

PRAY ABOUT IT?

(Who's Listening?)

Prov 15:29

The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

The LORD- 3068 Yehovah- (the) self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God:

far- 7350 rachowq or rachoq- distance; from a distance

from the wicked- 7563 rasha` - morally wrong; concretely, an (actively) bad person: condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man), that did wrong.

he heareth- 8085 shama` - to listen, to give heed; to grant request

the prayer of- 8605 tephillah- prayer: hear a prayer

the righteous- 6662 tsaddiyq- just, lawful, righteous; righteous (as **justified** and **vindicated** by God)

MERRIAM WEBSTER'S DEFINITIONS:

Main Entry:**jus*ti*fy-** to **PROVE** to be **JUST, RIGHT, or reasonable**

Main Entry:**vin*di*cate - CONFIRM : SUBSTANTIATE**

Prov 15:29 ... far from the wicked:

Ps 10:1-3

1 Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

2 The wicked **in his pride** doth persecute the poor: let them be taken **in the devices** that **they have imagined**.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's **desire**, and **blesseth the covetous**, whom the LORD **abhorreth**.

in his pride- 1346 ga` avah- arrogance or majesty; by implication, (concretely) ornament: excellency, haughtiness, highness, pride, proudly, swelling.

in the devices- 4209 mezimmah- purpose, discretion, a device, a plot; devices (evil)

they have imagined- 2803 chashab- to plait or interpenetrate, i.e. (literally) to weave or (gen.) to fabricate; figuratively, to plot or contrive (usually in a malicious sense); hence (from the mental effort) to think, regard, value, compute: (make) account (of), conceive, consider, count, cunning (man, work, workman), devise, esteem, find out, forecast, hold, imagine, impute, invent, be like, mean, purpose, reckon (-ing be made), regard, think.

desire- 8378 ta'avah- desire; a desire, a wish, longings of one's heart; lust, an appetite, covetousness (in a bad sense)

blesseth- 1288 barak- to bless; to be blessed, to be adored

the covetous- 1214 batsa` - to be covetous, to be greedy; to gain wrongfully or by violence

abhorreth- 5006 na'ats- to **spurn**, to **contemn**, to despise, to abhor

MERRIAM WEBSTER'S DEFINITIONS:

Main Entry:**spurn** Function:verb : **to reject with disdain**

Main Entry:**con*temn** Function:verb : **to view or treat with contempt : DESPISE**

Ps 10:4 The wicked, **through the pride of his countenance**, will not **seek** after God: God is not in **all his thoughts**.

through the pride of- 1363 gobahh- elation, grandeur, arrogance: -excellency, haughty, height, high, loftiness, pride.

his countenance- 639 'aph- nostril, nose, face

seek- 1875 darash- to consult, to enquire of, to seek; used of God

all- 3605 kol- all, the whole of

his thoughts- 4209 mezimmah- purpose, **discretion**, a device, a plot;

MERRIAM WEBSTER'S DEFINITION:

Main Entry: **dis*cre*tion** Function: noun : **individual choice or judgment**

Ps 10:5-7

5 **His ways** are always **grievous**; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, **he puffeth** at them.

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be **in adversity**.

7 **His mouth** is full of **cursing** and **deceit** and **fraud**: under his tongue is **mischief** and **vanity**.

his ways- 1870 derek- a manner, a habit, a way; used of the course of life (figurative)

grievous- 2342 chuwl or chiyl- figuratively, to pervert:

he puffeth- 6315 puwach; to puff, i.e. blow with the breath or air; hence, to fan (as a breeze), to utter, to kindle (a fire), to scoff;; blow (upon), break, puff, bring into a snare, speak, utter.

in adversity- 7451 ra`- evil, distress, misery, injury, calamity; evil, distress, **adversity**

MERRIAM WEBSTER'S DEFINITION:

Main Entry: **ad*ver*si*ty** Function: noun : **hard times** : **MISFORTUNE**

His mouth- 6310 peh- the mouth (as organ of speech)

cursing- 423 'alah- **execration**

MERRIAM WEBSTER'S DEFINITION:

Main Entry: **ex*e*crate** Function: noun /**ex*e*cra*tion** : **to denounce as evil or detestable**

deceit- 4820 mirmah- in the sense of deceiving; fraud: craft, deceit (-ful, -fully), false, feigned, guile, subtly, treachery.

fraud- 8496 tok- fraud, deceit, deceitful

mischief- 5999 `amal- trouble, mischief

vanity- 205 'aven- trouble of iniquity, wickedness

Ps 34:16 The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

Ps 73:27 For, lo, **they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring** from thee.

