

Christ Apostolic Miracle Ministry Sunday School

Week 19: May 11th, 2025

Topic: God takes no pleasure in wickedness – Part 3

Bible Reading: Psalm 5:1-6

Your wickedness affects humans

Your wickedness affects humans like yourself, but it cannot touch God. The evil or good that you do only affects other people but not God. It must be noted that if you sin, what difference could that make to God? No matter how much you sin, will it matter to Him? Even if you are good, what would God get out of that? Do you think God is dependent on your accomplishments? Inasmuch as God is not dependent on your behavior, your wrong-doing can only hurt other people, and your good deeds assist them.

Anytime you fall into sin through your wicked acts, it will prompt the Lord to penalize you even though He is not affected, and whenever you do what is good; God will reward you for your obedience, because it profits humans like yourself. Inasmuch as others suffer from your sins and the good you do helps them. So, the ones who care whether you are good or bad are your family, friends and neighbors. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "Your wickedness affects a man such as you, and your righteousness a son of man." **Job 35:8**. Since God cannot be affected by your wickedness or good deeds; because He is above such influence, the Lord will only punish you for your wickedness, or reward you for your good works.

Ahab was penalized: King Ahab devoted himself to do what was evil in the sight of the Lord; because his wife Jezebel incited him, and he was penalized appropriately. There was no one like Ahab who had chosen to do what the Lord said was wrong; he performed wicked acts, due to the influence of his wife Jezebel. It is rare to find someone like Ahab who is determined to do every sort of evil; due to the encouragement of Jezebel, his wife. King Ahab was incited by his wife Jezebel, and in open defiance of God, set an all-time record in making big business of evil.

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Make sure nobody forces you to defy the Almighty God, your Creator. Do not be influenced by your spouse, or family, or friends to indulge in outrageous obscenities like Ahab; according to the scripture which says, "But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up." **1 Kings 21:25**. Even though Ahab was depressed and refused to eat after hearing the judgment that God sent through Prophet Elijah. The Lord did not cancel the punishment, but postponed it until after King Ahab's death.

Joseph was justified: Joseph refused to do a wicked act by not having sexual contact with the wife of Potiphar that would make him sin against the Lord. Joseph declined the invitation of Potiphar's wife to lie with her, and God justified him. Are you ready to flee from immense evil that can make you sin against God? Do you think the terrible and wicked things that you are doing will not attract penalties from the Lord? Though Joseph was imprisoned, and he had many challenges, God justified him for his righteousness, and he became the Prime Minister of Egypt.

The Bible chronicled this event in the Book of Genesis saying, "...There is no one greater in this house than I, nor 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 39:8-23, read verse 9**. You must not violate people's trust, if you want God to be delighted in you. You must depart from your immoral and nauseous ways; if you want God to reward and justify you.

For this reason, make sure you do not speak unjustly, or allow your tongue to utter deceit. Be honest and transparent in all your dealings. Flee from every form of fraud, and tell only the truth. Do not speak falsehood, and never tell a lie. Keep your lips from saying anything evil, or deceitful. Remember, half truth and alternative truth are sins that will attract penalties from the Lord. As it is written, "My lips will not speak wickedness, Nor my tongue utter deceit." **Job 27:4**. Imitate Joseph who refuses to comply with the instructions of his master's wife; if you want to be justified. Beware, do not allow immediate pleasure to ruin your eternal joy. You need to realize that wickedness can ruin your future; so, be careful.