

if my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and **turn from their wicked ways**; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

This is a powerful promise by God. But if we don't know the true meaning of the word used to describe what we are to turn from, we might remain confused and stymied and frustrated with God when the real problem lies with us.

So what are wicked ways? Is there a difference between wickedness and evil? Are there wicked people, or is this simply an outdated and extreme expression to be discarded? Is calling someone wicked judgmental, accusatory or is it a truthful diagnosis of a very serious condition?

Here are listed most all the passages in Scripture related to this topic that seem to lend insight as to what it involved in wicked ways as well as closely related words that appear to be closely linked or maybe overlapping. We begin to first looking at the prayer of Solomon just before this opening answer given by God for perspective on what Solomon might have had in mind in regards to this term. Then we look throughout Scripture to discern what it is God asks us to turn away from in order to turn towards an intimate knowledge of Him for which we were created.

Listen you to the supplication of your servant, and of your people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: yes, hear in heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive. If a man **sin against his neighbor**, and an oath be laid on him to cause him to swear, and he come and swear before your altar in this house; then hear you in heaven, and do, and judge your servants, **condemning the wicked, to bring his way on his own head**, and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. (1 Kings 8:30-32)

yet if they shall repent themselves in the land where they are carried captive, and **turn again, and make supplication to you** in the land of those who carried them captive, saying, **We have sinned**, and have **done perversely**, we have **dealt wickedly**; if they **return to you with all their heart** and with **all their soul** in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and **pray to you** toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name: then hear you their prayer and their supplication in heaven, your dwelling place, and maintain their cause; and forgive your people who have **sinned against you**, and all their **transgressions** in which they have **transgressed against you**; and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them (1 Kings 8:47-50)

If a man **sin against his neighbor**, and an oath is laid on him to cause him to swear, and he comes and swears before your altar in this house; then hear from heaven, and do, and judge your servants, bringing **retribution to the wicked, to bring his way on his own head**; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. (2 Chronicles 6:22-23)

Here we find key principles that are reinforced in the rest of these passages. One of the main ones involves the core principle of cause and effect, where every action has a natural and proportional consequence. This applies both positively and negatively and is a key principle underlying all of creation design. Thus what are often labeled as judgments of God are in reality the releasing of people to experience the outcomes of their determined choices.

Yahweh saw that the **wickedness of man was great** in the earth, and that **every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually**. (Genesis 6:5)

Abram lived in the land of Canaan, and Lot lived in the cities of the plain, and moved his tent as far as Sodom. Now **the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinners against Yahweh**. (Genesis 13:12-13)

But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter. They called to Lot, and said to him, "Where are the men who came in to you this night? **Bring them out to us, that we may have sex with them.**" Lot went out to them to the door, and shut the door after him. He said, "Please, my brothers, don't **act so wickedly**." (Genesis 19:4-7)

It happened after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph; and she said, "**Lie with me.**" **But he refused**, and said to his master's wife, "Behold, my master doesn't know what is with me in the house, and he has put all that he has into my hand. He isn't greater in this house than I, neither has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do **this great wickedness, and sin against God?**" (Genesis 39:7-9)

The hail struck throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and animal; and the hail struck every herb of the field, and broke every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail. Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "**I have sinned this time. Yahweh is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.** Pray to Yahweh; for there has been enough of mighty thunderings and hail. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer." Moses said to him, "As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands to Yahweh. The thunders shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that you may know that the earth is Yahweh's. But as for you and your servants, **I know that you don't yet fear Yahweh God.**" (Exodus 9:25-30)

"You shall not spread a false report. Don't join your hand **with the wicked to be a malicious witness**. You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; neither shall you testify in court to side with a multitude to **pervert justice**; neither shall you favor a poor man in his cause. (Exodus 23:1-3)

"You shall not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits. "Keep far from a false charge, and don't kill the innocent and righteous: for **I will not justify the wicked**. "You shall take no bribe, for **a bribe blinds those who have sight and perverts the words of the righteous**. "You shall not oppress an alien, for you know the heart of an alien, seeing you were aliens in the land of Egypt. (Exodus 23:6-9)

""You shall not **uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter**. You shall not **take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness**; they are **near kinswomen: it is wickedness**. (Leviticus 18:17)

""Don't **profane your daughter**, to make her a prostitute; lest the land fall to prostitution, and **the land become full of wickedness**. (Leviticus 19:29)

"If a **man takes a wife and her mother, it is wickedness**: they shall be burned with fire, both he and they; that **there may be no wickedness among you**. (Leviticus 20:14)

Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred fifty princes of the congregation, called to the assembly, men of renown; and they **assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron**, and said to them, You take too much on you, seeing all the congregation are holy, everyone of them, and Yahweh is among them: why then lift yourselves up above the assembly of Yahweh? (Numbers 16:1-3) Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; and they said, **We won't come up**: is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, **to kill us** in the wilderness, but you must needs **make yourself also a prince over us**? Moreover you haven't brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: will you put out the eyes of these men? **we won't come up**. (Numbers 16:12-14)

Korah **assembled all the congregation against them** to the door of the tent of meeting: and the glory of Yahweh appeared to all the congregation. Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. They fell on their faces, and said, God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and will you be angry with all the congregation? Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the congregation, saying, Get away from around the tent of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. He spoke to the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of **these wicked men**, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be **consumed in all their sins**. So they got them up from the tent of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood at the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little ones. Moses said, Hereby you shall know that Yahweh has sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of my own mind. If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then Yahweh hasn't sent me. But if Yahweh make a new thing, and the ground open its mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain to them, and they go down alive into Sheol; then you shall understand that **these men have despised Yahweh**. It happened, as he made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground split apart that was under them; and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who appertained to Korah, and all their goods. So they, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into Sheol: and the earth closed on them, and they perished from among the assembly. All Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them; for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up. Fire came forth from Yahweh, and devoured the two hundred fifty men who offered the incense. (Numbers 16:19-35)

Don't speak in your heart, after that Yahweh your God has thrust them out from before you, saying, For my righteousness Yahweh has brought me in to possess this land; whereas **for the wickedness of these nations Yahweh does drive them out** from before you. Not for your righteousness, or for the uprightness of your heart, do you go in to possess their land; but **for the wickedness of these nations Yahweh your God does drive them out** from before you, and that he may establish the word which Yahweh swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. (Deuteronomy 9:4-5)

Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; don't look to the **stubbornness of this people**, nor to their **wickedness**, nor to their **sin**, (Deuteronomy 9:27)

Thus God requited **the wickedness of Abimelech**, which he did to his father, **in killing his seventy brothers**; and all the **wickedness of the men of Shechem** did God requite on their heads: and on them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal. (Judges 9:56-57)

As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain base fellows, beset the house round about, beating at the door; and they spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, **Bring forth the man** who came into your house, **that we may know him**. The man, the master of the house, went out to them, and said to them, No, my brothers, please don't **act so wickedly**; seeing that this man is come into my house, don't do this folly. (Judges 19:22-23)

(Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel had gone up to Mizpah.) The children of Israel said, Tell us, **how was this wickedness brought to pass?** The Levite, the husband of the **woman who was murdered**, answered, I came into Gibeah that belongs to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge. The men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about me by night; me they thought to have slain, and **my concubine they forced, and she is dead**. I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel; for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel. (Judges 20:3-6)

Isn't it wheat harvest today? I will call to Yahweh, that he may send thunder and rain; and you shall know and see that **your wickedness is great**, which you have done in the sight of Yahweh, **in asking you a king**. (1 Samuel 12:17)

All the people said to Samuel, Pray for your servants to Yahweh your God, that we not die; for we have **added to all our sins this evil, to ask us a king**. (1 Samuel 12:19)

Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should **sin against Yahweh in ceasing to pray for you**: but I will instruct you in the good and the right way. Only **fear Yahweh**, and **serve him in truth with all your heart**; for **consider how great things he has done** for you. But if **you shall still do wickedly**, you shall be consumed, both you and your king." (1 Samuel 12:23-25)

David said to Saul, Why listen you to men's words, saying, Behold, David seeks your hurt? Behold, this day your eyes have seen how that Yahweh had delivered you today into my hand in the cave: and some bade me kill you; but my eye spared you; and I said, I will not put forth my hand against my lord; for he is Yahweh's anointed. Moreover, my father, behold, yes, see the skirt of your robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of your robe, and didn't kill you, know you and see that there is neither evil nor disobedience in my hand, and I have not sinned against you, though you hunt after my life to take it. Yahweh judge between me and you, and Yahweh avenge me of you; but my hand shall not be on you. As says the proverb of the ancients, **Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness**; but my hand shall not be on you. After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom do you pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea. Yahweh therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and you, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of your hand. It came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. He said to David, You are more righteous than I; for you have rendered to me good, whereas I have rendered to you evil. You have declared this day how that you have dealt well with me, because when Yahweh had delivered me up into your hand, you didn't kill me. For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away unharmed? Therefore may Yahweh reward you good for that which you have done to me this day. Now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. (1 Samuel 24:9-20)

David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken; and David rescued his two wives. There was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor anything that they had taken to them: David brought back all. David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other livestock, and said, This is David's spoil. David came to the two hundred men, who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom also they had made to abide at the brook Besor; and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people who were with him: and when David came near to the people, he greeted them. Then answered all **the wicked men and base fellows**, of those who went with David, and said, Because they didn't go with us, we will not give them anything of the spoil that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that he may lead them away, and depart. Then said David, You shall not do so, my brothers, with that which Yahweh has given to us, who has preserved us, and delivered the troop that came against us into our hand. Who will listen to you in this matter? for as his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be who carries by the baggage: they shall share alike. (1 Samuel 30:18-24)

I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall **the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as at the first**, and as from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I will cause you to rest from all your enemies. Moreover Yahweh tells you that Yahweh will make you a house. (2 Samuel 7:10-11)

Yahweh rewarded me according to my righteousness. He rewarded me according to the cleanness of my hands. For I have kept the ways of Yahweh, and have **not wickedly departed from my God**. For all his ordinances were before me. As for his statutes, I did not depart from them. I was also perfect toward him. I kept **myself from my iniquity**. Therefore Yahweh has rewarded me according to my righteousness, According to my **cleanness in his eyesight**. (2 Samuel 22:21-25)

I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall **the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the first**, and as from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover I tell you that Yahweh will build you a house. (1 Chronicles 17:9-10)

Solomon said, If he shall show himself a worthy man, there shall not a hair of him fall to the earth; but **if wickedness be found in him, he shall die**. (1 Kings 1:52)

The king said moreover to Shimei, You know **all the wickedness which your heart is privy to, that you did to David my father**: therefore Yahweh shall **return your wickedness on your own head**. (1 Kings 2:44)

The children of Israel **did secretly things that were not right against Yahweh** their God: and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city; and they set them up pillars and Asherim on every high hill, and under every green tree; and there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the nations whom Yahweh carried away before them; and they **worked wicked things to provoke Yahweh to anger**; and they served idols, of which Yahweh had said to them, You shall not do this thing. (2 Kings 17:9-12)

Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hephzibah. He **did that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh**, after the **abominations of the nations** whom Yahweh cast out before the children of Israel. For **he built again the high places** which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he **reared up altars for Baal**, and **made an Asherah**, as did Ahab king of Israel, and **worshiped all the army of the sky**, and **served them**. He **built altars in the house of Yahweh**, of which Yahweh said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. He **built altars for all the army of the sky in the two courts** of the house of Yahweh. He **made his son to pass through the fire**, and **practiced sorcery**, and **used enchantments**, and **dealt with those who had familiar spirits**, and with **wizards**: he **worked much evil** in the sight of Yahweh, **to provoke him to anger**. He **set the engraved image of Asherah**, that he had made, **in the house** of which Yahweh said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever; neither will I cause the feet of Israel to wander any more out of the land which I gave their fathers, if only they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. But they didn't listen: and **Manasseh seduced them to do that which is evil more than did the nations** whom Yahweh destroyed before the children of Israel. Yahweh spoke by his servants the prophets, saying, Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, and has **done wickedly above all that the Amorites did**, who were before him, and has **made Judah also to sin with his idols**; therefore thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, Behold, I bring such evil on Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle. (2 Kings 21:1-12)

David said to God, Isn't it **I who commanded the people to be numbered**? It is even **I who have sinned and done very wickedly**; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand, O Yahweh my God, be against me, and against my father's house; but not against your people, that they should be plagued. (1 Chronicles 21:17)

Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, **Should you help the wicked, and love those who hate Yahweh?** for this thing wrath is on you from before Yahweh. Nevertheless there are good things found in you, in that you have put away the Asheroth out of the land, and have set your heart to seek God. Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem: and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought them back to Yahweh, the God of their fathers. (2 Chronicles 19:1-4)

After this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah **join himself with Ahaziah** king of Israel; **the same did very wickedly**: and he **joined himself with him to make ships** to go to Tarshish; and they made the ships in Ezion Geber. Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, **Because you have joined yourself with Ahaziah, Yahweh has destroyed your works**. The ships were broken, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish. (2 Chronicles 20:35-37)

Omri did that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh, and **dealt wickedly above all who were before him**. For he walked in all **the way of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, and in **his sins with which he made Israel to sin**, to **provoke Yahweh**, the God of Israel, to anger **with their vanities**. (1 Kings 16:25-26)

Forty-two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was **Athaliah** the **daughter of Omri**. He also walked in **the ways of the house of**

Ahab; for **his mother was his counselor to do wickedly**. He did that which was **evil in the sight of Yahweh**, as did the house of Ahab; for **they were his counselors** after the death of his father, **to his destruction**. He walked also after their counsel, and **went with Jehoram the son of Ahab** king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead: and the Syrians wounded Joram. (2 Chronicles 22:2-5)

For the sons of **Athaliah, that wicked woman**, had **broken up the house of God**; and also **all the dedicated things** of the house of Yahweh did they **bestow on the Baals**. (2 Chronicles 24:7)

