

Book of Proverbs - IX

"The Way of the Wicked

I. CHARACTERISTICS OF WICKED

- A. Abomination to God - Pr.15:9 - *"The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness."*
- B. Paranoid - Pr. 28:1 - *"The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion."*
- C. Pr. 17:4 - *"A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue."*

II. ASSOCIATION WITH WICKED

- A. Pr. 4:14 - *"Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble."*
- B. Pr. 24:1 - *"Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief."*
- C. Pr. 24:24-25 - *"He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him: But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them."*
- D. Pr. 28:4-6 - *"They that forsake the law praise the wicked; but such as keep the law contend with them. Evil men understand not judgment; but they that seek the Lord understand all things. Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich."*

III. FRET NOT BECAUSE OF EVILDOERS

- A. Ps. 37 - They shall be cut off.
 - 1. Pr.2:21-22 - *"For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it."*
 - 2. Pr. 10:28 -30 - *"The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. The way of the Lord is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity. The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth."*
- B. Pr. 17:15 - *"He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord."*
- C. Pr. 24:19-20 - *"Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked; for there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out."*

IV. FRUIT OF WICKEDNESS

- A. Pr. 10:6 - *"Blessings are upon the head of the just: a but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot."*
- B. Pr.10:11 - *"The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked."*
- C. Pr. 10:27 - *"The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened."*
- D. Pr. 11:5-8 - *"The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness. When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth. The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead."*
- E. Pr. 11:18-19 - *"The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward. As righteousness tendeth to life: so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death."*
- F. Pr. 11:21 - *"Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered."*
- G. Pr. 12:13 - *"The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble."*
- H. Pr. 13:9 - *"The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out."*
- I. Pr. 10:2-3 - *"Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death. The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked."*

V. WICKEDNESS IN GOVERNMENT

- A. Pr. 29:2- *"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."*
- B. Pr.16:12- *"It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness."*