

THE SIN CYCLE

The Battle of I vs Me

Romans 7
James 1



Romans 7:14-25

I

- Allow not what I do
- What I would I do not do
- Do what I hate
- The law is good
- Looking to perform that which is good
- Would like to do good
- Delight in the law of God
- Thanks God
- Serve the law of God

'INWARD MAN'

Law of God

ME

- Sin
- No good thing
- To will is present
- Dwelleth no good thing
- Sin dwells in me
- Evil is present
- Captive to the law of sin
- Body of death

'FLESH'

Law of Sin

Romans 7:14

CONFLICT OF SELF WITH SELF



‘the law is spiritual’

Gr. ‘belonging to or proceeding from God, and are in harmony with his character’

BUT

Ps. 19:7-8 – ‘The law of the Lord is perfect...’

‘I am carnal’

Gr. ‘having the nature of flesh, under control of animal appetites ie tendency of his natural inclinations is to indulgence’

Job 42:6 – ‘Wherefore I abhor myself...’

‘sold under sin’

Gr. ‘to sell one into slavery – of one bribed to give up himself wholly to another’s will’

Romans 7:15

DO – DO - DO

‘that which I do’

Gr. ‘katergazomai’ – ‘perform, accomplish, achieve, work out’ (Thay)

‘I allow not’

Gr. ‘to come to know ---- approval’

Rom.14:22 – ‘Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth’

‘what I would that do I not’

Gr. ‘prasso’ – ‘to practice, perform repeatedly/habitually’

‘what I hate, that do I’

Gr. ‘poieo’ – ‘completed action – series of acts which may be void of aim and merely mechanical’ (Vine)

Romans 7:18



THE CHARACTER OF FLESH

'in my flesh'

Gr. 'sarx' – 'human nature, earthly nature of man apart from divine influence' (Thay)

Gal.5:19-24 – 'Now the works of the flesh are these...'

'dwelleth no good thing'

→ Gr. 'to occupy, reside, inhabit i.e. be at home in'

Ja.4:5 – 'the spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy'

'for to will is present with me'

Gr. 'purpose, intend, desire' ↓ → Gr. 'to lie beside, be near'

Gal.5:17 – 'flesh...spirit...these are contrary...ye cannot do the things that ye would'

Romans 7:18

THE CHARACTER OF FLESH (cont.)



'how to perform that which is good I find not'

Gr. 'accomplish, finish' ←

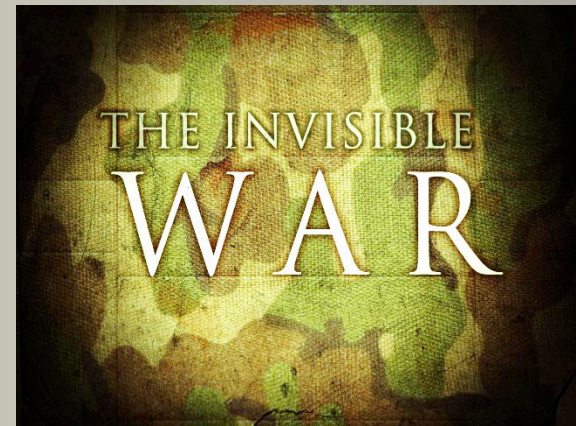
Gr. 'practice, experience' ↓

ESV – 'I have the desire to do what is right,
but not the ability to carry it out'

Wey – 'while the will to do right is present with me,
the power to carry it out is not'

Romans 7:21-23

I FIND THEN A LAW



'I find then a law'

- A principle of operation – ie Law of Gravity, Law of Relativity
NEB – 'I discover this principle...'

'when I would do good, evil is present with me'

Gr. 'to lie near, be at hand'

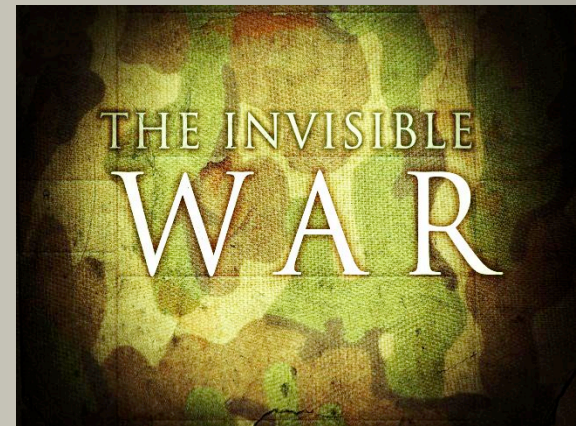


Wey – 'I find therefore the law of my nature to be that
when I desire to do what is right, evil is lying in ambush for me'

WE have met the enemy,
and he is me!

