

particular sin, but it is death which spreads itself out over the \_\_\_\_\_ and which affects every individual who lives in the community. The wages of sin is death.

Now we turn over to a fourth side of the gem and there we see something which is suggested in the verse but might not be so obvious as what we just looked at, to everyone who knows it. The wages of sin is death. The wages of what--the wages of the sin of murder? The wages of sin of armed robbery? The wages of sin of adultery? Is it the wages of some particular sin? Is it for that that is death? I have called no. IV The Equality of Sin.

Sin is not an action so much as it is an attitude. It is an attitude towards God's law. It is an attitude of taking one's own will, one's own desire and putting that first and ignoring the will and law of God. And it is not the matter of which sin or that sin, or the other sin--it is the matter of the attitude of sin. It is this which is so bad. All sin is sin in God's sight and we cannot say this man is a great sinner and this man is a slight sinner. God can distinguish but we cannot. All sin is death. We find in I Sam. 16:7 that our Lord mentions the fact to Samuel that the Lord sees not as man sees; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart and I think that this is a very important matter in connection with this question of sin. The Lord will punish in accordance with the desert of the sin. I am not sure that man should try to punish sin. I am not sure that man is capable at times to punish sin. The Lord has said, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay". God will punish exactly exactly in proportion to the desert of the sin of man. I am inclined to think the function of the state, of the human organization is to seek out that which will produce results in order to make the community in which we live in some decent fashion together. It is necessary that the human organization seek means of remedying, means of preventing rather than an idea that we as human beings are capable of measuring out punishment proportional to the desert. We can't do because we can't see the heart. We see the external appearance and we have to go by that. It often strikes me as ridiculous and silly and yet it is necessary what I read in the paper occasionally. Here is a man who attacks somebody. He came with a knife or a gun and he attacked that person and the other person is very very seriously ill and is in the hospital and this man is in jail. And they have not yet charged this man but are waiting to see what happens to the other person. There is