However **you are just** in all that is come on us; for you have dealt truly, but **we have done wickedly**; neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept your law, **nor listened to your commandments and your testimonies** with which you did testify against them. For **they have not served you** in their kingdom, and in your great goodness that you gave them, and in the large and fat land which you gave before them, **neither turned they from their wicked works**. Behold, we are servants this day, and as for the land that you gave to our fathers to eat the fruit of it and the good of it, behold, we are servants in it. (Nehemiah 9:33-36)

The Jews accepted the custom that they had begun, as Mordecai had written to them; because **Haman** the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, **had plotted against the Jews to destroy them**, and had cast "Pur," that is the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them; but when this became known to the king, he commanded by letters that **his wicked device, which he had devised against the Jews, should return on his own head**, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. (Esther 9:23-25)

Isn't your wickedness great? Neither is there **any end to your iniquities**. (Job 22:5)

"Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding: **far be it from God, that he should do wickedness**, from the Almighty, **that he should commit iniquity**. For the work of a man he will render to him, and cause every man to find according to his ways. Yes surely, **God will not do wickedly**, neither will the Almighty **pervert justice**. (Job 34:10-12)

If you are righteous, what do you give him? Or what does he receive from your hand? **Your wickedness may hurt a man as you are**, and your righteousness may profit a son of man. "By reason of the multitude of oppressions they cry out. **They cry for help** by reason of the arm of the mighty. But none says, 'Where is God my Maker, who gives songs in the night, who teaches us more than the animals of the earth, and makes us wiser than the birds of the sky?' (Job 35:7-11)

Yes, he would have allured you out of distress, into a broad place, where there is no restriction. That which is set on your table would be full of fatness. "But **you are full of the judgment of the wicked**. Judgment and justice take hold of you. Don't let **riches entice you to wrath**, neither let the great size of a bribe turn you aside. (Job 36:16-18)

Blessed is the man who doesn't walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in Yahweh's law. On his law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also does not wither. Whatever he does shall prosper. **The wicked are not so**, but are like the **chaff**

which the wind drives away. Therefore the **wicked shall not stand in the judgment**, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For Yahweh knows the way of the righteous, but **the way of the wicked shall perish.** (Psalms 1:1-6)

For you are **not a God who has pleasure in wickedness.** Evil can't live with you. The **arrogant** shall not stand in your sight. You hate all **workers of iniquity.** You will destroy **those who speak lies.** Yahweh abhors **the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.** (Psalms 5:4-6)

Yahweh administers judgment to the peoples. Judge me, Yahweh, according to my righteousness, and to my integrity that is in me. Oh **let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end**, but establish the **righteous**; their **minds and hearts are searched** by the righteous God. (Psalms 7:8-9)

The nations have **sunk down in the pit that they made.** In the net which they hid, their own foot is taken. Yahweh has made himself known. He has executed judgment. **The wicked is snared by the work of his own hands.** Meditation. Selah. The **wicked shall be turned back to Sheol**, even all the nations **that forget God.** For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever. (Psalms 9:15-18)

Why do you stand far off, Yahweh? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? **In arrogance, the wicked hunt down the weak.** They are **caught in the schemes that they devise.** For the **wicked boasts of his heart's cravings.** He **blesses the greedy**, and **condemns Yahweh.** The **wicked, in the pride of his face, has no room in his thoughts for God.** His ways are **prosperous at all times.** He is **haughty**, and your **laws are far from his sight.** As for all **his adversaries, he sneers at them.** He says in his heart, "**I shall not be shaken.** For generations I shall have no trouble." His mouth is full of **cursing, deceit, and oppression.** Under his tongue is **mischievous and iniquity.** He lies in wait near the villages. From ambushes, **he murders the innocent.** His eyes are **secretly set against the helpless.** He lurks in secret as a lion in his ambush. He **lies in wait to catch the helpless.** He catches the helpless, when he draws him in his net. The helpless are crushed. They collapse. They fall under his strength. He **says in his heart, "God has forgotten.** He hides his face. He will never see it." Arise, Yahweh! God, lift up your hand! Don't forget the helpless. Why does **the wicked person condemn God**, and say in his heart, "**God won't call me into account?**" But you do see trouble and grief. You consider it to take it into your hand. You help the victim and the fatherless. Break the arm of the wicked. As for the evil man, **seek out his wickedness until you find none.** (Psalms 10:1-15)

In Yahweh, I take refuge. How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain!" For, behold, **the wicked bend their bows.** They set their arrows on the strings, that they may **shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.** If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? Yahweh is in his holy temple. Yahweh is on his throne in heaven. His eyes observe. His eyes examine the children of men. Yahweh examines the righteous, but **the wicked and him who loves violence his soul hates.** On the wicked he will rain blazing coals; fire, sulfur, and scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup. For Yahweh is righteous. He loves righteousness. The upright shall see his face. (Psalms 11:1-7)

The **wicked** walk on every side, when **what is vile is exalted** among the sons of men. (Psalms 12:8)

For I have kept the ways of Yahweh, and have not **wickedly departed from my God.** For all his ordinances were before me. I didn't **put away his statutes from me.** I was also blameless with him. I

kept myself from **my iniquity**. (Psalms 18:21-23)

Don't gather my soul with **sinners**, nor my life with **bloodthirsty** men; **in whose hands is wickedness**, their **right hand is full of bribes**. (Psalms 26:9-10)

Don't draw me away with **the wicked**, with the **workers of iniquity who speak peace** with their neighbors, but **mischievous is in their hearts**. Give them according to their work, and according to the wickedness of their doings. Give them according to the operation of their hands. Bring back on them what they deserve. Because **they don't regard the works of Yahweh**, nor the **operation of his hands**, he will break them down and not build them up. (Psalms 28:3-5)

Evil shall kill the wicked. Those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. Yahweh redeems the soul of his servants. None of those who take refuge in him shall be condemned. (Psalms 34:21-22)

An oracle is within my heart about the **disobedience of the wicked**: "There is **no fear of God** before his eyes." For **he flatters himself in his own eyes, too much to detect and hate his sin**. The words of his mouth are **iniquity and deceit**. He has **ceased to be wise and to do good**. He **plots iniquity** on his bed. He **sets himself in a way that is not good**. He **doesn't abhor evil**. (Psalms 36:1-4)