(Walt Kelly)

Romans 7:21-23



I FIND THEN A LAW (cont.)

'I delight in the law of God'

→ Gr. 'rejoice within oneself' (only time word is used)

Ps.119:113 – 'I hate vain thoughts: thy law do I love'

Job 23:12 – '...more than my necessary food'

Ps.1:2 – 'his delight is in the law of the Lord'

'after the inward man' Gr. 'conscience, inclinations of the heart'

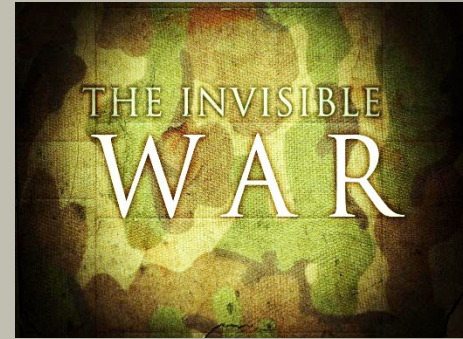
Eph.4:22-24 – 'the new man...after God is created'

Job 38:36 – 'Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts?'

Ps.51:4-6 – 'in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom'

Ja.1:21 – 'implanted' word

Romans 7:21-23



I FIND THEN A LAW (cont.)

'I see another law in my members warring against the law of my mind'



Gr. 'to make a military expedition/campaign' (only time used)

Gen. 3:15 – 'enmity'

'bringing me into captivity'

Gr. 'to make a prisoner of war'

Eph.4:8 – 'when he ascended up on high he led captivity captive'

Objective of Inner Man = Opposite
II Cor. 10:5

Exhort – The very passage of an impure thought through the mind leaves pollution behind it!

Romans 7:24-25

A CHANGE IS COMING



'O wretched man that I am'

--- pain, toil hardship and misery

'who shall deliver me from the body of this death'

└─→ Gr. 'rescue'

Rom. 8:23

Phil. 3:21

II Cor. 3:18 – 'metamorphoo'

'I thank God'

I Cor. 15:57 – 'victory' – I Jn.5:4 – 'nike'

II Cor. 9:15 – 'this unspeakable gift'



THE CYCLE OF SIN

How does it work?

How do we overcome?

JAMES 1:12-15



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Temptation is Necessary (v.12)



Gk. 'a putting to proof'

Two Types of Events

1. God's Design – God Causes
2. God Allows

Prov.3:11, Ps.94:11-12, Ps.119:67,71,75,
Heb.12:5-6,11, Rev.3:19

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‘when he is **tried**, he shall receive the crown of life’ (v.12 cont)



Gk. ‘approved, accepted’

Deut.8:2,5 – ‘...to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart’

Deut.13:1-3 – ‘...proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord’

Prov.17:3 – ‘as a fining pot for silver and a furnace for gold’

Zech.13:8-9 – ‘refine them as silver...try them as gold... It is my people’

‘to them that love him’ (v.12 cont)

**“All things work together for good to
them that love God”**

Rom.8:28

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God Can't Be Blamed (v.13)

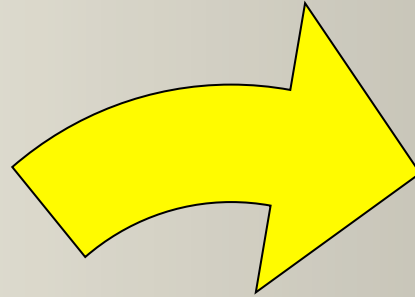
Trial is God's way of discipline
to fit a person
for eternal life.

