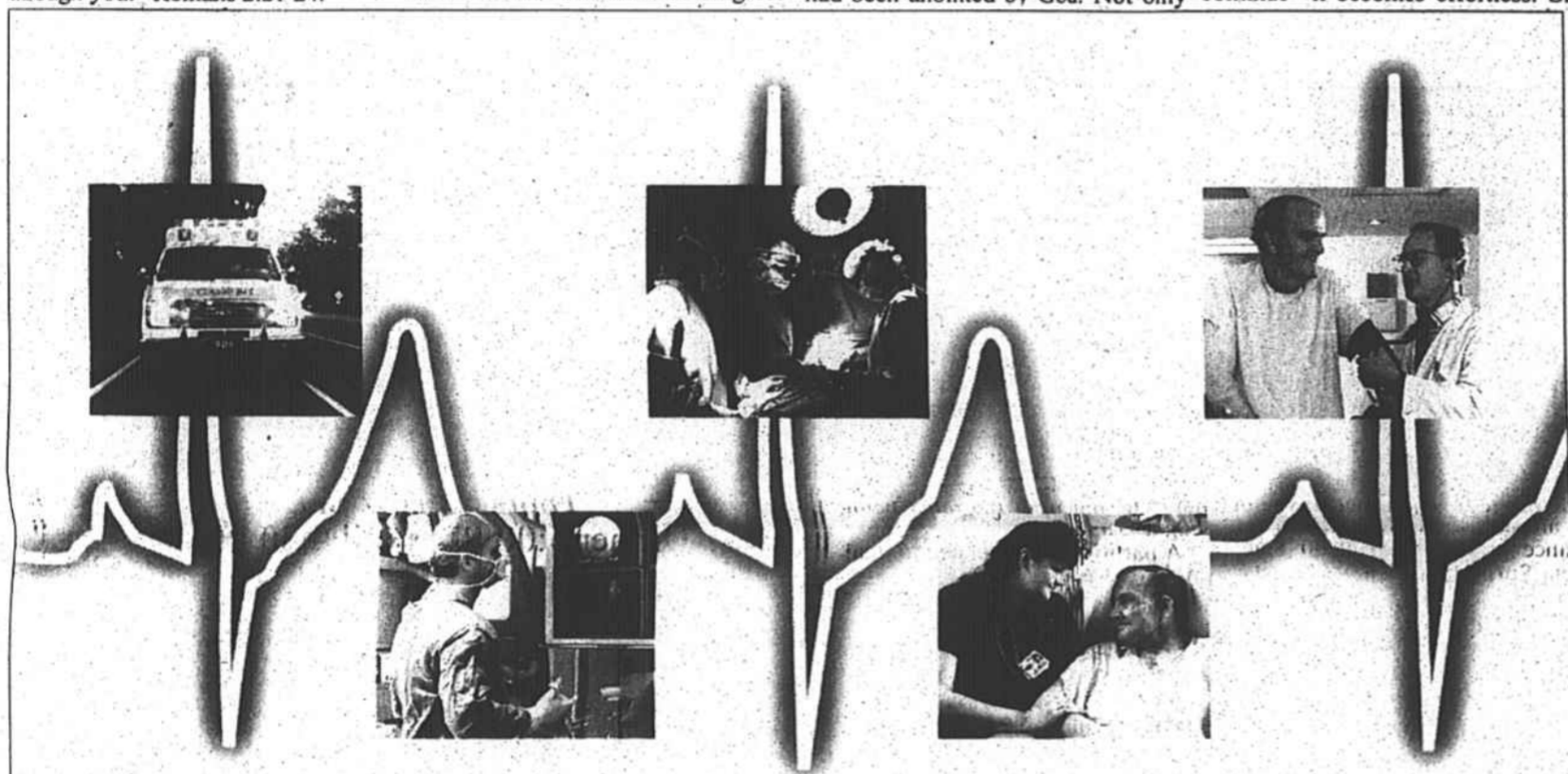
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