

PROVERBS

Lesson 4 – Wisdom Exalts Righteousness and Wisdom

1. Read Proverbs 15:3, 9; 21:12; 3:33. What do these verses tell us about the Lord and how he deals with the righteous and the wicked?
2. The Lord has structured life to work in such a way that there are natural consequences for wicked behavior as well as for righteous. Read 4:14-19; 10:24; 28:1; 29:6. What disturbs the sleep and the tranquility of the wicked? In contrast what is the life of the righteous like?
3. Compare 18:3 with 21:21. What is in store for the wicked? For those who pursue righteousness and love?
4. Read 25:26. What happens when the righteous cave in to the wicked?
5. Read 28:12, 28; 29:2. What happens when the wicked rule? When can the righteous thrive?
6. Although the wicked might flourish for awhile, or even a lifetime, they won't get away with evil forever. What contrast is made in 11:21?
7. While this accounting might be completely delayed until the Judgment Day, often it is played out in part in this life. Read 12:21 and 24:5=6. In general, what is the life of the righteous likely to be like? How is that contrasted with the life of the wicked?
8. It is easy for the righteous to be discouraged, even depressed, by evil, especially when they are its victims. But when the downfall of the wicked does come, be it in this life or on Judgment Day, what will be the vantage points for the righteous according to 14:19 and 29:16?
9. What is the final end for the righteous and the wicked? See 10:25 and 11:7.