Gen.3:12-14

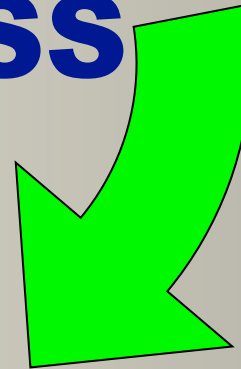
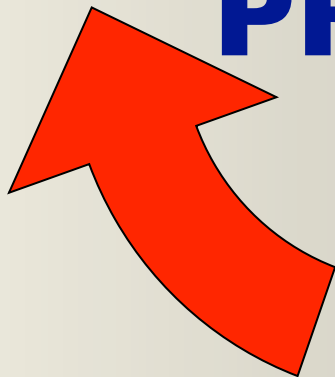
Prov.19:3

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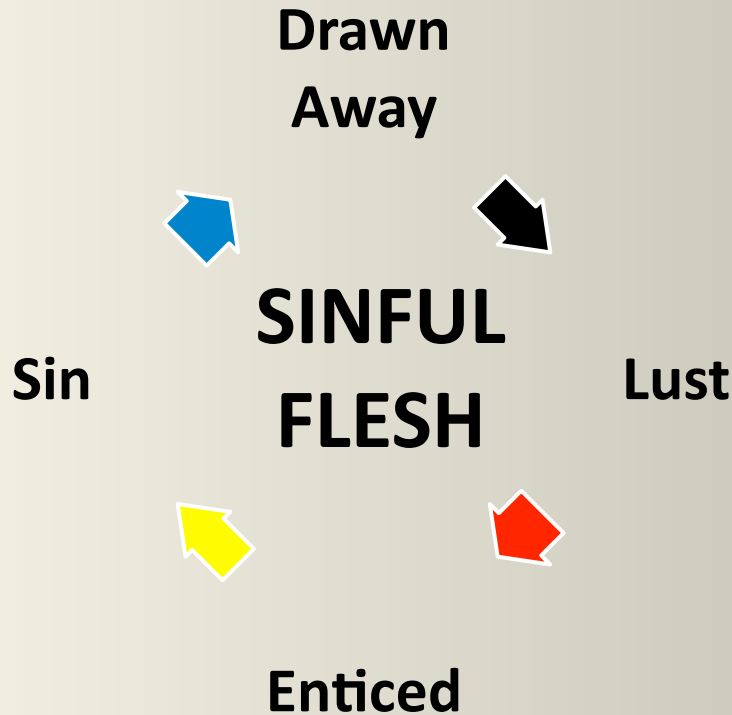
James 1:14-15



**AN INTERNAL
PROCESS**



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James 1:14-15



- First time is a struggle
- Conscience becomes numb
- Cycle accelerates
- Sin becomes the norm

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Sin

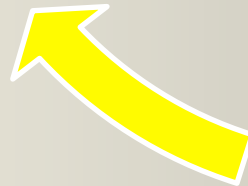
Enticed

James 1:14-15

Drawn
Away

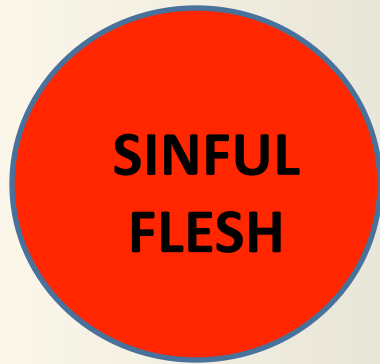


Lust



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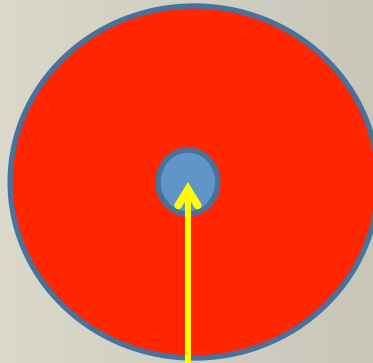
Old Man



