

Evil and Wickedness in the Psalms

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled "Evil and Wickedness—Part 2." The focus of this study was about evil and wickedness in the Psalms—primarily some of David's psalms.

Of the 150 psalms, David is credited by many as writing 75 of them—with 73 attributed to him in the superscriptions and another two ascribed to him in the New Testament.

God hates iniquity

Psalm 5:4-6—"For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man."

Catch them in own plots

Psalm 10:1-2—"Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide in times of trouble? The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; let them be caught in the plots which they have devised."

Psalm 23:4—"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

Catch them in own nets

Psalm 35:4-8—"Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor who seek after my life; let those be turned back and brought to confusion who plot my hurt. Let them be like chaff before the wind, and let the angel of the LORD chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery, and let the angel of the LORD pursue them. For without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit, which they have dug without cause for my life. Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly, and let his net that he has hidden catch himself; into that very destruction let him fall."

David did not take revenge

Psalm 35:13-14—"But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; and my prayer would return to my own

heart. I paced about as though he were my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother.”

Asking God for vindication

Psalm 35:22-24—“This You have seen, O LORD; Do not keep silence. O LORD, do not be far from me. Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication, to my cause, my God and my Lord. Vindicate me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.”

Trust in the Lord

Psalm 37:7-8—“Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret—it only causes harm.”

Psalm 37:12-13—“The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes at him with his teeth. The Lord laughs at him, for He sees that his day is coming.”

Psalm 37:23-24—“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholds him with His hand.”

Psalm 37:32-33—“The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him. The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.”

Psalm 37:40—“And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.”