

## We Are Not Inclined To Do Evil

### I. Introduction:

A. Some take Scriptures such as **Isaiah 53:6** and **Ecclesiastes 7:20** and teach that man has a sinful nature.

1. What is missed is that there are those times in history when it was very hard to find a faithful man (i.e. **Genesis 6:6-9**).
2. Statements such as **Romans 3:23** have to be considered as exaggerated statements because ALL had not sinned (**I Peter 2:21-22**).
3. Come back to the perfect man Noah, who was saved, what was said in that same context concerning “all flesh” (**Genesis 6:12-13**).

B. Sin is a choice (**James 4:17** and **I John 3:1-10**).

1. The king of Tyrus was told he was perfect, until... (**Ezekiel 28:12; 28:15**).
2. Under both the old and new covenants, we see sin is a choice that people make (**Ezekiel 18:4-9** and **Romans 6:16**).

### II. Body: God Hath Made Man Upright, But... (**Ecclesiastes 7:29**).

A. The Scriptures teach that man corrupts himself (**Exodus 32:7**, **Judges 2:19**, **Hosea 9:8-9**, and **Jude 1:10**).

1. Man has the power to cease being corrupt (**Ephesians 4:22**).
2. We can escape corruption (**II Peter 1:4**).

B. Freewill is an undeniable truth (**Revelation 22:14-17**).

1. The “Old Testament” shows freewill (**Exodus 15:26**, **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**, **Joshua 24:20-24**, **Proverbs 1:29**, and **Ezekiel 18:20**).
2. The “New Testament” shows freewill (**Luke 11:28**, **Acts 17:4-5**, **Philippians 2:12**, and **James 1:13-16**).
3. The Judgment of God on humanity is rooted in this truth (**John 5:28-29**).

C. If a person chooses to sin, that person can repent (**Acts 3:19**).

1. This can be seen in the “Old Testament” (**II Chronicles 7:14**, **Proverbs 28:13**, **Isaiah 55:6-7**, **Jeremiah 26:13**, **Ezekiel 14:6**, **Ezekiel 18:30**, **Ezekiel 33:14-16**, and **Jonah 3:1-10**).
2. This can be seen in the “New Testament” (**Matthew 3:1-2**, **Matthew 4:17**, **Matthew 12:41**, **Mark 6:12**, **Luke 3:7-8**, **Luke 13:1-5**, **Luke 24:47**, **Acts 2:38**, **Acts 17:30**, **II Peter 3:9**, and **Revelation 2:5**).
3. Those whom have chosen to sin can also choose to cease from sin (**John 8:1-11**, **II Timothy 2:19**, and **I Peter 4:1-5**).

### III. Conclusion: **Proverbs 14:22**