Rest in Yahweh, and wait patiently for him. Don't fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who **makes wicked plots happen**. Cease from **anger**, and forsake **wrath**. Don't **fret**, it **leads only to evildoing**. For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for Yahweh shall inherit the land. For yet a little while, and **the wicked will be no more**. Yes, though you look for his place, he isn't there. But the humble shall inherit the land, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The **wicked plots against the just**, and **gnashes at him** with his teeth. The Lord will laugh at him, for he sees that his day is coming. The **wicked have drawn out the sword**, and have bent their bow, to **cast down the poor and needy**, to **kill those who are upright** in the way. Their sword shall enter into their own heart. Their bows shall be broken. Better is a little that the righteous has, than the abundance of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but Yahweh upholds the righteous. Yahweh knows the days of the perfect. Their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be disappointed in the time of evil. In the days of famine they shall be satisfied. But the wicked shall perish. The enemies of Yahweh shall be like the beauty of the fields. They will vanish-- vanish like smoke. **The wicked borrow, and don't pay back**, but the righteous give generously. For such as are blessed by him shall inherit the land. Those who are cursed by him shall be cut off. A man's goings are established by Yahweh. He delights in his way. Though he stumble, he shall not fall, for Yahweh holds him up with his hand. I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his children begging for bread. All day long he deals graciously, and lends. His seed is blessed. Depart from evil, and do good. Live securely forever. For Yahweh loves justice, and doesn't forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, and live in it forever. The mouth of the righteous talks of wisdom. His tongue speaks justice. The law of his God is in his heart. None of his steps shall slide. The **wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to kill him**. Yahweh will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. Wait for Yahweh, and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land. When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. I have seen the **wicked in great power, spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil**. But he passed away, and behold, he was not. Yes, I sought him, but he could not be found. Mark the perfect man, and see the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace. As for

transgressors, they shall be destroyed together. The **future of the wicked shall be cut off**. But the salvation of the righteous is from Yahweh. He is their stronghold in the time of trouble. Yahweh helps them, and rescues them. He **rescues them from the wicked**, and saves them, Because they have taken refuge in him. (Psalms 37:7-40)

You have **loved righteousness, and hated wickedness**. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of **gladness above your fellows**. (Psalms 45:7)

Call on me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you, and you will honor me." But **to the wicked God says, "What right do you have to declare my statutes**, that you have **taken my covenant on your lips**, seeing **you hate instruction**, and **throw my words behind you**? When you saw **a thief, you consented with him**, and have **participated with adulterers**. "You **give your mouth to evil**. Your **tongue frames deceit**. You sit and **speak against your brother**. You **slander** your own mother's son. You have done these things, and **I kept silent**. You **thought that the 'I AM' was just like you**. I will rebuke you, and accuse you in front of your eyes. "Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you into pieces, and there be none to deliver. Whoever offers the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifies me, and prepares his way so that I will show God's salvation to him." (Psalms 50:15-23)

"Behold, this is the man who **didn't make God his strength**, but **trusted in the abundance of his riches**, and **strengthened himself in his wickedness**." (Psalms 52:7)

Let death come suddenly on them. Let them go down alive into Sheol. For **wickedness is in their dwelling, in the midst of them**. (Psalms 55:15)

Hide me from the **conspiracy of the wicked**, from the noisy crowd of the ones doing evil; who sharpen their tongue like a sword, and aim their arrows, **deadly words, to shoot innocent men from ambushes**. They shoot at him suddenly and **fearlessly**. They **encourage themselves in evil plans**. They talk about **laying snares secretly**. They say, "Who will see them?" They **plot injustice**, saying, "We have made a perfect plan!" Surely man's **mind and heart are cunning**. (Psalms 64:2-6)

Let God arise! Let his enemies be scattered! Let them who hate him also flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away. **As wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish** at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad. Let them rejoice before God. Yes, let them rejoice with gladness. (Psalms 68:1-3)

Rescue me, my God, from the **hand of the wicked**, from the hand of the **unrighteous and cruel man**. For you are my hope, Lord Yahweh; my confidence from my youth. (Psalms 71:4-5)

But as for me, my feet were almost gone. My steps had nearly slipped. For **I was envious of the arrogant**, when I saw the **prosperity of the wicked**. For there are **no struggles in their death**, but their strength is firm. They are **free from burdens** of men, neither are they plagued like other men. Therefore **pride is like a chain** around their neck. **Violence covers them** like a garment. Their **eyes bulge with fat**. Their **minds pass the limits of conceit**. They **scoff and speak with malice**. In **arrogance, they threaten oppression**. They have set their mouth in the heavens. Their tongue walks through the earth. Therefore their people return to them, and **they drink up waters of abundance**. They say, "**How does God know?** Is there knowledge in the Most High?" Behold, **these are the**

wicked. Being **always at ease**, they **increase in riches**. Surely in vain I have cleansed my heart, and washed my hands in innocence, (Psalms 73:2-13)

Shall the **throne of wickedness** have fellowship with you, which **brings about mischief by statute?** (Psalms 94:20)

We have sinned with our fathers. We have **committed iniquity**. We have **done wickedly**. Our fathers **didn't understand your wonders** in Egypt. They **didn't remember** the multitude of **your loving kindnesses**, but **were rebellious** at the sea, even at the Red Sea. (Psalms 106:6-7)

It is well with the man who deals graciously and lends. He will maintain his cause in judgment. For he will never be shaken. The righteous will be remembered forever. He will not be afraid of evil news. His heart is steadfast, trusting in Yahweh. His heart is established. He will not be afraid in the end when he sees his adversaries. He has dispersed, he has given to the poor. His righteousness endures forever. His horn will be exalted with honor. **The wicked will see it, and be grieved. He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away. The desire of the wicked will perish.** (Psalms 112:5-10)

Indignation has taken hold on me, because of **the wicked who forsake your law.** (Psalms 119:53)

The **ropes of the wicked bind me**, but I won't forget your law. (Psalms 119:61)

The **wicked have waited for me, to destroy me.** I will consider your statutes. (Psalms 119:95)

The **wicked have laid a snare for me**, yet I haven't gone astray from your precepts. (Psalms 119:110)

They draw near **who follow after wickedness.** They are **far from your law.** (Psalms 119:150)

Salvation is far from the **wicked**, for they **don't seek your statutes.** (Psalms 119:155)

For the **scepter of wickedness** won't remain over the allotment of the righteous; so that the righteous won't **use their hands to do evil.** (Psalms 125:3)

For they **speak against you wickedly.** Your enemies **take your name in vain.** (Psalms 139:20)

Search me, God, and **know my heart. Try me**, and know my **thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me**, and lead me in the everlasting way. (Psalms 139:23-24)

Yahweh, keep me from the **hands of the wicked.** Preserve me from the violent men who have **determined to trip my feet.** (Psalms 140:4)

Yahweh, don't grant the **desires of the wicked.** Don't let their **evil plans** succeed, or they will become **proud.** Selah. (Psalms 140:8)

Don't incline my heart to any evil thing, **to practice deeds of wickedness** with men **who work iniquity.** Don't let me eat of **their delicacies.** Let the righteous strike me, it is kindness; **let him reprove me**, it is like oil on the head; **don't let my head refuse it;** Yet my prayer is always against **evil**

deeds. (Psalms 141:4-5)

Don't enter into the **path of the wicked**. Don't walk in the **way of evil men**. Avoid it, and don't pass by it. Turn from it, and pass on. For **they don't sleep, unless they do evil**. Their sleep is taken away, **unless they make someone fall**. For they eat the **bread of wickedness**, and drink the **wine of violence**. (Proverbs 4:14-17)

The way of the **wicked is like darkness**. They **don't know what they stumble** over. (Proverbs 4:19)

The **evil deeds of the wicked** ensnare him. The **CORDS of his sin hold him firmly**. (Proverbs 5:22)

There are six things which Yahweh hates; yes, seven which are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood; **a heart that devises wicked schemes**, feet that are swift in running to mischief, a false witness who utters lies, and he who sows discord among brothers. (Proverbs 6:16-19)

