

#1 – The Chambers of the Heart

A. The Inner Man

1. Man is unity of material (outer, body) & spiritual (inner)
2. The inner man is the seat & center of deepest longings & nobler faculties (Lk 8:55; Heb 12:9; 2Cor 5:1-8)
  - Its designations: "Inner man," "soul," "spirit," "heart"

B. "Heart" is the Bible's principal word for our inner self  
 Bruce Waltke, "Heart' ... is the most important anthropological term in the Old Testament."

1. The heart *comprehends* the whole of the inner person
  - the heart defines who we are, what we want & love

Mt 6.21 *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*  
 Pr 4.23 *Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life*

Luke 6.45 *The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*

2. The heart *includes* the seat of man's intellect (mind), longings (desire) and decision-making (will)

C. The Chambers of the Heart

1. The *Mind* of the Heart (Eph 1:18; 1Jn 3:20) *What I know*
  - cognition & understanding
2. The *Desires* (Affections) of the Heart *What I love*
  - longings
3. The *Will* of the Heart *What I choose*
  - resolve, restraint ... convictions, character;

#2 - The Sin of Your Heart

The Diversity of Sin

Psalms 51.1 ... according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2  
*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!*  
 (Ex 34.7 Lev 16.21; Ps 32.1)

A. "Sin": Error or of the Heart's Mind

- To err, fall, fall short, miss the mark of God's standard (Exod 32.30; Rom 5.12; 5C 14: "any want of conformity")

B. "Iniquity": Perversion of the Heart's Desires

- To pervert, go astray, go wrong (crooked), twisting good (Rom 1.18; Lk 3.5; Jer 17.9; Rom 6.13; 1Jn 1.9)

C. "Transgression": Rebellion of the Heart's Will

- To rebel, revolt, defy (openly & brazenly), violate willfully (Exod 23.21; Isa 1.2,28; Jer 2.29; Ezek 20.38; Eph 2.1)
- Hardens the heart (Ex 7.14; 2Cor 3.14), makes stubborn (Jer 16.12), proud (Dan 5.20)

The Unity of Sin

A. Sin is primarily against God (Ps 51.4)

Bruce Waltke: "Sin is disobedience to God's Word and it cannot be severed from the spirit that has given rise to it: a breach of trust in the goodness of God's character and in the truthfulness of his Word."

B. The Path of Temptation

1. Mind: The Alert System... What do I know?
2. Desires: What do I love?
3. Will: What will I choose?