

WHEN YOU'RE TEMPTED TO ENVY THE RICH

Psalms 73:3-5 “For I was envious of the prosperity of the proud and wicked. Yes, all through life their road is smooth! They grow sleek and fat. They aren’t always in trouble plagued with problems like everyone else.”

There is a strange tendency in our human nature to envy the rich, those who have money, means, position, fame, and a degree of prominence. Even the psalmist declared from his heart, “I was envious of the prosperity of the proud...” Watch carefully yourself and your life, and you will find a point in your life from time to time that you too will “envy” the proud, and those who seemingly have life in the palm of their hands...though they have nothing to do with God.

Life has not changed for 4000 years. The actions of the proud today are the same as those thousands of years ago. There is a sensing that those who have prosperity, somehow get by in life, and in some cases they may. They are able to buy themselves out of tight spots. They are able to seemingly secure their innocence through the court system with money, even when they in truth are guilty.

Their life seemingly continues to flow on and on without problems....but that is not the end of the story. They may have money for years, and buy themselves all their heart’s desires...but they cannot buy God. They cannot pay God off with all the resources they possess. In the end the Bible declares that in the end... “God will send them over the edge of the cliff and down to their destruction.”

If we think the wicked, the rich ungodly get by in life, we are sorely deceived, for the God that created them will call them into accountability. Yes, they may seemingly get by, and buy all their heart desires for years....but in the end they die...and we die as well...and stand before our Creator, the Living God of the universe.

The next time that you are prone to “be envious of the wickedly rich” remember that they have an end to their life...and in truth all their money, wealth, position, prominence will be gone for all of eternity...and they will be banished from the presence of Holy God. For God and God alone has the final say.