

## The Way of the Wicked Psalm 9, 10, 11

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There is likely more *wicked* roaming the earth than at any time in history. The world has changed and continues to worsen. Violence, unrest, protest, hatred, division, and bickering dominate society. The world is in a state of change, and the change is for the worse. Help us, dear God.

I believe the best answer to the demise of this society is the increase in the number of *wicked* people. One only has to sprinkle a few *wicked* men in with the good men and the result is catastrophe.

Wicked- a *reprobate* sinner. A reprobate person is *one that is void of judgment*. One of the first uses of the word reprobate was by the Romans many years ago. When they began to produce steel, sometimes a production batch was corrupt and unfit for use. So, that batch was labeled “reprobate” and poured out as useless and void. It was good only to fill potholes in the street.

A *reprobate* sinner is useless and void, fit only to be poured out. Such a person has a blown mind. That person is void of judgment and unable to reason. **Isaiah 5:20** *Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!* We live in an age dominated by the wicked, that is, reprobate sinners who label bitter for sweet, sweet for bitter, darkness for light, and light for darkness. I am not God. I do not believe the wicked can be saved. You can tell a wicked man it is day, and he may argue that it is night.

**Isaiah 30:10** *Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:* Only a reprobate sinner would request that he be told a lie and not the truth.

**Jeremiah 2:27** *Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto*

*me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.*

Psalms chapter 9, 10, and 11 speak much about The Way of the Wicked.

9:5

*Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.*

God is loving, kind and his mercies endure forever. However, he has a breaking point. God has deadlines. He told those in the sinful time of Noah Genesis 6:3 *And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man...* There comes a time, known only to God, that the wicked are crossed off God's list. I believe God knows my name and your name, but there comes a time when God chooses to cross the name of a wicked person off his mind. There is no remembrance. There is no mercy. There is no hope for forgiveness.

In this wicked age, God is crossing off names.

9:16

*...the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.*

If a man, created in the image of God as we all are, decides to make a fool of God, God will one-up him. God will make a fool out of him. No one can do that better than God can. This verse speaks of a snare, that is, a trap. In times of old and perhaps even now, birds and other wild game were caught in snares by man and eaten for food. How about building a trap to catch someone and it catches you?

No one can turn the tables like God can. In the book of Esther, Haman despised Mordecia, a righteous man. Haman set a snare for Mordecia. He built a gallows, a snare, just for Mordecia. He longed for the day when he would see Mordecia hang from a rope. You know the story; God intervened and Haman hanged there instead.

The wicked are setting traps for the righteous, for truth, and for right. Their day will come. Rest assured, child of God, they will fill the grave that they have dug for you! Their neck will bear the marks of the ligature intended for hanging you. Stay with the Lord lest the Lord make a fool of you and I.

10:2

*The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.*

We are preaching on *The Way of the Wicked*. A man who will take advantage of a poor man is worse than the worst. I hate poverty.

I long for the day in that place of bliss where there is not a child with a swollen stomach, or a child with a portion of the body, even the face, eaten away by rodents.

I long for the day when little children will not follow me around in Bucharest, Romania waiting for me to set the empty soda can down.

I wish for a land where old ladies no longer have to follow the cattle to gather the dung to dry and burn for fuel to cook a meager meal.

I long for a day where there is no mom and dad with a hut full of children living their entire life eating every day the root of the Cassava plant dried, ground with a blunt object, mixed with unclean water, and baked over a stick fire.

If you don't know why there is a hell, I submit to you that such a place is right and just for the person who persecutes the poor. Proverbs 19:17 reads *He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.* Imagine lending God money. The banks pay 0.05% interest on your account. What a disgrace! I'd like to borrow money for 0.05% and lend it for 6.0%. The Bible has much to say about usury. Usury is dirty money, that is, money gained by devious means.

Shame on the wicked, the man who preys on the poor. I doubt we see that rich man took his neighbor's lamb and dressed it for food for his company rather than killing one of his lambs (II Samuel 12:4).

10:3

*For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.*

Proverbs 4:23 reads *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.* I see a big problem here. This verse tells us that wickedness is indwelt in the heart of the wicked person. There are any number of folks capable of committing a wicked deed. However, the wicked man has no hope of stopping his wicked deeds for the wickedness is embedded in his heart. A man with a wicked heart has no restraint keeping him from acts of evil. His heart is bad, and it spews out evil. There is no on-off button. There is no low-medium-high button. Wickedness is his way of life.

God hates covetousness. A wicked man approves of the very thing God hates and that is covetousness.

10:4

*The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.*

Pride is another matter God hates. Some criminals are caught by law enforcement because they brag to someone about their evil deeds. The wicked are too proud to seek God. Again, I think the wicked are eternally damned and doomed for hell. No one needs to speak to a wicked man about his soul. He is too proud to move himself down to the level of God.

You have probably heard the saying "that is the last thing on my mind." I do not know what comes after "last." On second thought, I do. After last comes nothing. Remember the trains of days gone by. They had something call a caboose. It was painted red and was

always the last car on the train. How can a person who cannot retain God in their thoughts call on God to be saved?

10:13

*Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.*

We don't use the word contemn in our everyday language, so, I looked in the dictionary. It bears to meaning to *contempt or scorn*. The wicked say scornfully "God, I don't need you. God, I can do without you. God, you mean nothing to me. God, you are false and do not exist. God, do not bother me."

11:2

*For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.*

Why is the Gospel under attack today seemingly more than ever before? Why is the church under vicious attack on every hand? It is because there are more wicked people on the earth today than there has ever been, and the joy of wicked people is attacking the upright. They had rather burn a church than burn a desolate barn. They had rather kill a child of God than to kill a criminal.

Lock your doors and arm yourself. Are you a child of God? If so, you have a target on your back. Someone wants you dead. You are on someone's hit-list.

They shoot privily, that is, they aim at you when your head is turned and they are hid behind a tree.

Now, we come to the demise of the wicked:

9:17

*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*

We say that God made hell for the Devil and his angels. A man can become so wicked that he is the Devil's angel.

- What would you do with the abortionist?
- What would you do with the savages that are beheading Christians around the world?
- What would you do with the damnable organization ACLU?
- What would you do with these reckless rioters burning and destroying the property of others?

Pray for them? Send them a thank you card? Host a party for them? Establish a day of recognition for them? As for me, I am going to, as best I can, stay out of God's business, and let him do the dirty work and *turn them into hell*. The meaner society gets, the more I believe in hell.

11:6

*Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.*

Every book in the Bible has some prophecy in it. I take this verse as prophecy. The Lord is coming for the saints soon. The trumpet of God is about to sound. The saints leave. The Holy Spirit that is restraining the antichrist is leaving. Hell is about to come to earth. Fire and brimstone are elements of hell. The heavens will melt with fervent heat from the fire and brimstone.

Horrible tempest refers to horrible stormy trials. An earthquake strikes that will move every mountain and every island to a new location. At one setting, one-fourth of the vegetation on earth is burned by fire.

God and his people will be the last ones standing! Are you saved?