

# Right in His Own Eyes

[Judges 17:6 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>6</sup> In those days *there was* no king in Israel, *but* every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

It was God's desire to be King to the children of Israel. God gave them His commandments through Moses and spoke to them about blessing and the curse. It says it this way in

[Jeremiah 7:23–24 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>23</sup> But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. <sup>24</sup> But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels *and* in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

Walking in their own plans made them worse and further separated them from God and His promise “that it goes well with you”.

## Evil in the Sight of the Lord

[Judges 2:11 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>11</sup> And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim:

We find this recurring statement “the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord” through Judges, Kings, Chronicles, all through Israel's history.

**Evil: that which is not morally pure or good according to a proper standard this evil hinders or severs a relationship to a person or principle which is proper**

But that is a very clinical definition. We need some real examples of evil and how it affects the lives of people. In

[Genesis 37:20 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>20</sup> Come now therefore. and let us slav him. and cast him into some pit. and we

- to kill him
- to abort his dreams
- and to separate him from their father

We find the prophetic dream of Pharaoh in

[Genesis 41:19 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>19</sup> And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness:

The dream of Pharaoh about the future of Egypt was of seven healthy cows that represented seven years of plenty.

This was followed by seven poor, very ill favored, leanfleshed cows that represented seven years of famine that consumed everything in the land. Badness like had never been seen in Egypt.

In the history of the Kings of Israel there were many the “did evil” as found in

[2 Chronicles 21:19 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>19</sup> And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

This king, Jehoram, died in terrible agony ... with no one’s regret.

We have already defined evil as:

- That which is not morally pure or good according to a proper standard
- That evil is that which hinders or severs a relationship to a person or principle which is proper

## How evil is experienced

1. The Bible uses many words to indicate evil, like: **bad**, wicked, no good
2. poor, no good, - that which has undesirable features and so, lesser or no value ([Lev 27:10ab](#))
3. **fierce** or wild - that which can harm or injure ([Ge 37:20](#))
4. **sad** - sorrow or troubled feelings ([Ge 40:7](#))

But, what is described as vanity, an evil disease is in

[Ecclesiastes 6:2 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>2</sup> A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this *is* vanity, and it *is* an evil disease.

## How evil is seen by the Lord

Evil may be described as sin, wickedness, iniquity, wrongdoing

But there is also a focus of liability or guilt for the wrongs incurred.

There is **guilt**, a judicial state of being liable for a wrong done, and so a punishment or judicial sentence ([1Sa 20:8](#))

And, punishment means to justly inflict pain or damage to an object as a consequence of the object's state of guilt or liability.

In God's eyes, there is perfect judgement, perfect justice, and perfect punishment.

[Exodus 34:7 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>7</sup> Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*.

## What God Said

God had instructed the Children of Israel as in

[Exodus 20:4-6 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>4</sup> Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: <sup>5</sup> Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a iealous God. visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon

Again, the Lord has explained that there is a way to blessing, and it is to follow the Lord. He says to the Children of Israel again in

[Deuteronomy 12:8 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>8</sup> Ye shall not do after all *the things* that we do here this day, every man whatsoever *is* right in his own eyes.

He doesn't say they cannot do what they think is right in their own minds. God will never force you or override your free will to choose.

He does say "you must not", but why? Because evil brings destruction.

Proverbs gives us a different view that says in

[Proverbs 14:12 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>12</sup> There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, But the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

What we learn through the natural world is the way of death.

There is another way, the way of life.

Proverbs also says in

[Proverbs 12:15 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>15</sup> The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: But he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.

## God is speaking the way of life

God is speaking but are we listening? God's voice was heard long ago as it says in

[Deuteronomy 4:36 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>36</sup> Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee:

**Hebrews 12:22–24 KJV 1900**

<sup>22</sup> But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, <sup>23</sup> To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, <sup>24</sup> And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

And here is the warning to us that we not fall into the ways of the Children of Israel as they did as “every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes”.

We are to “watch out” as it says in

**Hebrews 12:25–29 KJV 1900**

<sup>25</sup> See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not we escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven: <sup>26</sup> Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. <sup>27</sup> And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: <sup>29</sup> For our God *is* a consuming fire.

hands are full of blood.

Their lives were not based on “the law of our God” so their religious practices were in vain.

God sees our heart as in

[Isaiah 29:13 LEB](#)

<sup>13</sup> And the Lord said, “Because this people draw near with its mouth, and with its lips it honors me, and its heart is far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men that has been taught,

There is a way that the world promotes as the way to prosperity and fulfillment but that is not God’s way. God’s way is in

[Isaiah 58:8–14 LEB](#)

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall grow quickly. And your salvation shall go before you; the glory of Yahweh will be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and Yahweh himself will answer. You

# Those that are Right in His Eyes

Those that worship in spirit and truth.

Those that draw near with their hearts are described in

[1 Peter 2:9 KJV 1900](#)

<sup>9</sup> But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

These have a reverential response to the all encompassing magnificence of God

The New Testament carries over many of these actions.

- The verb προσκυνέω (*proskyneō*) means to bow down as an act of worship
- while κάμπτω (*kamptō*) signifies bending the knee or bowing in reverence to God



