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Sunday School Lesson

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ENTIRE CONGREGATION

WHY DO WICKED SINNERS SEEM TO PROSPER?

Scripture Reading Before Invocational Prayer: Psalms 1: 1 – 5

Scripture Lesson: Proverbs 23: 13 – 19 proper discipline saves from bad consequences.

Subject: **LET NOT THINE HEART ENVY SINNERS: BUT BE THOU IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD ALL THE DAY LONG.** (Proverbs 23: 17) KJV

Text: Job 21: 1 – 34 Why do the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper; seeking to understand God's ways. (cf. John 9: 1 – 3, Acts 28: 3 – 4, Isaiah 53: 3 – 4) (Nahum 1: 1 – 3, Jeremiah 12: 1 – 4, Psalms 14: 1.)

Introduction: Psalms 73: 1 – 28 I was envious when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. (cf. Acts 20:22–24, 1 Corinthians 15: 19, 11 Timothy. 3: 10–12, Romans. 8:18) not envied but pitied, despised.

LESSON OUTLINE

1. Psalms 37: 1 – 16 neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
2. Proverbs 16: 1 – 8 (cf. Romans 9: 17, 21 – 24) even the wicked for the day of evil.
3. Romans 2: 4 – 11 an unrepented heart stored up unto itself wrath.
4. Ecclesiastes 8: 11 – 14 Why the righteous suffer and the wicked does not.
5. Proverbs 24: 15 – 20 neither be thou envious at the wicked. (cf. Prov. 13: 5 – 9)
6. 2 Peter 3: 6 – 7 reserved unto fire and judgement and perdition of ungodly men.
7. Psalms 7: 9 – 11 God tried the righteous to draw them closer to Himself.
8. 2 Thessalonians 1: 4 – 12 it is a righteous thing with God to recompense evil.

Wicked - individuals or actions that are morally wrong, evil, and oppose God's will and righteousness and justice. (Isaiah 48: 22, 57: 20 – 21) There is no peace for the wicked.

Envy is a sin, a form of jealousy or resentment toward another's blessings or achievements, often leading to destructive behavior and eternal consequences.