



## WICKED DEVICES

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What we are attempting to do in this newsletter is to look at several passages of scripture found in the book of Psalms concerning wicked devices. We read in **Psalm 37:7**, "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass". The first thing we witness in this first verse is the psalmist is encouraging the child of God to rest in the Lord and to be silent while trusting in Him. Often times we find it difficult to rest in the Lord or to hold our peace while facing adversity. Nevertheless, the scriptures compel the child of God to trust in the Lord in spite of our circumstances. We read in **Psalm 46:10**, "Be still, and know that I am God". If the believer can retain and possess their patience, then it is possible to be still and know that God is in control of everything we may have to endure. If you lose your patience you may very well lose your soul. Jesus declared in **Luke 21:19**, "In your patience possess ye your souls". The days that are coming upon the earth will demand great patience. The reason we are admonished to rest in the Lord is because, when we witness the wicked as they began to prosper it can bring great consternation, along with anxiety, in the life of God's people. As a child of God, you must remember the only heaven that a sinner will experience on this side of eternity is what they experience in this present world. Furthermore, the only hell that a believer will ever know or experience is what they experience in this present world as well. Therefore, you must never fret when you see the wicked as they are seemingly prospering. Nevertheless, because the wicked prosper they are able to bring forth some of their wicked devices. The word **devices** here in this scripture verse means, a scheming and conniving man. Wicked

men who conspire against God and against his people will ultimately suffer damnation. Though men may scheme and conspire against God, the Lord has the power to bring to naught their wicked devices. Following the Noachian flood, we see in Genesis chapter 11 that men sought to build a tower and city that would reach unto heaven. They desired to make a name for themselves, lest they be scattered abroad the face of the whole earth. The Bible says the Lord came down to see the city and tower they were building. The Bible says the Lord confounded their language and did to them the very thing they were attempting to avoid. The Lord scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth. Let it be noted, no matter how great the wicked devices men may bring to fruition, God, in a moment of time, can stop those devices and bring them to naught. The leadership of this nation is conniving and scheming to trap it's citizens through Obama care. If the children of God will pray and cry out to the Lord, he has the power to confound the very things that evil men are trying to accomplish. The people in Genesis chapter 11 would have built a tower that would have reached into the heavens, but God turned it into sheer Babel, "pun intended". We now want to examine **Psalm 33:10**, "The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect". The word **bringeth** here in the Hebrew means, to frustrate the wicked devices that evil men are trying to bring to fruition. Their purpose, design, and plan can always be foiled by the power of God Almighty. He has almighty power to bring to naught or to crush the very devices that evil men are conniving to bring to pass. The word **devices** here in this scripture passage means imaginations, intentions, and contrivance. When

men begin to operate in a cunning fashion and manner, they become more evil. The word **devices** found here in the Hebrew also means to create a piece of machinery or some type of man-made invention. As the leadership of this nation continues to walk in darkness, the machinery and inventions they bring forth will be more evil due to their sullied and evil imaginations. Evil men willingly yield their sub-consciousness to the powers of darkness. When they do so they are able to invent things that are unimaginable by the Saints of God. They allow their minds to be deluged with influence from fallen angels and demonic spirits. We are warned to never give place to the devil, but evil men will do the exact opposite to what God has spoken because they are evil and sinister. As the Saints of God, our desire is to have pure hearts and holy hands. When people live and walk in the power of the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of truth enables them to discern the wicked devices that evil men are trying to promote in snaring them. The Holy Ghost is also known as the Spirit of truth. Jesus said in **John 16:13**, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come". As a child of God, you must walk in the spirit so as to hear the voice of the Lord. We read in **Revelation 2:7**, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches". The Spirit of the Lord is constantly speaking to the body of Christ: do you have an ear to hear? The Holy Ghost will also warn us concerning the wicked devices that evil men are trying to implement against us. As children of the Lord we should earnestly pray that God will never allow the wicked to rule over us neither suffer us to be taken into their captivity. These evil men that scheme against the children of God are