He who corrects a mocker invites insult. **He who reproves a wicked man invites abuse**. (Proverbs 9:7)

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death. (Proverbs 10:2)

Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but **violence covers the mouth of the wicked**. The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot. (Proverbs 10:6-7)

The mouth of the righteous is a spring of life, but **violence covers the mouth of the wicked**. Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all wrongs. Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has discernment, but a rod is for the back of him who is void of understanding. Wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin. The rich man's wealth is his strong city. The destruction of the poor is their poverty. The labor of the righteous leads to life. The **increase of the wicked leads to sin**. (Proverbs 10:11-16)

The tongue of the righteous is like choice silver. **The heart of the wicked is of little worth**. (Proverbs 10:20)

It is a fool's pleasure to do wickedness, but wisdom is a man of understanding's pleasure. **What the wicked fear, will overtake them**, but the desire of the righteous will be granted. When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more; but the righteous stand firm forever. As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him. The fear of Yahweh prolongs days, but **the years of the wicked shall be shortened**. The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the **hope of the wicked will perish**. The way of Yahweh is a stronghold to the upright, but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity. The righteous will never be removed, but **the wicked will not dwell in the land**. The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but **the mouth of the wicked is perverse**. (Proverbs 10:23-32)

When a wicked man dies, hope perishes, and expectation of power comes to nothing. A righteous person is **delivered out of trouble, and the wicked takes his place**. (Proverbs 11:7-8)

By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted, but it is **overthrown by the mouth of the wicked**. (Proverbs 11:11)

Wicked people earn deceitful wages, but one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward. (Proverbs 11:18)

The desire of the righteous is only good. The **expectation of the wicked is wrath**. (Proverbs 11:23)

The thoughts of the righteous are just, but the **advice of the wicked is deceitful**. The words of the wicked are about **lying in wait for blood**, but the speech of the upright rescues them. (Proverbs 12:5-6)

A righteous man regards the life of his animal, but the **tender mercies of the wicked are cruel**. (Proverbs 12:10)

The **wicked desires the plunder of evil men**, but the root of the righteous flourishes. (Proverbs 12:12)

A righteous person is cautious in friendship, but **the way of the wicked leads them astray**. (Proverbs 12:26)

A righteous man hates lies, but **a wicked man brings shame and disgrace**. (Proverbs 13:5)

A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy gains healing. (Proverbs 13:17)

The **sacrifice made by the wicked is an abomination** to Yahweh, but the prayer of the upright is his delight. The **way of the wicked is an abomination** to Yahweh, but he loves him who follows after righteousness. (Proverbs 15:8-9)

The heart of the righteous weighs answers, but **the mouth of the wicked gushes out evil**. **Yahweh is far from the wicked**, but he hears the prayer of the righteous. (Proverbs 15:28-29)

A wicked man receives a bribe in secret, to **pervert the ways of justice**. (Proverbs 17:23)

When **wickedness** comes, **contempt** also comes, and with shame comes disgrace. (Proverbs 18:3)

A corrupt witness mocks justice, and the **mouth of the wicked gulps down iniquity**. (Proverbs 19:28)

The **violence of the wicked will drive them away**, because **they refuse to do what is right**. (Proverbs 21:7)

The **soul of the wicked desires evil**; his neighbor finds **no mercy in his eyes**. (Proverbs 21:10)

The **sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination**: how much more, when he **brings it with a wicked mind**! (Proverbs 21:27)

A wicked man hardens his face; but as for the upright, he establishes his ways. (Proverbs 21:29)

He who **sows wickedness** reaps trouble, and **the rod of his fury** will be destroyed. (Proverbs 22:8)

Don't **lay in wait, wicked man, against the habitation of the righteous**. Don't **destroy his resting place**: for a righteous man falls seven times, and rises up again; but **the wicked are overthrown by calamity**. (Proverbs 24:15-16)

Take away the wicked from the king's presence, and his throne will be established in righteousness. (Proverbs 25:5)

Like a muddied spring, and a polluted well, so is a **righteous man who gives way before the wicked**. (Proverbs 25:26)

The **words of a whisperer** are as dainty morsels, they go down into the innermost parts. Like silver dross on an earthen vessel are the lips of **a fervent one with an evil heart**. A **malicious man disguises himself with his lips**, but **he harbors evil in his heart**. When his speech is charming, don't believe him; for there are **seven abominations in his heart**. His **malice may be concealed by deception**, but **his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly**. (Proverbs 26:22-26)

The **wicked flee when no one pursues**; but the righteous are as bold as a lion. (Proverbs 28:1)

When the righteous triumph, there is great glory; but **when the wicked rise, men hide themselves**. (Proverbs 28:12)

As a roaring lion or a charging bear, so is a **wicked ruler over helpless people**. (Proverbs 28:15)

When the wicked rise, men hide themselves; but when they perish, the righteous thrive. (Proverbs 28:28)

When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; but **when the wicked rule, the people groan**. (Proverbs 29:2)

The righteous care about justice for the poor. The **wicked aren't concerned about knowledge**. (Proverbs 29:7)

If a **ruler listens to lies, all of his officials are wicked**. (Proverbs 29:12)

When the **wicked increase, sin increases**; but the righteous will see their downfall. (Proverbs 29:16)

All this have I seen in my days of vanity: there is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a **wicked man who lives long in his evil-doing**. (Ecclesiastes 7:15)

I turned around, and my heart sought to know and to search out, and to seek wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know that **wickedness is stupidity**, and that foolishness is madness. (Ecclesiastes 7:25)

So I saw the **wicked buried**. Indeed **they came also from holiness**. They went and were forgotten in

the city where they did this. This also is vanity. (Ecclesiastes 8:10)

But it shall **not be well with the wicked**, neither shall he lengthen days like a shadow; because he **doesn't fear God**. There is a vanity which is done on the earth, that there are righteous men to whom it **happens according to the work of the wicked**. Again, **there are wicked men to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous**. I said that this also is **vanity**. (Ecclesiastes 8:13-14)

Woe to those who **draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, and wickedness as with cart rope**; Who say, "**Let him make speed, let him hasten his work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we may know it!**" Woe to those who **call evil good, and good evil**; who put **darkness for light, and light for darkness**; who put **bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!** Woe to those who are **wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!** Woe to those who are **mighty to drink wine, and champions at mixing strong drink**; who **acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice for the innocent!** Therefore as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as the dry grass sinks down in the flame, so **their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust**; because **they have rejected the law of Yahweh of Armies, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel**. (Isaiah 5:18-24)

Let favor be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness. In the land of uprightness he **will deal wrongfully**, and will **not see Yahweh's majesty**. (Isaiah 26:10)

The ways of the scoundrel are evil. He **devises wicked devices to destroy the humble with lying words**, even when the needy speaks right. (Isaiah 32:7)

