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Biblical Words for "Sinful" Behavior

Iniquity

crooked behavior

Transgression

breaking trust

Enmity (Romans 8:7)

Sin

Biblical Understanding of "Sin"

Khata (Hebrew)

to fail or miss the goal

Hamartia (Greek)

a power (cf. Ro. 6:16 "slaves to sin")

Debt

Jesus pays our "debt" (cf. Col. 2:14)

Romans 5:17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that **one man**, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Genesis 3: Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

Genesis 3:2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

Genesis 3:4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened...

What is SIN?

James 1: 13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Romans 7: 14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. 15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. 18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

Genesis 4: 6 Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

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What does DESIRE have to do with SIN?

Romans 7: 8 But sin, **seizing the opportunity** afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting...11

For sin, **seizing the opportunity** afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. 12 So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

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When humanity believes God is not
present.

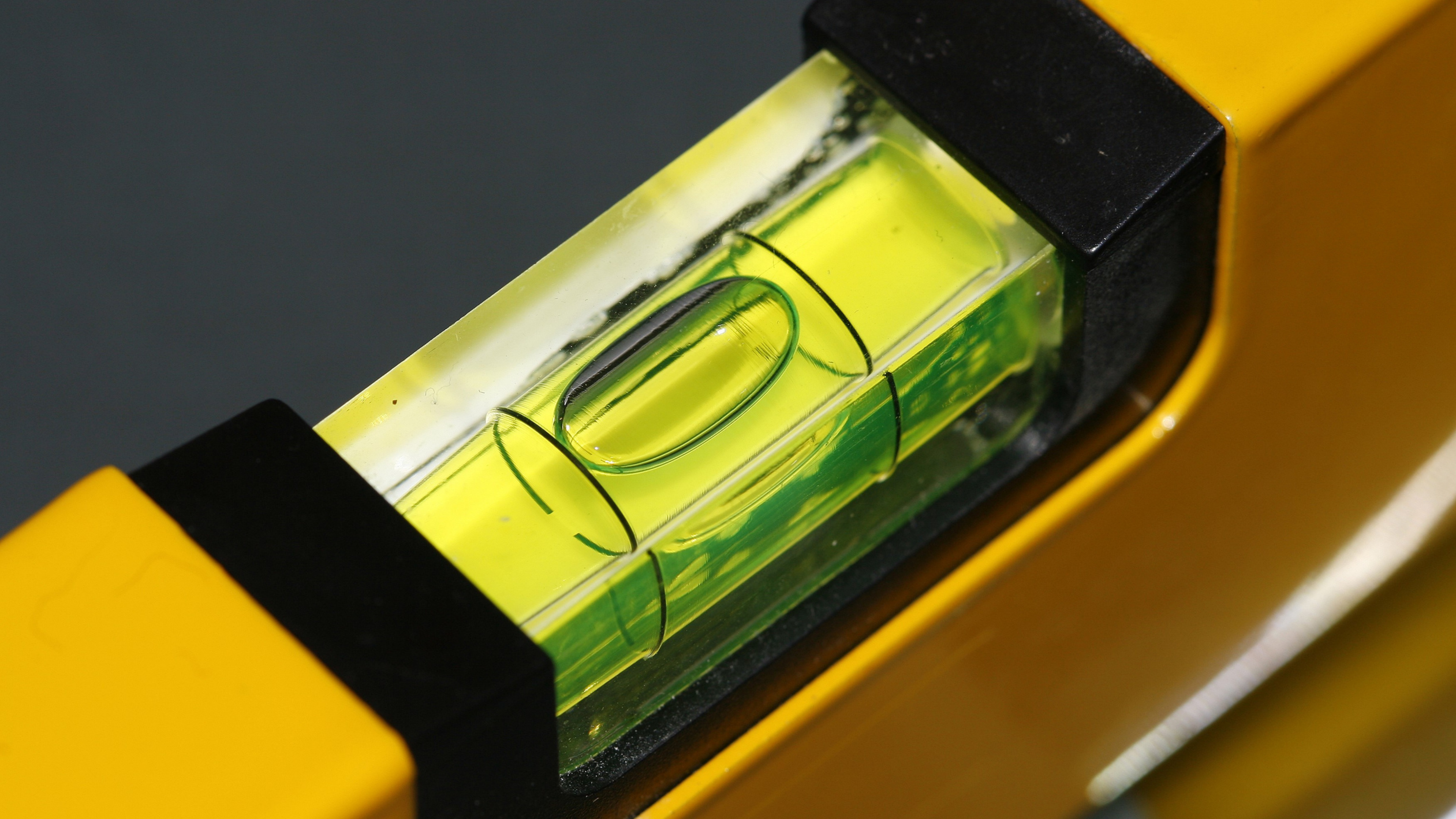
Sin is how we deal with life when we
believe God is absent.

The cure for sin is not forgiveness...

...but forgiveness points us to the cure

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...believing (knowing) God is in our
presence.



To even out the balance of sin and
righteousness

We must learn to continually cultivate
the presence of God.

Romans 8: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...**God did by sending his own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not **live** according to the flesh but **according to the Spirit**.

Romans 8: 5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the **flesh desires**; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the **Spirit desires**.

Romans 8: 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.

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