untiring in their attacks. The psalmist declared in **Psalms 10:4**, "The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts". The wicked never consider God whatsoever in their thoughts or thought process. These wicked men are profusely deceived. Paul tells us in **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:13**, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived". We are witnessing the fulfillment of this scripture passage by the President of these United States! This man has lied to the people of this nation and has deceived them concerning their healthcare. He now has the unmitigated gall and deception to stand before the citizens and re-state his so-called promises were never his promises by adding the word "if" to his previous statements. This man was deceiving the people all along, but he too is also being deceived. You are witnessing evil men deceiving and being deceived. We must understand that Pharaoh oppressed the children of Israel and Satan will seek to oppress the children of God here in these last days. We now want to look at one final scripture passage found here in **Psalms 10:2**, "The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined". The word *wicked* here in this scripture passage has a plethora of different meanings: some of those meanings are, those who are morally wrong, unrighteous, lawless, and vicious. It also means the wicked have evil intentions toward the people of God through exploitations, dishonesty in business, and in the twisting of justice. Notice how the people of this nation are being exploited through their loss of healthcare. Witness the dishonesty in business relative to the healthcare presentation by this president. And we all know this is the personification of the twisting of true justice. Paul the apostle was very adamant here in **Romans 3:18**, "There is no fear of God before their eyes". These reprobates live as though there will never be a day of judgment nor an accounting of the soul. Paul went on to say in **Romans 14:11-12**, "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and

every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God". The word account here in the Greek simply means every man will be judged by the Word of the Lord, period. No man, no matter how great or small, all will stand before God Almighty. This scripture verse found here in **Psalms 10:2** is one where the psalmist prays that the wicked will be taken in their own devices. This speaks to their plots of intrigue, and scheming ploys. The leaders of this nation are just like the men who were trying to build a great city and tower to the heavens. God frustrated their wicked attempt by simply confounding their language. We need to pray, God will confound these evil men and their wicked devices which they are plotting to use against the children of God. The word *imagined* in this last scripture verse simply means, the things that wicked man have thought or planned through their vain imaginations. Men have the ability to imagine good or evil, it is an absolute choice. We are told in **Genesis 6:5**, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was on evil continually". In other words, the entirety of their imaginations and thoughts were given over to wicked devices and evil intentions daily. You are going to witness an explosion of wicked devices and evil inventions here in the last days. Do not allow the enemy neither these wicked devices to confound or baffle you. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love, and of a sound mind. Satan would like to create evil imaginations in your mind as well. He desires to corrupt you or to bring fear into your heart also. We are admonished by Paul the apostle here in **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:3-5**, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ". Always be mindful, you are living in a clay jar. You are not fighting against flesh and blood, But against wicked devices that are

being brought to pass in high places. That is why we are admonished here in **Psalms 46:1**, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble". I trust the Lord God of Abraham will always remain your high tower and refuge in the day of trouble. Every child of God who truly depends upon the Lord will always have access to him. The reason we always have access to him is because he gave every child of God a great promise found here in **Genesis 28:15**, "And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of". God made that promise to Jacob, Moses, Joshua, and that promise is made to you as well! If he is with you, then you have access to him all of the time. As a child of God, you are going to face many days of adversity here in the end. Let me share one more verse in closing, **Romans 8:18**, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us". If you will honestly weigh your suffering in one hand, and the glory that shall be revealed in the other, your suffering cannot be compared to God's glory! This life, along with our afflictions, are but for a moment anyway, for we read here in **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:17**, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory". May you run your race and finish your course with joy. Let me say, we are always humbly blessed, grateful, and thankful for your love and support for The Voice of Evangelism. Rest assured that we always make mention of you in our prayers as the Lord brings you to our remembrance. Until next month, may you always finish strong in the Lord Jesus Christ,

Serving With You All,

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