Call of the Gospel
Acts 2:38-39



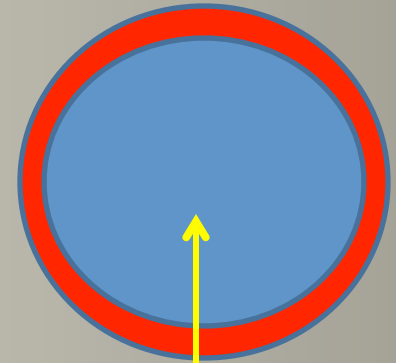
New Man



Seed of Truth
Job 38:36
Ps.51:4-6



Inner Man



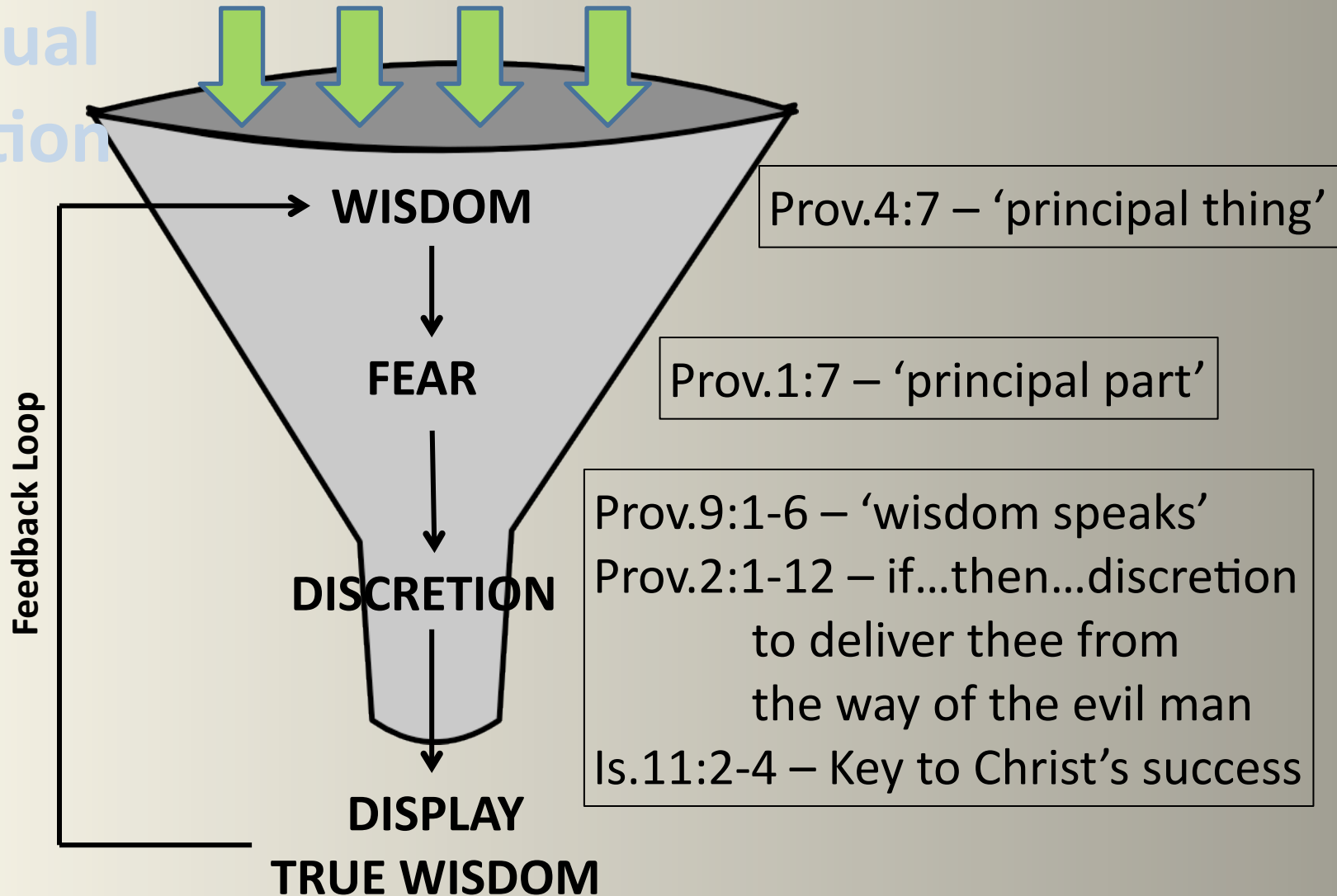
Spiritual
Maturity
Phil.2:5

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SECULAR WISDOM

Spiritual
Filtration



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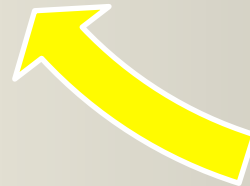


Sin

Enticed

Drawn
Away

Lust



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James 1:14-15



Drawn Away



Drawn
Away

Gk. 'exelko' – only place used



Strgs – 'to drag forth'

Thayer's – 'to lure forth – metaphor taken from hunting and fishing, as game is lured from its covert so man by lust is allured from the safety of self restraint to sin'

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James 1:14-15



Own Lust

Gk. 'a longing (esp. for what is forbidden)'