I was angry with my people, I profaned my inheritance, and gave them into your hand: you did **show them no mercy**; on the aged have **you very heavily laid your yoke**. You [Babylon] said, **I shall be mistress forever**; so that you did **not lay these things to your heart**, neither did remember the latter end of it. Now therefore hear this, you who are **given to pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, I am, and there is none else besides me**; I shall **not sit as a widow**, neither shall I **know the loss of children**: but these two things shall come to you in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood; in their full measure shall they come on you, in the **multitude of your sorceries**, and the **great abundance of your enchantments**. For you have **trusted in your wickedness**; you have said, None sees me; **your wisdom and your knowledge, it has perverted you**, and you have **said in your heart, I am, and there is none else besides me**. Therefore shall evil come on you; you shall not know the dawning of it: and mischief shall fall on you; you shall not be able to put it away: and desolation shall come on you suddenly, which you don't know. Stand now with **your enchantments**, and with the **multitude of your sorceries**, in which you have labored from your youth; if so be you shall be able to profit, if so be you may prevail. You are wearied in the **multitude of your counsels**: let now the **astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators**, stand up, and save you from the things that shall come on you. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: it shall not be a coal to warm at, nor a fire to sit before. Thus shall the things be to you in which you have labored: those who have **trafficked with you** from your youth shall wander everyone to his quarter; there shall be none to save you. (Isaiah 47:6-15)

There is **no peace, says Yahweh, to the wicked**. (Isaiah 48:22)

Seek you Yahweh while he may be found; call you on him while he is near: **let the wicked forsake his way**, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to Yahweh, and he will have mercy on him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:6-7)

I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace, to him who is far off and to him who is near, says Yahweh; and I will heal him. But **the wicked are like the troubled sea; for it can't rest**, and its waters **cast up mire and dirt**. There is **no peace**, says my God, **to the wicked**. (Isaiah 57:19-21)

Behold, **you fast for strife and contention**, and to **strike with the fist of wickedness**: you don't fast this day so as to make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I have chosen? the day for a **man to afflict his soul**? Is it to **bow down his head as a rush**, and to **spread sackcloth and ashes under him**? will you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to Yahweh? Isn't this the fast that I have chosen: to loose the **bonds of wickedness**, to undo the **bands of the yoke**, and to let the **oppressed** go free, and that you break **every yoke**? Isn't it to deal your bread to the hungry, and that you bring the poor who are cast out to your house? when you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth as the morning, and your healing shall spring forth speedily; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of Yahweh shall be your rear guard. Then shall you call, and Yahweh will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am. If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and **speaking wickedly**; (Isaiah 58:4-9)

Behold, Yahweh's hand is not shortened, that it can't save; neither his ear heavy, that it can't hear: but **your iniquities have separated** between you and your God, and **your sins have hidden his face** from you, so that he will not hear. For **your hands are defiled with blood**, and **your fingers with iniquity**; your lips have **spoken lies**, your tongue **mutters wickedness**. None sues in righteousness, and none pleads in truth: they **trust in vanity**, and **speak lies**; they **conceive mischief**, and **bring forth iniquity**. They **hatch adders' eggs**, and **weave the spider's web**: he who eats of their eggs dies; and that which is crushed breaks out into a viper. Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: **their works are works of iniquity**, and the **act of violence is in their hands**. Their feet **run to evil**, and they **make haste to shed innocent blood**: their **thoughts are thoughts of iniquity**; **desolation and destruction** are in their paths. The way of **peace they don't know**; and there is **no justice in their goings**: they have **made them crooked paths**; whoever goes therein does not know peace. Therefore is justice far from us, neither does righteousness overtake us: we look for light, but, behold, darkness; for brightness, but we walk in obscurity. We grope for the wall like the blind; yes, we grope as those who have no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the twilight; among those who are lusty we are as dead men. We roar all like bears, and moan sore like doves: we look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our **transgressions are multiplied** before you, and our sins testify against us; for our **transgressions are with us**, and as for our **iniquities**, we know them: **transgressing and denying Yahweh**, and **turning away from following our God**, speaking **oppression and revolt**, **conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood**. Justice is turned away backward, and righteousness stands afar off; for **truth is fallen** in the street, and uprightness can't enter. Yes, **truth is lacking**; and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Yahweh saw it, and it displeased him that **there was no justice**. (Isaiah 59:1-15)

I will utter my judgments against them touching **all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me**, and have **burned incense to other gods**, and **worshiped the works of their own hands**. (Jeremiah

1:16)

Your own wickedness shall correct you, and your backsliding shall reprove you: know therefore and see that it is **an evil thing and a bitter, that you have forsaken Yahweh** your God, and that **my fear is not in you**, says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies. (Jeremiah 2:19)

How trimmest you your way to seek love! therefore **even the wicked women have you taught your ways**. (Jeremiah 2:33)

They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, will he return to her again? Won't that land be greatly polluted? But you have **played the prostitute with many lovers**; yet return again to me, says Yahweh. Lift up your eyes to the bare heights, and **see; where have you not been lain with?** By the ways have you sat for them, as an Arabian in the wilderness; and you have **polluted the land with your prostitution and with your wickedness**. Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain; yet **you have a prostitute's forehead, you refused to be ashamed**. (Jeremiah 3:1-3)

Jerusalem, **wash your heart from wickedness**, that you may be saved. How long shall your **evil thoughts lodge within you?** (Jeremiah 4:14)

As keepers of a field are they against her round about, because she has been **rebellious against me**, says Yahweh. **Your way and your doings** have procured these things to you; **this is your wickedness**; for **it is bitter, for it reaches to your heart**. (Jeremiah 4:17-18)

But this people has **a revolting and a rebellious heart**; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear Yahweh our God, who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; who preserves to us the appointed weeks of the harvest. **Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withheld good from you**. For **among my people are found wicked men**: they **watch, as fowlers lie in wait**; they **set a trap**, they catch men. As a cage is full of birds, so are their **houses full of deceit**: therefore they are **become great, and grew rich**. They are **grew fat**, they shine: yes, they **overpass in deeds of wickedness**; they **don't plead the cause**, the cause of the fatherless, that they may prosper; and the **right of the needy they don't judge**. (Jeremiah 5:23-28)

As a well casts forth its waters, so she **casts forth her wickedness**: **violence and destruction** is heard in her; before me **continually is sickness and wounds**. (Jeremiah 6:7)

Righteous are you, Yahweh, when I contend with you; yet would I reason the cause with you: **why does the way of the wicked prosper?** why are all they at ease who **deal very treacherously?** (Jeremiah 12:1)

For the land is full of **adulterers**; for because of **swearing** the land mourns; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. **Their course is evil, and their might is not right**; for both prophet and priest are **profane**; yes, **in my house have I found their wickedness**, says Yahweh. Therefore their way shall be to them as slippery places in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein; for I will bring evil on them, even the year of their visitation, says Yahweh. I have seen **folly in the prophets** of Samaria; they **prophesied by Baal**, and **caused my people Israel to err**. In the prophets of Jerusalem

also I have seen a horrible thing: they **commit adultery**, and **walk in lies**; and they **strengthen the hands of evil-doers**, so that **none does return from his wickedness**: they are all of them become to me **as Sodom**, and the inhabitants of it **as Gomorrah**. (Jeremiah 23:10-14)

because of **their wickedness** which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that **they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods**, that they didn't know, neither they, nor you, nor your fathers. (Jeremiah 44:3)

