

L10 | This World | "The Believers View & Response to the Wicked" | Pro. 23:17

I. Intro/Review:

1. God's disposition toward the wicked (hate toward the wicked)
 - {Psalm 7:11} - God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry [with the wicked] every day.
2. God's desire for the wicked (love toward the wicked)
 - {Ezekiel 33:11 KJV} Say unto them, [As] I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?
3. God's works toward the wicked
 - Matt. 5:43-48
 - Rom. 2:3-5
4. God's end for the wicked
 - {Psalm 9:17} - The wicked shall be turned into hell, [and] all the nations that forget God.
 - {Psalm 92:7} When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; [it is] that they shall be destroyed for ever:

II. Preview:

- Love not the world - 1 Jn. 2:15
 - Love thy neighbour, love your enemy
1. The Believers Heart toward the Wicked
 2. The Believers Life toward the Wicked
 3. The Believers Message toward the Wicked

III. Sermon:

1. **The Believers Heart toward the Wicked** - {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.
 - Be not conformed - Rom. 12:1-2
 - Walk not like Gentiles - Eph. 4:17

1.1 - Don't be Afraid of the Wicked

- (Proverbs 24:19) Fret not thyself because of evil [men], neither be thou envious at the wicked;
- {Psalm 27:1} [[[A Psalm] of David.]] The LORD [is] my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD [is] the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

- {Psalm 49:16} Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;
- {Psalm 56:3} What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.
- {Psalm 56:11} In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.
- {Psalm 112:7} He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.
- {Psalm 112:8} His heart [is] established, he shall not be afraid, until he see [his desire] upon his enemies.
- {Matthew 10:28} And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

1.2 - Don't Envy the Wicked

- {Psalm 73:3} For I was envious at the foolish, [when] I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- {Proverbs 3:31} Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.
- {Proverbs 23:17} Let not thine heart envy sinners: but [be thou] in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

1.3 - Don't Marvel

- {Ecclesiastes 5:8} If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for [he that is] higher than the highest regardeth; and [there be] higher than they.

1.4 - Don't Follow the Ways of the Wicked - Faithfulness toward God

- (Job 11:14) If iniquity [be] in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.
- (Psalm 101:3) I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; [it] shall not cleave to me.

1. Faithfulness

- (Psalm 119:53) Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.
- (Psalm 119:61) The bands of the wicked have robbed me: [but] I have not forgotten thy law.
- (Psalm 119:95) The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: [but] I will consider thy testimonies.
- (Psalm 119:110) The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.
- (2 Tim. 3:12-17)

2. God's Reward of the Wicked is Wrath

- {Psalm 145:20} The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

- (Proverbs 24:20 KJV) For there shall be no reward to the evil [man]; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.
- Eph. 5:1-7
- {Job 36:17-19} But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold [on thee]. Because [there is] wrath, [beware] lest he take thee away with [his] stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee. Will he esteem thy riches? [no], not gold, nor all the forces of strength.
- {Proverbs 11:4 KJV} Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

2. The Believers Life toward the Wicked

2.1 - Choose Affliction over Enjoying the Pleasures of Sin

- Heb. 11:24-26

2.2 - Do Them Good

- Gal. 6:7-10
- Rom. 12:17-21
- Be Fruitful - {Matthew 13:22} He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.
 - {Mark 4:19} And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.
 - {Luke 8:14} And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of [this] life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

2.2 - Pray for Them

- {Psalm 140:8} Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; [lest] they exalt themselves. Selah.
- 1 Tim. 2:1-2, 8

2.3 - Shine As Lights

- Php. 2:14-16

3. The Believers Message toward the Wicked

3.1 - Minister God's Reconciliation

- 1 Tim. 2:3-7
- Rom. 1:16-18
- 2 Cor. 5

IV. Conclusion:

{Psalm 62:10 KJV} Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart [upon them].

{Psalm 37:16 KJV} A little that a righteous man hath [is] better than the riches of many wicked.

{Proverbs 22:1 KJV} A [good] name [is] rather to be chosen than great riches, [and] loving favour rather than silver and gold.

{Proverbs 22:16 KJV} He that oppresseth the poor to increase his [riches, and] he that giveth to the rich, [shall] surely [come] to want.

{Proverbs 11:28 KJV} He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

{Proverbs 27:24 KJV} For riches [are] not for ever: and doth the crown [endure] to every generation?

{1 Timothy 6:17 KJV} Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;