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Topics.

- A description of an evil and wicked person.
- God's attitude to the wicked-on earth.
- The wicked prosper and righteous suffer.
- Three different groups amongst the wicked.
- Characteristics of evildoers and those who deny God.

A DESCRIPTION OF AN EVIL AND WICKED PERSON

Those who are considered evil and wicked in the Bible are those who are constantly and deliberately planning evil, a person who commits an act of wrong doing could be a good person inwardly, but have been enticed by peer pressure, the wrong friends, or by unfortunate circumstances, whereas the wicked person is seen as being a person who has no compassion or empathy for others, is totally selfish and will not hesitate to harm others, physically, financially, sexually, emotionally or spiritually to get what they want and to satisfy their own selfish desires and lusts.

The perverted heart of the wicked devises evil and sows' discord.

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- **Proverbs 6:12-15:** A worthless person, a wicked man, goes about with crooked speech, ¹³winks with his eyes, signals with his feet, points with his finger, ¹⁴with perverted heart devises evil, continually sowing discord; ¹⁵therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing.

Seven things the LORD hates.

- **Proverbs 6:16-19:** There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: ¹⁷haughty (Proud in KJV) eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, ¹⁹a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

Abomination: comes from the Hebrew word (*tow`ebah*) and means to loathe, utterly detest, and have a strong and intense disapproval of something (especially idolatry or an idol).

Haughty and proud: come from the Hebrew word (*ruwm*) and means to highly esteem and exalt oneself above others.

Following are seven things' people do that are abomination to the LORD:

1. Exalt themselves above others.
2. Tell lies.
3. Cause innocent people to suffer, and cause their death.
4. Devise plans that will bring harm to others, physically, financially, sexually, emotionally, and spiritually.
5. Take pleasure in doing wrong.

6. Speak deceptively and tells lies against the accused when witnessing.
7. Sow discord among brothers and sisters.

GOD'S ATTITUDE TO THE WICKED

- All the wicked of the earth God discards like dross. (Psalm 119:119)

Dross is a waste product it is of no value to anything and only fit for the garbage. This is how God views the wicked upon the earth who:

- Deliberately and consciously deny His existence.
- Oppress others (especially the poor and helpless), and afflict harm upon people for their own financial gain.
- Abuse woman and children to gratify their own lustful and perverted sexual appetites.
- Deny the law of love and twist and pervert justice for their own advantage, and use all sorts of corruptions, deceits and lies to advance their own wealth and riches.
- Plot murder, theft, and war to gain greater power, control, wealth, and land.

Paul in his letter to the Romans wrote:

- Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:10).

Paul shines a brilliant spotlight on the truth that the spirit underpinning the law is love, because the spirit of the law is to protect the innocent from all types of harm and hurt, whoever keeps the law will do no wrong to a neighbour (neighbour embraces all mankind not just those in God's Kingdom). Jesus commanded his followers to "Love their neighbours as themselves," (Mark 12:31). Next to loving God with all our heart, mind, and strength the command to love your neighbours as yourself is not only the greatest commandment in the entire Bible, and under sun, the moon, the stars, and all the heavenly hosts, but also the greatest commandment before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ. To love your neighbour as yourself, (Matt. 22:39) means, do not deliberately do harm to others. No sane person deliberately does things to inflict pain on themselves, loving others as you love yourself is not about feeling some warm and fuzzy emotion towards others, it is about not hurting others as you would not hurt yourself.

James the half-brother of Jesus said:

- **James 2:8:** If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing well.

James calls Jesus' command, "Love your neighbour as yourself," the royal law and says if we are keeping this one law we are doing well. The thing God hates the most is when we deliberately do harm to another person, physically, verbally, financially sexually, emotionally, or spiritually and the thing God loves the most is when we do-good to others.

Summary of evildoers: throughout the Psalms there are many verses that speak of the character and attitudes of the wicked, if we were to list them all it would be a very long list indeed, but we would see that they all have the following two things in common:

1. They deny the existence of God.
2. They deliberately inflict some type of harm and hurt upon others (i.e., physically, financially, emotionally, sexually, mentally, verbally, and spiritually) for their own gain and advantage.

This is totally contrary to Jesus' command, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' (Mark 12:31), meaning do-good to others and not harm and totally contrary to the law of love. For further information concerning Jesus' command, see the title:

- Love your neighbour as yourself and the Fruits of the Spirit, in Articles (ON WEBSITE MENU).

THE WICKED PROSPER AND RIGHTEOUS SUFFER

Some believe those who do what is right and good will never reap sorrow and suffering, because only those who sow iniquity reap trouble. We only need to read the Bible to see that even the most faithful suffered, and certain Psalmists ask God, "Why do the righteous and innocent suffer, while those who do not even acknowledge God prosper." The following verses speak of the wicked prospering and the righteous suffering:

- **Psalm 73:3:** I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- **Psalm 73:12:** The wicked are always at ease, they increase in riches.
- **Job 21:7:** Why do the wicked live, reach old age, and grow mighty in power?
- **Jeremiah 12:1:** Jeremiah asked the LORD: why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive?

The following verses speak of the righteous and innocent suffering: one of the faithful sons of Korah wrote:

- **Psalm 42:1-3:** As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. my soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? ³My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Now go to verse five:

- **Psalm 42:5-6:** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation ⁶and my God.

Now go to verse nine:

- **Psalm 42:9:** I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

In Psalm forty-three a faithful Psalmist wrote:

- **Psalm 43:2:** You are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

In Psalm eighty-eight one of Korah's sons wrote:

- **Psalm 88:1-3:** LORD, God of my salvation; I cry out day and night before you. ²Let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry! ³For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.

