



... Heart to Heart ...

What the wicked fears will come upon him, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.” (Prov. 10:24) There is a definite difference between the wicked and righteous in God’s eyes. The wicked have fears and expect the worst while the righteous trusts the Lord and expects the best from God. The wicked has a lot of fears in their lives because they lack a foundation and assurance, while the righteous has an everlasting foundation, which brings assurances and eliminates fears.

How does God define wickedness? As God calls man through His wisdom and insight...**“Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand no one paid attention; and you neglected all my counsel and did not want my reproof; I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes, when your dread comes like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but they will not find me, because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord. They would not accept my counsel, they spurned my reproof. So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way and be satiated with their own devices.”** (Prov. 1:24-31) This is a long reading but in it you find how God defines a wicked person. They won’t listen and neglect the counsel of God’s wisdom. They did not choose to fear the Lord. The result in their lives? When difficulties hit, there will be no help or answers from the Lord. They call on the Lord’s wisdom for help and guidance, but there will be no insight or response. They will end up eating the fruit of the direction they have chosen, which will lead them into turmoil and dread.

God is serious about our lives and when people refuse to listen and respond to His ways and teachings, they are wicked in the eyes of God. **“The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.”** (Prov.4:19) The wicked cannot see the direction they are headed. **“He who corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself, and he who reproves a wicked man gets insults for himself.”** (Prov. 9:7) You correct a wicked person and they will turn on you and insult you. **“No harm befalls the righteous, but the wicked are filled with trouble.”** (Prov. 12:21)

We can see why the wicked has reason to fear because they have a lot of fears and no security. What they fear will happen to them! Next week, we will look at the righteous. Think about it!!!

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