

“Words That Weary the Lord”

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17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

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- Evil People are Good

1. Perspective Effected by Lust

2 Timothy 4:3-4

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2. Ignorance is Bliss

Job 21:11-15

11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

12 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

13 They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.

14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

3. Love the Praise of Men

John 12:42-43

42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

4. Mind Not High Things

Romans 12:16

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

5. Friend of World – Enemy of God

James 4:4

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

6. Christians Persecuted as was Christ

John 15:18-20

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

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1. God Looks on the Heart

1 Samuel 16:7

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

2. God is not a Respector of Persons

Acts 10:34-35

34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

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1. God Will Judge Righteous and Wicked

Ecclesiastes 3:16-17

16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there.

17 I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

2. Every Word and Deed Will Be Judged

Matthew 12:36-37

36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

3. God is Not Mocked

Galatians 6:7

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked:
for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall
he also reap.

4. Judged in God's Time

1 Timothy 5:24

24 Some men's sins are open
beforehand, going before to judgment;
and some men they follow after.

5. Judgment Committed to the Son

John 5:22

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but
hath committed all judgment unto the
Son:

23 That all *men* should honour the Son,
even as they honour the Father. He that
honoureth not the Son honoureth not
the Father which hath sent him.

A God of Mercy

- Judgment – Found in Bible 430 Times
- Forgiveness – Found in Bible 124 Times
- Mercy – Found in Bible 467 Times

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- Where is God's Judgment?
- What is Proper Christian Behavior?

1. Favor With All the People

Acts 2:47

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

2. Don't Be a Stumbling Block

Romans 14:10, 13, 19

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

3. Goal: To Win Some

1 Corinthians 9:18-22

18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

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1 John 4:15-17

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.
