

Today, we'd like to see the title of "The Contrast between the Wicked and the Upright" in the book of Psalm 36:1-12

To Online Word's people on the earth, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions.

Q1. In verse 2, "For he flatters himself in his own eyes, When he finds out his iniquity *and* when he hates," why do the wicked think so? Why does God allow them to do so? And what is the ultimate end of the wicked?

Q2. In verse 8, "They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures," what does it mean?

Q3. In verse 10, "Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart," what does it mean?

(Background)

To the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David the servant of the LORD.

(1-4) the wicked

(5-8) Divine Characters

(9-11) godly people

(12) the ultimate end of the wicked

(Text)

¹An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked:
There is no fear of God before his eyes.

(1-4) the wicked people

¹= An oracle within my heart (a Spiritual burden in David's heart); concerning the transgression of the wicked [KJV, The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart]; no fear of God before his eyes (before the sight of the wicked)

<p>²For <u>he flatters himself</u> in his own eyes, <u>When he finds out his iniquity and when he hates.</u></p> <p>³The words of his mouth <u>are wickedness</u> and <u>deceit</u>; He has <u>ceased</u> to be <u>wise and</u> to do <u>good</u>.</p> <p>⁴He <u>devises wickedness on his bed</u>; He sets himself in <u>a way that is not good</u>; He does <u>not abhor evil</u>.</p> <p>⁵Your <u>mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens</u>; Your <u>faithfulness reaches to the clouds</u>.</p> <p>⁶Your <u>righteousness is like the great mountains</u>; Your <u>judgments are a great deep</u>; O LORD, You <u>preserve man and beast</u>.</p> <p>⁷How precious <u>is Your lovingkindness, O God!</u> <u>Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.</u></p> <p>⁸They are <u>abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house</u>, And You give them drink <u>from the river of Your pleasures</u>.</p>	<p>2= Q1 he flatters himself (he justifies himself)...When he finds out his iniquity and when he hates [KJV, until he finds out his iniquity to be hateful] (because he is not made judgment by righteous God yet for his iniquity, in verse 6. But the loving-kind God, in verse 7, waits long for his repentance ¹2 Peter 3:9; their ultimate end "cast down & not able to rise," in verse 12)</p> <p>3= wickedness...deceit... ceased... wise... good (neither wise nor good)</p> <p>4= devises wickedness on his bed (meditates wicked tricks on his bed); a way that is not good (a bad way); no abhor evil (love evil)</p> <p><i>(5-8) Divine Characters</i></p> <p>5= mercy is in heavens (height); faithfulness reaches to the clouds (abundance)</p> <p>6= righteousness is like the great mountains (strength); judgments are a great deep (depth like ocean); preserve man and beast (from the wicked or the wickedness)</p> <p>7= lovingkindness (precious); Therefore the children of men put their trust (in God, not in anything else); under the shadow of Your wings (under His protection)</p> <p>8=Q2 They (those who trust in Him)... abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house (the fatness of Your house, ²Isaiah 25:6); drink from the river of Your pleasures (River – horizontal constant flowing away -- what kind of river? Divine pleasures ³Psalms 46:4; Rev 22:1)</p>
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¹ 2 Peter 3:9The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

² Isaiah 25:6 And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees. Of fat things full of marrow. Of well-refined wines on the lees.

³ Psalm 46:4There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God. The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.; Rev 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

<p>⁹ For with You <u>is the fountain of life</u>; In <u>Your light</u> we see light.</p> <p>¹⁰ Oh, continue <u>Your lovingkindness to those who know You</u>, And <u>Your righteousness to the upright in heart</u>.</p> <p>¹¹ Let <u>not the foot of pride</u> come against me, And let <u>not the hand of the wicked</u> drive me away.</p> <p>¹² There <u>the workers of iniquity have fallen</u>; They have been <u>cast down</u> and are <u>not able to rise</u>.</p>	<p>(9-11) <i>godly people</i></p> <p>9= the fountain of life (Fountain – vertical constant flowing away – to spiritually thirsty people ⁴ <i>Jeremiah 2:13</i>; <i>John 4:14</i>); Your light (His light enlightens the darkness, not to do evil ⁵ <i>John 8:12</i> – He has the plan or direction for our life)</p> <p>10= Q3 Your lovingkindness to those who know You (how do we know Him? Diligently search Scriptures, like the Christians at Berea ⁶ <i>Acts 17:11</i>); Your righteousness to the upright in heart (those who are right up to God, put God 1st, or have right relationship with God 1st)</p> <p>11= not the foot of pride... not the hand of the wicked... (protect us from the evil, that we may not cause pain! ⁷ <i>1 Chro 4:10</i>)</p> <p>(12) <i>the ultimate end of the wicked</i></p> <p>12= the workers of iniquity (or the wicked) have fallen;... cast down... not able to rise (ultimate result of the wicked)</p>
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⁴ *Jeremiah 2:13* "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.; *John 4:14* but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

⁵ *John 8:12* Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

⁶ *Acts 17:11* These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

⁷ *1 Chro 4:10* And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.