But they didn't listen, nor inclined their ear to turn from **their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods**. (Jeremiah 44:5)

Have you forgotten the **wickedness of your fathers**, and the **wickedness of the kings** of Judah, and the **wickedness of their wives**, and **your own wickedness**, and the **wickedness of your wives** which they committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem? (Jeremiah 44:9)

He said to me, Son of man, these are the **men who devise iniquity**, and who **give wicked counsel in this city**; (Ezekiel 11:2)

The soul who sins, he shall die: the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be on him, and **the wickedness of the wicked shall be on him**. But if the **wicked turn from all his sins** that he has committed, and **keep all my statutes**, and **do that which is lawful and right**, he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his **transgressions** that he has committed shall be remembered against him: in his righteousness that he has done he shall live. Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? says the Lord Yahweh; and not rather that he should return from his way, and live? But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and **commits iniquity**, and does according to all the **abominations that the wicked man does**, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he has done shall be remembered: in his **trespass that he has trespassed**, and in his **sin that he has sinned**, in them shall he die. Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, house of Israel: Is my way not equal? Aren't your ways unequal? When the righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and **commits iniquity**, and dies therein; in his iniquity that he has done shall he die. Again, when the **wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed**, and does that which is **lawful and right**, he shall save his soul alive. (Ezekiel 18:20-27)

When **I tell the wicked, You shall surely die**; and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the **wicked from his wicked way**, to save his life; the same **wicked man shall die in his iniquity**; but his blood will I require at your hand. Yet if you warn the wicked, and he doesn't **turn from his wickedness**, nor **from his wicked way**, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. (Ezekiel 3:18-19)

When **I tell the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die**, and you don't speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hand. Nevertheless, if you **warn the wicked of his way** to turn from it, and he doesn't turn from his way; he shall **die in his iniquity**, but you have delivered your soul. You, son of man, tell the house of Israel: Thus you speak, saying, Our **transgressions and our sins** are on us, and we pine away in them; how then can we live? Tell them, As I live, says the Lord Yahweh, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the **wicked turn from his way** and live: turn you, **turn you from your evil ways**; for why will you die, house of Israel? You, son of man, tell the children of your people, The righteousness

of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his disobedience; and **as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turns from his wickedness**; neither shall he who is righteous be able to live thereby in the day that he sins. When I tell the righteous, that he shall surely live; **if he trust to his righteousness, and commit iniquity**, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but **in his iniquity that he has committed, therein shall he die**. Again, when I say to the **wicked, You shall surely die**; if he turn from his sin, and **do that which is lawful and right**; if the **wicked restore the pledge, give again** that which he had **taken by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity**; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his **sins that he has committed** shall be remembered against him: he has **done that which is lawful and right**; he shall surely live. Yet the children of your people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal. When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and **commits iniquity**, he shall even die therein. When the **wicked turns from his wickedness, and does that which is lawful and right**, he shall live thereby. (Ezekiel 33:8-19)

She has **rebelled against my ordinances in doing wickedness** more than the nations, and **against my statutes** more than the countries that are round about her; for they have **rejected my ordinances**, and **as for my statutes, they have not walked in them**. (Ezekiel 5:6)

Behold, the day, behold, it comes: your doom is gone forth; the **rod has blossomed, pride has budded. Violence** is risen up into a **rod of wickedness**; none of them shall remain, nor of their **multitude**, nor of their **wealth**: neither shall there be **eminency** among them. The time is come, the day draws near: don't let the **buyer rejoice**, nor the **seller mourn**; for wrath is on all the multitude of it. For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they be yet alive: for the vision is touching the whole multitude of it, none shall return; neither shall any **strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life**. (Ezekiel 7:10-13)

I prayed to Yahweh my God, and made confession, and said, Oh, Lord, the great and dreadful God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have **sinned**, and have **dealt perversely**, and have **done wickedly**, and have **rebelled**, even **turning aside from your precepts** and from your ordinances; **neither have we listened** to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but to us confusion of face, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, who are near, and who are far off, through all the countries where you have driven them, because of their **trespass that they have trespassed against you**. Lord, to us belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because **we have sinned against you**. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness; for **we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed** the voice of Yahweh our God, **to walk in his laws**, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. Yes, all Israel have **transgressed your law**, even **turning aside**, that they should **not obey your voice**: therefore has the curse been poured out on us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God; for **we have sinned against him**. (Daniel 9:4-11)

Forces shall stand on his part, and they shall **profane the sanctuary**, even the fortress, and shall **take away the continual** burnt offering, and they shall **set up the abomination** that makes desolate. Such as **do wickedly against the covenant** shall he pervert by flatteries; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. (Daniel 11:31-32)

Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but **the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand**; but those who are wise shall understand. (Daniel 12:10)

When I would heal Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim is uncovered, also the **wickedness of Samaria**; for **they commit falsehood**, and the **thief enters in**, and the gang of **robbers ravages** outside. They **don't consider in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness**. Now **their own deeds have engulfed them**. They are before my face. They **make the king glad with their wickedness**, and the **princes with their lies**. They are **all adulterers**. They are **burning like an oven** that the baker stops stirring, from the kneading of the dough, until it is leavened. On the day of our king, the princes made themselves **sick with the heat of wine**. He **joined his hand with mockers**. For they have made ready **their heart like an oven**, while they **lie in wait**. Their baker sleeps all the night. In the morning it burns as a flaming fire. They are **all hot as an oven**, and **devour their judges**. All their kings have fallen. There is **no one among them who calls to me**. (Hosea 7:1-7)

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to kindness. Break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek Yahweh, until he comes and rains righteousness on you. You have **plowed wickedness**. You have **reaped iniquity**. You have eaten the **fruit of lies**, for you **trusted in your way**, in the multitude of **your mighty men**. (Hosea 10:12-13)

Are there **yet treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked**, and a **short ephah** that is accursed? (Micah 6:10)

Why do you show me iniquity, and look at perversity? For **destruction and violence** are before me. There is **strife**, and **contention** rises up. Therefore **the law is paralyzed**, and justice never goes forth; for **the wicked surround the righteous**; therefore **justice goes forth perverted**. (Habakkuk 1:3-4)

You who have purer eyes than to see evil, and who cannot look on perversity, why do you tolerate those who deal treacherously, and keep silent when **the wicked swallows up the man who is more righteous** than he, (Habakkuk 1:13)

Whereas Edom says, "We are beaten down, but we will return and build the waste places;" thus says Yahweh of Armies, "They shall build, but I will throw down; and **men will call them 'The Wicked Land,'** even the people against whom Yahweh shows wrath forever." (Malachi 1:4)

Then you shall return and **discern between the righteous and the wicked**, between him who serves God and **him who doesn't serve him**. (Malachi 3:18)

Then the Pharisees went and **took counsel how they might entrap him** in his talk. (Matthew 22:15) But **Jesus perceived their wickedness**, and said, "Why do you **test me**, you **hypocrites**?" (Matthew 22:18)

Then his lord called him in, and said to him, '**You wicked servant!** I forgave you all that debt, because you begged me. Shouldn't **you also have had mercy** on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?' (Matthew 18:32-33)