they that are far from thee- 7369 racheq- remote: that are far.

shall perish- 6 'abad- to wander away, i.e. lose oneself; by implication to perish (causative, destroy): break, destroy (-uction), + not escape, fail, lose, (cause to, make) perish, spend, X and surely, take, be undone, X utterly, be void of, have no way to flee.

thou hast destroyed- 6789 tsamath- to put an end to, to cut off, to destroy, to exterminate, to **extirpate**

MERRIAM WEBSTER'S DEFINITION: Main Entry:**ex*tir*pate-** **to destroy completely**

them that go a whoring- 2181 zannah- to commit fornication, to be a harlot, to play the harlot; to be unfaithful (to God) (figurative): figuratively, to commit idolatry (the Jewish people being regarded as the spouse of Jehovah as Christians are the wife of Christ): (commit, fall to) whoredom, (cause to) go a-whoring, whorish.

Ps 138:6 Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

Matt 25:44-45

44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

45 And these shall go away into **everlasting punishment**: but the righteous into life eternal.

everlasting- 166 aionios- without end, never to cease, everlasting

punishment- 2851 kolasis- penal infliction: punishment, torment.

Eph 2:12-13

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were **far off** are made **nigh** by the blood of Christ.

far off- 3112 makran- at a distance (literally or figuratively): (a-) far (off), good (great) way off.

nigh- 1451 eggus- near, used of place and position; those who are near of access to God; to make nigh

Eph 2:17-22

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Col 1:21-22

21 And you, that were sometime **alienated** and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now **hath he reconciled**

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

alienated- 526 apallotrioo- to alienate, to be shut out from one's fellowship and intimacy, to estrange away, i.e. (passively and figuratively) to be non-participant: be alien

hath he reconciled- 604 apokatallasso- to reconcile completely; to reconcile back again, to bring back a former state of harmony

I Jn 1:5-7

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no **darkness** at all.

6 If we say that we have **fellowship** with him, and **walk** in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

darkness- 4653 skotia- metaphorically, used of ignorance of divine things, and its associated wickedness, and the resultant misery in hell

fellowship- 2842 koinonia- fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse

walk- 4043 peripateo- to walk: to regulate one's life; to conduct oneself; to pass one's life

Prov 15:29 ... he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

Ps 34:15-17

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Ps 66:18-19

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Ps 145:18-19

18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Prov 15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

Isa 58:6-9

6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.

9 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

John 9:31 Now we know that God **heareth not sinners**: but if any man be a **worshipper of God**, and doeth his **will**, him he heareth.

heareth- 191 akouo-to listen to, have regard to, of God answering the prayers of men

not- 3756 ou also ouk and ouch- no, not; in direct questions expecting an affirmative answer

sinners- 268 hamartolos- devoted to sin, a sinner: preeminently sinful, especially wicked

worshipper of God- 2318 theosebēs- worshiping God; reverent of God, i.e. **pious**

Main Entry: **pi*ous** Function:adjective : showing loyal reverence for a person or thing : DUTIFUL

will- 2307 thelema- what one wishes or has determined shall be done; of what God wishes to be done by us, commands, precepts

Rom 8:26-27

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself **maketh intercession** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the **saints** according to the will of God.

maketh intercession- 5241 huperentugchano- to intercede for one

MERRIAM WEBSTER DEFINITION Main Entry:**intercession**- prayer or petition in favor of another
saints- from hagios (an awful thing) [compare 53, 2282]; sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): (most) holy (one, thing), saint.

James 5:16-18

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a **righteous** man **availeth** much.

17 **Elias** was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

righteous- 1342 dikaios- righteous, observing divine laws; in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God

availeth- 2480 ischuo- to have power, to be able, can do

Elias- 2243 Helias- of Hebrew origin [452]; Helias (i.e. Elijah), an Israelite: Elias.

1 Pet 3:12

For the eyes of the Lord are over the **righteous**, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

righteous- 1342 dikaios- righteous, observing divine laws; in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God

I Jn 5:19

And we know that we are of God, and the **whole world lieth** in **wickedness**.

whole- 3650 holos- all, whole, completely

world- 2889 kosmos- the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ

lieth- 2749 keimai- metaphorically: lies in the power of the Evil One,, that is, is held in subjection by the Devil

wickedness- 4190 poneros- bad, of a bad nature or condition; in an ethical sense: evil wicked, bad

Rom 6:3-4

- 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
- 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Gal 3:27

- 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

I Jn 4:4-5

- 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
- 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.