

L7 | This World | "The Way of the Wicked" | Pro. 4:14-19

I. Intro/Review:

- This World - According to this World
 - The Power of Darkness - spiritual error (1 Cor. 5:8)
 - The Spirit of the World - gain, greediness
 - Spiritual Wickedness - channels of spiritual wickedness, contrary to God and truth (2 Kings 21:6, Jer. 1:16, Ps. 10:3-4)
 - Anthropology
 - Psychology
 - Works of Darkness
 - Sin justified by spiritual wickedness - Deut. 9:27

II. Preview:

- The Way of the Wicked - Features of the Wicked and their Wickedness
 1. The History of the Wicked
 2. The Heart of the Wicked
 3. The Mouth of the Wicked
 4. The Conversation of the Wicked
 5. The House of the Wicked
 6. The Life of the Wicked
 7. The Fruit of the Wicked
 8. The Wickedness of the Wicked

III. Sermon:

- The Plight of the Wicked
 - (Proverbs 5:22 KJV) His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.
- 1. The History of the Wicked
 - (Deuteronomy 9:4 KJV) Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.
 - (Deuteronomy 9:5 KJV) Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
 - (Isaiah 25:7 KJV) And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.
- 2. The Heart of the Wicked
 - (1 Kings 2:44 KJV) The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the LORD

shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head;

- (Proverbs 4:20 KJV) My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
- (Proverbs 4:21 KJV) Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
- (Proverbs 4:22 KJV) For they [are] life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
- (Proverbs 4:23 KJV) Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the issues of life.
- (Proverbs 4:24 KJV) Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.
- (Proverbs 4:25 KJV) Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
- (Proverbs 4:26 KJV) Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.
- (Proverbs 4:27 KJV) Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

- (Genesis 6:5 KJV) And GOD saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually.
- (Psalm 5:9 KJV) For [there is] no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part [is] very wickedness; their throat [is] an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.
- (Psalm 58:2 KJV) Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.
- (Jeremiah 4:18 KJV) Thy way and thy doings have procured these [things] unto thee; this [is] thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.
- (Mark 7:22 KJV) Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:
- (Psalm 10:3 KJV) For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, [whom] the LORD abhorreth.
- (Proverbs 21:27 KJV) The sacrifice of the wicked [is] abomination: how much more, [when] he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

3. The Mouth of the Wicked

- (Job 27:4 KJV) My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.
- Mouth pour out evil things - Pro. 15:28

4. The Conversation of the Wicked

- Have not faith - 2 The. 3:2
- Filthy conversation - 2 Pet. 2:7
- Desire evil - Pro. 21:10
- Endeavor - Ps. 28:4
- Strength - Ps. 52:7
- Foolishness - Ecc. 7:25
- Treasures - Pro. 10:2
- Secret Counsels - Ps. 64:2
 - Pro. 12:5
- Cruel - Pro. 12:10
- Devices - Ps. 10:2
- Trust in it - Isa. 47:10 (none seeth - no accountability) - Ps. 10:13
- Prosper - Ps. 73:3
 - Ps. 92:7

- Dainties - Ps. 141:4

5. **The House of the Wicked**

- In dwellings - 1 Jn. 5:19, Ps. 55:11, 15, 84:10, Ps. 107:34, Ecc. 3:16
- Revenues - Pro. 15:6

6. **The Life of the Wicked**

- Life prolonged - Ecc. 7:15

7. **The Fruit of the Wicked**

- (Job 4:8 KJV) Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.
- (Proverbs 11:5 KJV) The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
- (Proverbs 12:3 KJV) A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

8. **The Wickedness of the Wicked**

- No rest - Isa. 57:20
- Double down - Pro. 30:20
 - Isa. 26:10
- Persecute the poor - Ps. 10:2-4
- Borrow, steal - Ps. 37:21
- Against the just - Ps. 37:12, 14
 - Against the righteous - Ps. 37:32
 - Pro. 29:27
- Great power - Ps. 37:35
 - Snared - Ps. 9:16
 - Pro. 28:12, 15, 28, 29:2, 29:7, 29:16
- Triumph - Ps. 94:3
 - does not deliver - Ecc. 8:8
 - Wickedness corrects - Jer. 2:19
- Justify the wicked for reward - Isa. 5:23
 - Pro. 11:7 - expectation of wicked perishes when he dies

IV. **Conclusion:**

- (Psalm 37:16 KJV) A little that a righteous man hath [is] better than the riches of many wicked.
- (Psalm 37:34 KJV) Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see [it].
- (Psalm 139:24 KJV) And see if [there be any] wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
- (Psalm 141:4 KJV) Incline not my heart to [any] evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

- (Proverbs 10:3 KJV) The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.