

# How Should Christians Deal With the Wicked?

## *A Study Outline*

- I. Who are the “wicked”?
  - A. Genesis 6:1-8
    - v. 4. Nephilim were on the earth.
    - v. 5. *Wickedness* was great on the earth, and the thoughts and imaginations of men were *evil continually*.
      - Wickedness* (Strong 7451) = *ra'*, “bad or evil”
      - Evil* (Strong 7451) = *ra'*
      - Continually* (Strong 3117) = *yowm*, “to be hot; a day (as the warm hours), whether literally (from sunrise to sunset, or from one sunset to the next), or figuratively (as space in time defined by an associated term).”
  - B. Job 21:1-34
    - v. 14-15. The wicked tell God to leave them alone, and do not want to acknowledge His ways and obey Him; prayer to them is futile.
    - v. 16. *Wicked* (Strong 7563) = *rasha*, “morally wrong, an actively bad person.”
    - v. 30. *Wicked* (Strong 7451) = *ra'*
  - C. Job 18:21. The *wicked* do not know God.
    - Wicked* (Strong 5767) = *'avval*, “evil (morally)”.
  - D. Psalm 73:8-9. They speak wickedly against God.
- II. Realize that the wicked are sometimes born that way, and there is no way that they can be turned from doing evil.
  - A. Psalm 58:3.
  - B. Matthew 13:36-43. The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares; the tares are of the devil and thus are wicked, and will be destroyed at the end of the age.
- III. Many of the wicked live in prosperity and apparent success in this life, but their end will be destruction; therefore, do not envy them.
  - A. Job 8:22. The dwelling place of the wicked will come to nothing.
  - B. Job 15:20. The wicked live in pain all of their lives.
  - C. Job 18:5-19. Bildad gives his comments on wicked people.
  - D. Job 20:5-29. Zophar gives his comments on wicked people.
  - E. Job 21:1-34. Job points out that the wicked prosper on the earth, but their end is not pleasant.
  - F. Job 27: 13-23. The fate of the wicked is ignominious.
  - G. Psalm 37:1-11.
  - H. Psalm 73:1-12.
- IV. The wicked hate the righteous and bless their own, so do not expect them to be your friends.
  - A. Psalm 10:2-3. The wicked persecute the poor and bless the covetous.

- B. Psalm 11:2.
- C. Psalm 37:12-14, 32.
- D. I John 3:7-10

V. We should avoid associating with the wicked.

- A. Psalm 1:1-6.
- B. Psalm 26:1-5.

VI. Our hatred should be against them, but vengeance against them must be of God.

- A. Psalm 58:1-11.
- B. Romans 12:19. Vengeance belongs to God.
- C. Hebrews 10:30.

VII. Do good to the wicked, even if they do evil to you, and so “heap coals of fire on their heads”.

- A. Romans 12:20-21. Overcome evil with good.
- B. Matthew 5:38-42.
- C. Proverbs 25:21-22. Heap coals of fire on the heads of your enemies.

VIII. Pray for the demise of the wicked. Psalm 109:1-31.

- A. Matthew 5:43-48. Pray for your enemies.
- B. Luke 23:33-34. Christ asked the Father to forgive His enemies.
- C. Acts 7:54-60. Stephen asked the Father to forgive those that stoned Him.

XIV. Expect persecution from the wicked, for they hate you for your obedience to, and reliance upon, Almighty God.

- A. Matthew 5:10-12
- B. Matthew 10:16-23
- C. John 15:18-21