

Prophet's Column

The Wicked And The Upright

By J. M. Little

...Listen to what the Lord has to say about the wicked; Verse 13 "THE LORD SHALL LAUGH AT HIM: for he seeth that his day is coming." Yes, the Lord will laugh at the wicked. Did you know that? Man in his rebellion is a fool. When God laughs at you, that will set off another round of destruction on your tormented soul. You can't get by the Lord, man! Now you may say you can't conceive of God laughing at any one. That's just how blind and deceived you are. Look again at Prov. 1:26 "I (God) also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh." Look at Psalm 1:4, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." There you have, God laughing at rebellious sinners. You don't take anything away from the Lord by despising His children nor Him, you only make your bed all the more hot in Hell. David said in the last part of Verse 13, "...for he seeth that his day is coming." Yes, God has set aside a day for the wicked to be dealt with by Him. And the wicked shall come to that day and hear God laugh at them. Will that be you? Man is a grasshopper in God's sight. Who are you then to rebel against God? God can cut you off without a second's notice. I thank God I'm not in that group that He shall laugh at. It is only by the distinguishing grace of God that I'm not in that group. You may laugh and make fun of God's people down here; but, friend, one day, not too distant in the future, God is going to laugh at you. What a tragedy!

The Lord's people here on earth are made a gazing stock and laughed at. When I was under conviction I was made a gazing stock. Well, that was alright to me then, my aim was to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. It didn't matter what folks said about me just so I could get to Christ. I knew the world had nothing for me and could not help me. I also knew the religious world couldn't help me. It takes a miracle of God's grace to bring a soul out of the religious



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world. Have you ever been brought out of the religious world? You will if you are ever to come to know Christ. Before you come to know Christ you must give up all your religion and you are going to give up your church. And give them up you will long before you come to know Christ.

Which side are you on? Are you in Christ? Not your church membership now, David is not talking about membership in some synagogue, he is talking about the just man, the one justified by the grace of God. Are you that man? I praise the Lord He justified me. In verse 14 David said "The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation." A wicked man hates a saved man. You always take sides with an unsaved heart like yourself. You've drawn your sword and have bent your bow to shoot down the upright man. But what does God say about the wicked man here? Verse 15, "Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken." Whatever evil you try to bring on a just man shall be brought on you. Prov. 28:10, "Who so causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit." Look at Psalm 7:15, "He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made."

Verse 17 says, "For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous." The wicked take great pride in their achievements. And you boast of your strength and what you have done. Nebuchadnezzar boasted of himself and what he had done before the Lord broke him and saved him. Every

Be sure, my unsaved friend, when you dig one pit, dig two for you are certain to fall therein.

Verse 16, "A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked." It is better to be saved and have little of this world's goods than not be saved and have a multitude. Which are you? The righteous man or the wicked man?

You may very poor by the world's standards, and have very little of its material goods. But if you know Christ as your Lord and your Saviour, you are rich before Heaven. I'd rather have Christ than anything or everything in the universe. The wicked despite the righteous and you do everything you can against the Lord's people. The children of this generation think they are wiser than the children of light. But there is coming a day not too distant in the future when you'll see that all your worldly wisdom was the deception of Satan. All this so-called progress today in the name of modernism is nothing in the world but apostasy.

It's the greatest thing in all the universe to know Christ. Then if you should leave this earth through a natural death, Christ is with you to the end. If Christ should come before you go out through a natural death, you'll know what it means to cross over without going through death. As for me, I'd like to know what it means to cross over without going through death.

unsaved sinner is in the same condition, proud and boastful. Get this: no proud man is saved. Before you can be saved, all pride must be hidden from you. If God should save you without breaking your will and take you on to Heaven in that condition to let you see what Heaven is all about, you'd take a pick and wheelbarrow and dig up the streets of gold and try to run off with them. Why? Your covetous spirit has never been broken. But David said, "...the LORD upholdeth the righteous." That is a gracious truth. To know that the Lord upholds me is a great comfort to my heart. In the face of all the persecution from the enemy I can flee to the Lord and know that all my enemies are defeated to begin with. The enemy, my dear saint, is under the wrath and judgement of God to begin with. Only a thin web of mercy is holding the enemy out of Hell. But the Lord upholds the righteous. He cares for us. The Lord will never leave nor forsake His people. Only the righteous have this special protection from the Lord. But to the wicked the Scripture says, "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith God, to the wicked." (Isa. 57:19-20). All the wicked can bring forth is mire and dirt. All the wicked can do is sin. Man by nature is sin from center to circumference.

You are totally depraved! Then the wicked have no peace. That is why you run to every sort of pleasure so-called in the world. If you knew Christ you would not run to this pleasure and that pleasure. Christ satisfies the heart of the believer. I have pleasure enough in Christ. Do you?

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