"He also who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, **I knew you that you are a hard man**, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter. **I was afraid**, and went away and **hid your talent** in the earth. Behold, you have what is yours.' "But his lord answered him, 'You **wicked and slothful servant**. You knew that I reap where I didn't sow, and gather where I didn't scatter. You ought therefore to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back my own with interest. (Matthew 25:24-27)

The Lord said to him, "Now **you Pharisees cleanse the outside** of the cup and of the platter, but your **inward part is full of extortion and wickedness**. (Luke 11:39 WEB)

Another came, saying, 'Lord, behold, your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief, for **I feared you, because you are an exacting man**. You take up that which you didn't lay down, and reap that which you didn't sow.' "He said to him, '**Out of your own mouth will I judge you, you wicked servant!** You knew that I am an exacting man, taking up that which I didn't lay down, and reaping that which I didn't sow. Then why didn't you deposit my money in the bank, and at my coming, I might have earned interest on it?' (Luke 19:20-23)

Brothers, it was necessary that this Scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning **Judas**, who was guide to those who took Jesus. For he was numbered with us, and received his portion in this ministry. Now this man obtained a field with the reward for his **wickedness**, and falling headlong, his body burst open, and all his intestines gushed out. (Acts 1:16-18)

Now when Simon saw that the Holy Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he **offered them money**, saying, "**Give me also this power**, that whoever I lay my hands on may receive the Holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because **you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!** You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for **your heart isn't right before God**. Repent therefore of **this, your wickedness**, and ask God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that **you are in the gall of bitterness** and in the **bondage of iniquity**." (Acts 8:18-23)

Some of them were persuaded, and joined Paul and Silas, of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and not a few of the chief women. But the **unpersuaded Jews took along some wicked men from the marketplace**, and **gathering a crowd, set the city in an uproar**. Assaulting the house of Jason, they sought to bring them out to the people. (Acts 17:4-5)

Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old yeast, neither with the **yeast of malice and wickedness**, but with the unleavened bread of **sincerity and truth**. (1 Corinthians 5:8)

For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world's rulers of the darkness of this age, and against the **spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places**. (Ephesians 6:12)

Then the **lawless one** will be revealed, whom the Lord will kill with the breath of his mouth, and destroy by the manifestation of his coming; even he whose coming is according to the **working of Satan** with all **power and signs and lying wonders**, and with **all deception of wickedness** for those

who are being lost, because they **didn't receive the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. (2 Thessalonians 2:8-10)

Putting away therefore **all wickedness**, all **deceit**, **hypocrisies**, **envies**, and all **evil speaking**, as newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby, (1 Peter 2:1-2)

For this is the will of God, that by well-doing you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not **using your freedom for a cloak of wickedness**, but as bondservants of God. **Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.** (1 Peter 2:15-17)

and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, having made them an example to **those who would live ungodly**; and delivered righteous Lot, who was very distressed by the **lustful life of the wicked** (2 Peter 2:6-7)

Therefore, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, **unjustly accusing us with wicked words**. Not content with this, neither does he himself receive the brothers, and those who would, he forbids and throws out of the assembly. (3 John 1:10)

Key word links and concepts:

Wickedness involves an emptiness of heart that produces evil thoughts and desires.

Wickedness can be forgiven if one chooses to repent and turn away from it back to God.

Wicked ways can react back proportionally on the person who does them.

Perverseness.

Sinning.

Iniquity.

Transgression.

Rape.

Illicit sex, particularly with a close relative.

Demanding a king in place of giving God supreme authority.

Malicious witness.

Perverting justice.

Bribery.

Stubborn rebellion.

Turning away from loyalty to God.

Exploiting the innocent or the weak.

Provoking God by worshiping idols and sex objects.

To hate God.

Turn away from God's commandments, laws, statutes, instructions.

Prosperous, proud, arrogant, oppressive.

Lying and deception.

Bloodthirsty.

Snaring others.

No thought for God.

Hypocrisy – imagining God is just like them.

Manipulating laws for personal advantages.

Violence.
Retaliatory.
Leading, enticing or bribing others to sin.
Fool's pleasure.
Self-fulfilling fears.
Short-lived power.
Hope and expectations perish at death.
The troubles of the righteous will become the trouble of the wicked.
Cruel mercy.
Their religious worship activities are an abomination to God.
Mouth gushes out evil.
Receives secret bribes.
Contempt and disgrace.
Desires evil.
No mercy.
Hard faced.
Sows wickedness.
Rod of fury.
Malicious whisperer harboring evil in their heart hidden by deception.
Lacks boldness in a time of crisis.
Controls others through intimidation.
No concern for true knowledge.
Stupidity.
The wicked come from holiness.
Sometimes the righteous experience as if they were wicked while wicked experience as if they were righteous.
Wicked taunt God, demanding to see immediate proof of His word.
The wicked call evil good and good evil;
they call light darkness and darkness light;
they say bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter.
They are wise in their own eyes, prudent in their own sight.
They are mighty to drink wine; champions at mixed drinks.
They acquit the guilty for bribes and deny justice for the innocent.
They reject the law of God and despise His word.
The wicked will not learn righteousness even when shown favor.
Where people are upright they will still deal wrongfully and will not see God's majesty.
With abundant sorceries and enchantments they trust in their wickedness.
They believe no one sees them, trusting in their own wisdom and knowledge that perverts them.
They say in their heart that they are the I AM with no one else besides them.
They depend on much counsel from astrologers, stargazers and monthly prognosticators.
They are involved in trafficking.
They do not have internal peace.
The wicked are restless troubled sea, casting up mire and dirt.
They strike with the fist.
Iniquities, sins and guilt block their access to God's face and power.
They trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

They speak oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.
Truth is lacking in the wicked.
They have a prostitute's forehead and refuse to be ashamed.
Wickedness is bitter, for it reaches to the heart.
Violence and destruction results in continual sickness and wounds.
They deal treacherously.
Their might is not right; they are profane.
Sodom and Gomorrah seem to be the epitome of what it looks like to become completely wicked and depraved of moral integrity. They not only act like brute animals towards others but cause God's people to gravitate toward the same condition, to commit adultery, live in lies, encourage others in evil and despise repentance.
Burn incense to other gods.
Refusing to return things received as surety for a pledge.
Robbery.
Pride, violence, rod, multitude, wealth, eminency.
Such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he pervert by flatteries.
The wicked cannot understand.
They have made ready their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait.
They are all hot as an oven, and devour their judges. All their kings have fallen. There is no one among them who calls to me.
Deliberate cheating in trade.
They paralyze the law and pervert justice.
Seek to entrap the innocent.
Exploit forgiveness, kindness and mercy while refusing to pass it on.
They view God as hard, arbitrary and exploitive, so they refuse to invest His gifts to them in others.
They exploit the freedom of forgiveness by God to mask an unconverted heart full of wickedness.
Disposition of extortion.
They believe they can purchase God's gifts to exploit for their own benefit. This is caused by their emotional state of bitterness and twisted thinking (iniquity).
Filled with deceit, hypocrisies, envies, and all evil speaking.
Slaves to lust.
Using accusations to ruin the reputation of others.