Now go to verse thirteen:

- **Psalm 88:13-16:** I, O LORD, cry to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you.
¹⁴O LORD, why do you cast my soul away? Why do you hide your face from me?
¹⁵Afflicted and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.
¹⁶Your wrath has swept over me; your dreadful assaults destroy me.

Habakkuk wrote:

- **Habakkuk 1:4:** The law is paralysed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted?
- **Habakkuk 1:13:** You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and are silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?

The faithful of the Old Testament saw God as the King of their life and every circumstance, good or bad as being in the hand of God, Job, David, and Habakkuk (as did all the faithful of the Old Testament) had this same great faith. Even though Job suffered great affliction his attitude was:

- **Job 13:15:** Though he slays me, yet will I trust in him

Habakkuk begins his prayer saying, "Even though his body trembles at the power of the LORD and he feels weak and feeble because of the enemies who are coming to invade his land, he will quietly wait for the day of trouble." He then ends his prayer with the following great words of faith.

- **Habakkuk 3:17-19:** Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

David, Job, and Habakkuk made the LORD their fortress and refuge by making him their greatest love, their best thought, and the passion of their heart and mind, and rested in the knowledge that if everything fails in this life they would be raised to be with the Lord in eternal glory where happiness and everlasting dwells, and while living in this life rested in the confidence and faith that the Lord was with them by his Spirit, his love and his grace.

A personal note: I have seen a man born with no legs and no arms, (Nick Vujicic) who to the natural mind would appear to be a mistake made by God, but this man lived his life before God, worshipped him, and kept a right attitude as did David, Job, and Habakkuk. He is an amazing testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ and went on to become one of the world's greatest Christian motivational speakers. He is an encouragement to hundreds of thousands of people who are suffering their own difficult circumstances. I have heard testimonies of teenage girls who have suffered absolute horror, terror and abuse find the love of God, and go on to become the source of comfort to many hurting girls in similar circumstances and help them live a life of mental and emotional freedom and joy.

We may not all reach hundreds of people, but if we take the right attitude to difficult circumstance, we can all be an amazing testimony to God and to those who know us. While on this side of eternity no-one is exempt from trouble and difficulty, it is the attitude, and who we go through it with that makes the difference. God does not promise freedom from

trouble but He does promise comfort, love, and strength to cope and grow from it. It is in the context of eternity, that the righteous will never suffer, meaning they will never be cut off from God, their salvation is secure in Christ, in contrast to those in Christ, the wicked and evil who sow iniquity and cause trouble will be cast away from God, regardless of whether they are powerful kings like the lion, or feeble and needy like the lion's cubs.

THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS AMONGST THE WICKED

The wicked can be fitted into the following three groups:

1. Often when the words, "the wicked," are used it is mostly murders, robbers, rapist, and those who love violence that come to mind, but this is only one group of those who God considers wicked upon earth.

Following are the other two groups:

2. Those who outwardly appear to be good people, but use oppression, deceit, flattery, lies and charm to achieve their dreams, success goals and their riches and wealth.
3. Those who are in God's Kingdom for their own ambition and the worldly gain, such as, riches, fame, and importance it gives them, and who twist and distort the Scriptures in such a way that they appeal to self, ego, and pride for the sole purpose of gathering greater numbers into their ministry to increase their riches, importance, and fame.

CHARACTERISTICS OF EVILDOERS AND THOSE WHO DENY GOD

- In arrogance they pursue the poor, and are greedy for gain. (Psalm 10:2-3).
- They have no interest in seeking God and openly say that there is no God. (Psalm 10:4).
- They believe no enemy will ever overcome them, and curse God, deceive, and oppress others, and are full of iniquity. (Psalm 10:6-7)
- They murder the innocent, and seek ways to cheat the helpless out of what is rightfully theirs. (Psalm 10:8).
- They seize the poor when it works to their advantage and entice them into their wicked schemes. (Psalm 10:9).
- They renounce God, and say in their heart, 'They will not be called to account.' (Psalm 10:13).
- They make war against the righteous, and love violence and unrighteous deeds. (Psalm 11:2) (Psalm 11:5) (Psalm 11:7).
- They utter lies to their neighbour; and speak with flattering lips and a double heart. (Psalm 12:2).
- They make great boasts of their achievements, and of themselves, and are as vileness among mankind. (Psalm 12:3) (Psalm 12:8).
- They do violence and close their hearts to pity. (Psalm 17:8, 10).
- They speak arrogantly, and their portion is in this life only. (Psalm 17:10) (Psalm 17:14).

Bildad wrote:

- **Job 18:7:** The unrighteous and those who know not God (v21) strong steps are shortened, and his own schemes (counsel in KJV) throw him down.

The expression "The strong steps of the wicked are shortened and their own schemes (counsel in KJV) cast them down," (v7) means that the plans and purposes of the wicked, and their attempts and actions that arise from their greatest strength, and their best wisdom, will be thwarted and come to ruin. It carries the idea that the wicked will come to ruin by their own plots and plans for the following reasons:

- The plots and plans they make will be full of error.
- The trust they have will fail, and they will turn against each other.
- The civil authorities and police will catch them.
- God will give them up to foolish and destructive mistakes.

The wicked and those who do not know God, not only bring worry, distress, and anxiety upon themselves because of guilt and the fear of being caught, but also bring misfortune, difficulty, conflict into the lives of their families. The joy and peace of the wicked will be taken, and they will not find contentment or peace no matter how many physiologists they visit. Their reputation will be ruined and no one will care that they have been taken from the earth. They cannot blame others for the calamity troubles, and hardships that come their way, because they bring them all upon themselves by their own wicked deeds and actions, such is the way of the wicked and those who deny God. (Job 18:7-19).

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.
