The Crowing Cock

**Read:** Matthew 26:34, 74 & 75

**Text:** Numbers 32:23b “…be sure your sin will find you out.”

**Introduction:** A burglar broke into a house that he thought was un-inhabited. He stopped short when he heard a voice saying: “Jesus is watching and satan is going to get you.” He thought the voice sounded strange and he turned on the light to see a parrot where the voice was coming from. He laughed and said: “I guess you are Jesus. “Yes, I am,” he said, “and the German Shepherd is satan! Sic him satan!”

This morning, I want to talk about one part of the problem of sin. Paul tells us in Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God:” If I was to ask you if you believe this; most of you would immediately agree. Some of us can describe the sins of others far more easily than we can our own.

**I Adam & Eve** (the very first to sin): tried hard to hide from God but fund out that the God who had created the earth already knew where all the hiding places were.

When Jonathan failed to get into the Coast Guard Academy and went with his second choice he had no idea of how much better prepared he would be for his future job. If he had gone to the CGA he would only have been assigned to CG vessels. As a Merchant Mariner he worked on many different types of vessels. When he has to board and search a vessel he usually knows the layout and possible hiding places better because he has been onboard these types of ships as a student of the MMA.

Adam & Eve, the first sinners, committing the first sin, were caught and exposed by the very God who created them and the garden they were hiding in. Their sin found them out.

**II. Moses:** was burdened to relieve the bondage of his brethren and slew a bad Egyptian and buried him. In Acts 7 we read that he supposed that his brethren would see this and understand the call of God on his life but they didn’t, they snitched, and he fled for his life. His sin found him out.

**III. Achan:** believed in Finders – Keepers. Some of what he took was

destined to be burned up anyway. He took it, hid it, and nobody saw him except for his family who helped him bury it.

There is a story of a little boy who saw his dad steal an item from an electronics store. He later cried because he was afraid that his dad could have gone to prison. His dad tried to comfort him by saying: “I was very careful son. I looked to see if there were cameras, I looked to my left, my right, and I looked down the aisle both ways before I took it.” The little boy asked: “Did you look up?”

Achan failed to look up. His sin found him out.

**IV. David:** had one night of unrestrained lust. He took another man’s wife into his bed. He had to murder the husband to cover his sin. When the deed was over he hid his sins behind a wedding and breathed easier; knowing that he had gotten away with a close call. Only he and Joab knew and Joab had his own problems; Joab wouldn’t say a word.

Someone was watching; someone who David used to have a close relationship with. God told Nathan and Nathan confronted David. His sin had found him out.

David talks about this experience in Psalm 32 & 69. He said: “I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD…” then later he says: “O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.”

**Conclude:** When you or I sin it is in satan’s best interest to expose us. He can get no glory out of our sin unless he can ruin someone with it and who better than the one committing the sin? His desire is to ruin you and me, ruin our families, ruin our testimony, make us feel like a failure, and get us to walk away from God.

God is not interested in helping us cover un-repented sin either. He is called The Way, The Truth, and The Life for a reason. Paul advises “Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. Luke quotes Jesus “For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.”

There is only one way to get rid of sin and that is to bury it under the blood of Christ. I John 1:9 says: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteous-ness.” Please stand for prayer.