

**A Reward
For
The Righteous
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From the beginning of history, man has been troubled by the injustices of this age. We are reminded every day of the unpleasant fact that the wicked prosper greatly, while the good must work twice as hard to get half as much. In the 21st chapter, Job bitterly asked, "Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty, in power?" In the 73rd. Psalm, Asaph says: I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked --- They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men ---- Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish." In the 37th Psalm, David says: I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree."

Accustomed to see things only within the small framework of this little lifetime, men wonder why this can be. The reason, of course, is to teach us the bitter lesson that there cannot be any coexistence of good and evil: one must necessarily destroy the other. We hate to believe this: partly because we are too lazy to do the job of putting down evil, partly because we are by-nature too easy-going, too tolerant. We must learn the hard way that tolerance is no virtue unless it is mutual: you can't tolerate a cancer.

The Bible makes it clear that these few years of prosperity and power are all that the wicked will ever get: after that, **NOTHING**. Psalm 17:14 speaks of "Men of the world, **WHICH HAVE THEIR PORTION IN THIS LIFE**: and whose belly Thou fillest with Thy hid treasure; they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes." **BUT AFTER THAT, WHAT?** Psalm 49:16-20 tells us: "Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased; for when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him. Though while he lived he blessed his soul (and men will praise thee when thou doest well to thyself), he shall go to the generation of his fathers; **THEY SHALL NEVER SEE LIGHT. MAN**

THAT IS IN HONOUR AND UNDERSTANDETH NOT IS LIKE THE BEASTS THAT PERISH."

In the Judgment, the worst of these go back whence they came, and can never come back to trouble you. In your King James version of the Bible you read in Psalm 9:17 "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations which forget God. In the Hebrew that verse reads, "The wicked shall be returned into hell" --- which may give you some idea why they act as they do. We must learn that evil is not a thing in itself, something which can be prohibited or regulated by itself.

IT IS THE ACTIONS OF EVIL PEOPLE. As long as they exist, they will be what they are, they will act as their inherent nature urges them. You can't get freedom from crime by letting all the habitual criminals run loose, while you futilely tell them thou shalt not": you can only restrain their conduct by removing them from society. So also we, must learn that God is merciful when He takes such people away: justice to the wicked is the only possible mercy to the righteous. Therefore, God makes it clear that this removal of the wicked is a part --- a **NECESSARY** part --- of our reward.

For example, Malachi 4:1-3 says, "The day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the arrogant, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that reverence My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise, with healing in His wings; ---And ye shall tread down the wicked: for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of Hosts." It could not be otherwise: if they were still here, they would steal your reward before you had time to see what, it was.

Do you say, "God sends His rain upon the just and the unjust?" That is only during this present age, but even then, it has been said, "The gentle rain it falleth upon the just and unjust it fell; But mostly on the just because the unjust has the just's umbrella." **NO, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE WICKED BE DESTROYED: THEN WE CAN HAVE OUR REWARD.**

Therefore, be not too bitter about the injustices of today: it shall not profit the wicked very long. And your own troubles? Are you not already through the greater part of them? **WHAT HAVE WE TO LOOK FORWARD TO?** As always, the answer is in the Bible: our good deeds will be rewarded, our troubles compensated Malachi 3:16-18 says "Then they that feared the Lord spoke often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a Book of Remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon His name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not." Revelation 11:18 says, "And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that Thou shouldest give reward to Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints and them that fear Thy name small and great; **AND SHOULDST DESTROY THEM THAT DESTROY THE EARTH.**" Today, "the nations are angry", and it seems that the time of Judgment and Reward is near

Isaiah gives us the rich promises: In Chapter 3:10-11 he says, "Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hand shall be given him." In Chapter 40:10-11, we read: "Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him: behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead them that are with young." Matthew 16:27 confirms this: "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father, with His angels: and then He shall reward every man according to his works."

Do not confuse this with **SALVATION**, which is the unearned gift of God to all men who claim it by faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But even those who are saved still get different rewards, as they may have earned them.

In II Corinthians 3:8-15, Paul tells us that “--- every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon. For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ Now if any man build on this foundation, gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work, of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereon, he shall receive a reward." The troubles you are undergoing are part of the fire which is testing your work. Making a good sword blade is a terrible process: the metal is heated red hot, then laid on the anvil and beaten heavily with a hammer, to forge it into shape and make the metal tough and strong. You also are undergoing this forging and tempering process, to make you a blade fit for your God's hand to wield. Remember your destiny is to be part of His government of the whole universe, and you must gain the strength of soul to carry it out, fearless, firm in the right, absolutely uncompromising with evil.

All the signs of world conditions today indicate that we are getting very near to the time of the Judgment, when the wheat will be separated from the tares, the good from the evil. Soon, we can triumphantly sing those words of the 58th. Psalm, **"THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL REJOICE WHEN HE SEETH THE VENGEANCE: HE SHALL WASH HIS FEET IN THE BLOOD OF THE WICKED. SO THAT A MAN SHALL SA Y, "VERILY THERE IS A REWARD FOR THE RIGHTEOUS: HE IS A GOD THAT JUDGETH IN THE EARTH."**

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