



## THE INCREASING WICKEDNESS

**A**s we approach the last days the wickedness of the world is increasing dramatically. We hear of college students burning down churches for fun and thrills. The president of Iran is calling for the destruction of Israel. Trouble is on the rise in the Middle East. Everywhere you look, wickedness is on the rise.

The Bible calls our times perilous times. We are living in perilous times where people detest God while seeking all of the sins of the world. Adultery, fornication, lasciviousness, murder, deceit, debate, and all other forms of wickedness are on the rise. Our neighbors are openly living in adultery or fornicating. Abortion is on the rise because of the increase of sin. Look at the behavior of your neighbors openly living in sin when in the past they would have been ashamed of living such sinful lives.

### **2 Timothy 3:1-17**

- 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
- 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
- 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
- 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
- 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.
- 10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of

- life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,
- 11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.
- 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
- 13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.
- 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;
- 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

### **Romans 1:17-32**

- 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.
- 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;
- 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.
- 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
- 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
- 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

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24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

In today's society it is considered appropriate behavior to fornicate and live in adultery. Also we are seeing murder rates increasing, along with crimes of all sorts. We are living in a society that embraces the most vile while considering the righteous despicable. The ones who are considered wise in the world today are actually fools in the eyes of God. The ones who promote abortion, adultery, fornication, along with all other wickedness are the very ones who have created the environment for the increase of crime and wickedness. Look at the educators who hand out contraception to the students. They are promoting fornication and abortion. Also they say that life is not important so the murder rate increases.

The arsonists who are suspected of burning the churches in Alabama are not being treated as wicked criminals, but society is saying how sorry they are for the arsonists. In the News Journal an editorial published on March 10, 2006 titled, "Church Arsonists Committed Real Crimes"

<http://www.delawareonline.com/> tells how today's society treats crimes by youth calling it, "youthful indiscre-

tions." This attitude of treating sin as an indiscretion is the cause of the rise in wickedness. Instead of treating sin as an evil, wicked behavior.

Paul told the Roman church, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." This is the world today where the wisdom of the world has become foolishness. It has become policy in schools to promote fornication through the handing out of contraceptive devices. We see the increase of certain diseases that have a direct correlation to lascivious behavior. The most hazardous being AIDS.

The other day I saw a huge number of teenagers pushing baby carriages on Kensington Ave. These girls were deceived by the education system. They were told by the world that they can only get a boy friend by having sex. Now they have a twenty year commitment without having a stable home life to raise their offspring. I know some who have several children from different fathers. Some do not even know who is the father of their children.

When you see this, is it any wonder that we hear of college students burning down churches? There is no moral guidance in the world today. Television, theater, movies, and video games all promote the foulest and most vile behavior. The educators, parents, and other authority figures who should provide a moral compass have failed. There is no discipline today. Parents are afraid to spank and discipline their children for wrong doing. There is anarchy in many classrooms. I even saw a 5<sup>th</sup> grader arrested. I couldn't imagine something like this happening when I went to elementary school. Now I am told by the crossing guard that it is a common occurrence.

Finally, look at the condition in the Middle East. We are on the verge of a third world war. Iran is preparing for a nuclear strike against Israel. The Palestinians are more aggressive against Israel. When you read the Bible today and look at a newspaper, the two seem the same! Both describe a wickedness in the last days that increases day by day.

Thus, when you hear of college students burning down churches for the thrill of it, you should not be surprised. The youth of today do not have any discipline. They are raised in a society where nothing is wrong. They are raised being taught to fulfill all of their wicked desires.

With the Bible describing the last days as being perilous, is it any wonder that we are seeing wickedness in-

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creasing? The day of the Lord is coming when the world least expects it.

### **Matthew 24:1-51**

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; inso-much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all

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away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.  
40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken,  
and the other left.  
41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one  
shall be taken, and the other left.  
42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your  
Lord doth come.  
43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had  
known in what watch the thief would come, he would  
have watched, and would not have suffered his house to  
be broken up.  
44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye  
think not the Son of man cometh.  
45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his  
lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them  
meat in due season?  
46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he  
cometh shall find so doing.  
47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler  
over all his goods.  
48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My  
lord delayeth his coming;  
49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to  
eat and drink with the drunken;  
50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he  
looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware

of,  
51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his por-  
tion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and  
gnashing of teeth.

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