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## A CRAP GAME

Several sailors were shooting craps. One man began to roll the bones and they came seven. *Lucky*. He shot them again, they came seven. *Remarkable*. He picked them up and rolled them out a third time and they came seven. *Suspicious*.

The other sailors, not being too dumb, concluded that there was something inside the dice to account for the constantly recurring sevens.

The sailors began to swear. And this was not unusual for sailors often swear. So do soldiers. So do civilians. In addition they are sometimes obscene, and sometimes they steal. In fact, all people without exception do what is wrong. All people commit sins.

And if man is not too dumb, he will conclude that there is something inside to account for the constant evil. Where do lies, profanity, obscenity come from if not from inside?

This is what Jesus said: "*Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are things which defile a man.*" (Matthew 15:19).

Men are born with a tendency to sin. And they will never be fit to come into God's presence unless they are cleansed of their sin from the inside out.

We look at Heaven and long to enter in, but there no evil thing may find a home; and yet I hear a voice that bids me come. A new heart is needed, and God graciously provides such a heart to His own. Here is His promise: "*A new heart also will I give you ...*" (Ezekiel 36:26).

We may come to God in prayer, or we may come to God in death, only through Jesus Christ whose blood cleanses us from all sin.

Let us admit the plain fact of our great sinfulness before God, who seeth the heart, and let us own Christ as our Lord and Master, and trust Him for our salvation from sin.