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# DEALING WITH GUILT AND SHAME



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1. Shame and guilt: key problems for us, but why?
  - a. *Existential reasons*
  - b. *Social reasons*
  - c. *Theological reasons, and perhaps most critically ...*
  - d. *Conceptual/terminological reasons*

## 2. How do we deal with shame and guilt?

### *a. Unravel the confusion and clarify the concepts*

#### I. Shame and guilt in psychology

#### II. Shame and guilt in anthropology

#### III. Gains and dangers in the study of shame and guilt

#### IV. Putting things back together: proposing a more consistent, useful model

*b. Examine the Bible's use of guilt and shame (and honour)*

I. Survey the range of use

i. A survey of the Bible's "honour" vocabulary

ii. A survey of the Bible's "shame" vocabulary

iii. A survey of the Bible's "guilt" vocabulary

## II. Trace the themes through salvation history

## III. Align our understanding of guilt and shame with the Bible

- i. God's honour as the foundation of understanding guilt and shame

- ii. The goal of creation: receiving, reflecting, returning God's honour

- iii. The nature and consequences of sin

IV. Use the Bible's perspective as a lens for the complexities of experience

- i. Psychologically/as an individual (BUT before God)

ii. Anthropologically/as an individual in community (ACTUALLY, communities)

iii. Dealing with guilt and shame: some case studies

3. Guilt, shame and the glory of God in the gospel of Jesus



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