Mark 7:20-23
Rom.7:14-23
Is.44:14-20



Lust



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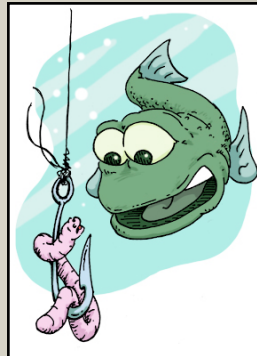
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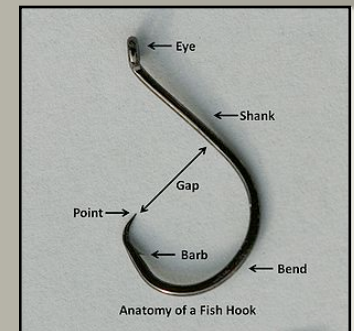


Gk. 'to entrap, delude' (Strgs)
'to bait, catch by bait' (Thayers)

II Pet.2:14,18 – same wd. = 'beguiling, allure'



Enticed



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James 1:14-15



TEMPTATION

Bringeth Forth Sin

Gk. 'tikto' - 'to produce
(from seed, as a mother)'

Gen.3:6 – saw....took....did eat
Doubt in thought
Doubt in word
Depart in deed

Ps.7:14

'conceived mischief...
brought forth (lit.'fathered') deceit'

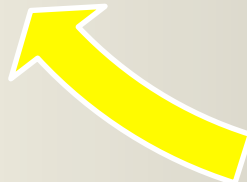
Is.59:1-5 – Language of Conception
...conceive mischief
...bring forth iniquity
...hatch cockatrice eggs



Sin

'sin being allowed to excite desires in us,
it will soon ripen those desires into consent.
The sin truly exists, though it be in embryo.
And, when it has grown to its full size in the mind,
it is then brought forth in actual execution.' (M.H.)

Rom.6:23



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James 1:14-15



DID EAT

Sin

GENESIS 3

**Enticed
TOOK**

Lust SAW

**Drawn
Away**

TEMPTATION

**Gen.3:4 'Ye
shall not
surely die'**

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James 1:14-15



Sin

Proverbs 7

TEMPTATION

Drawn
Away

'passing near her
corner he went the
way to her
home' v.8



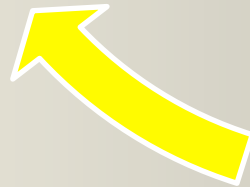
Lust

'in the black & dark
night there met
him a woman'
v.9-10



Enticed

'she caught him and kissed him'
v.13



'she caused him
to yield... it is
for his life'
v.21-23

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James 1:14-15



Sin

**BREAK THE
CYCLE**

Break the Cycle
Intervention

Ja.5:19-20, I Jn.5:16, II Thess.3:14-15, Ps.141:5

TEMPTATION

Drawn
Away

Break the Cycle

Avoidance

II Cor.6:17
Num.16:21,26,45
Is.52:11
Ps.1:1-3

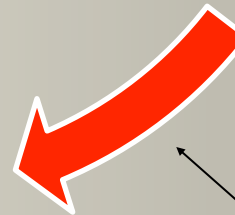


Lust

Break the Cycle

Change Thought Process

Eph.4:22-24
Prov.4:20-27
Heb.3:13



Enticed

Point of no Return





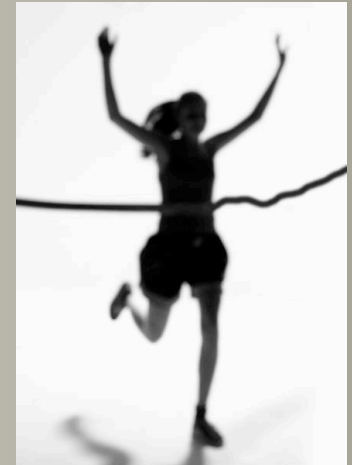
“TO HIM THAT
OVERCOMETH”



I count him braver who overcomes his desires
than him who conquers his enemies; for the
hardest victory is over self.

(Aristotle)

OVERCOMING
OURSELVES



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**‘overcometh’ – Gr. ‘nikao’ - ‘to conquer, carry off the victory,
come off victorious’**

I Jn.5:4-5

‘victory’ – Gr. ‘nike’ – ‘conquest, means of success’





OVERCOMING OURSELVES



Eat the tree of life
Eat hidden manna
White stone with new name
Name of God & city of God
Power over the nations
The morning star
Clothed in white
A pillar in the temple
Christ confesses your name to God & angels

Rev. 2-3

ALL THINGS ... BE GODS SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Rev. 21:7





Sins to Overcome



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