

Today, I'll be reviewing 'Sin After Sin' by Judas Priest! As I'm getting older, I'm starting to prefer guitar sounds that are less distorted, which is partly why I like the album. Who knows, in another 10 years, maybe I'd like listening to guitars with no distortion at all. That's interesting, as there are many Youtube video cover songs that play once distorted solos with absolutely no fuzz. However, they're posted as jokes which is worrying for me. With its name, you'd expect Sin After Sin to be a heavy album but it's not really, and you'd expect their latest LP 'Invincible Shield' to be positive or at least relatively unthreatening, but it's heavier! Shields CAN be used as weapons, I'm just saying I don't find them as scary as someone repeatedly stealing and killing, etc. There are lesser sins such as gluttony and to be fair, I would be more freaked out by someone wielding a magic shield than someone who simply eats a lot. Especially as I like my food as well. Would I rather have a huge pizza or a supernatural shield though? Tough one. I guess I'd be concerned about others stealing the latter. I could keep it in my house and not tell anyone hypothetically speaking, but no, in reality I'd tell everyone about it.

Now that food is more plentiful and people in England at least are at very low risk of starvation, maybe gluttony can be downgraded and become something that is best avoided for health reasons, not because it's evil? Just a thought. Jealousy is a sin, too? To be honest, I'm jealous of the guy with the shield, it really does sound fantastic. You're supposed to honour your father, too? Sure I get him a card and a bottle of wine for his birthday, but if he's expecting anything more from me, he's deluded. Anyway, the album... It's pretty good! Prior album 'Sad Wings of Destiny' has a milder guitar sound too, and again, you'd expect it to be more aggressive with tracks such as 'The Ripper'. What sound do you most associate with Jack the Ripper, the killer the song is about? Clean (a sound associated with moral purity), warm and fuzzy (a sound associated with warm fuzziness) or extremely distorted, aggressive and harsh sounding? The latter? Well, what you get is warm fuzziness and I find that very odd.

As Sin After Sin was released in 1977, it means it was made available the time before the band went a bit weird with their 1984 album 'Defenders of the Faith', that demanded heavy metal bands including themselves should be defended. I prefer those earlier days. I thought 1980 JP song 'Metal Gods' was about them. I was thinking to myself 'Oh, here we go, they're trying to be worshipped again...' but to be fair, having done some research, the song does appear to be about robots. Ok, I admit it, I made an assumption about song DofTF, I'm not 100% sure it's about demanding fans to defend them. Having just looked at the lyrics, what I do know however is the band boast about being heavy duty and defending the faith, themselves. Who's faith, I'm not 100% sure. Hang on... Heavy duty? I've just Googled the meaning of the phrase and it means 'designed to be strong enough to do very difficult work for a long time...' Just like invincible shields! But the band are saying THEY are heavy duty, implying they think of themselves as invincible shields, which is kinda arrogant, too.

As I've talked about the band defending the faith before, I felt it right to do an extra paragraph in this review. A better paragraph, a kinder one. Here goes: I like the SAS album a lot! I'm not sure if I feel so passionate about it I have to actively defend it above all else, but if for whatever reason I was carrying the CD with me, outside in the rain, I would defend it from the weather at least and put it in my bag. If I'm not

wearing a bag at the time? Maybe I'd put it underneath my coat or jumper. :) If my house caught fire on the other hand, I'd have to weigh up the pros and cons and let it burn. It really wouldn't be too much of an issue, I'd just buy it again. Oh no, I've talked about defending things again... Immediately too, which is not so good. The phrase has clearly had an effect on me, I mean you have to admit it is a powerful thing to say. Anywho, it gets a 9.25 out of 10 from me! Not bad! Bye!