

## The Righteous and Unrighteous

Psalms help us recognize the distinct and clear differences between the righteous and unrighteous, right and wrong, light and darkness, the people of God, and the people of the world.

### The Righteous (Psalm 9)

"I will praise You, O Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, o Most High... The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed; a refuge in times of trouble. Those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. You lift me up from the gates of death, THAT I may tell of all Your praise... I will rejoice in Your salvation."

#### Psalm 9

We sheep — keep telling others so they can TRUST Him, SEEK Him, FOLLOW Him, SERVE Him, BLESS Him, PRAISE Him, DECLARE Him, and daily FIND REFUGE in Him — THAT they may forever tell of His marvelous works and praise Him with all that is in them.

### The Unrighteous (Psalm 10)

#### God is Nonexistent — He's Not In Their Thoughts

Life, no matter what one believes, is full of realizing, readjusting, and realigning what we know and believe. The big question for me is where does Jesus fit in this constant pattern for me? If I have no clue what He thinks and says about life, other than what others have said, He said, how can I realize, readjust, and realign what I believe, think, and say, to what He has said about life and everything flows out of it.

Secondhand information will fail me... again and again, and leave me empty-hearted, empty-headed, and empty-handed when I must give an account of the times I adjusted and aligned what I believe, think and say, without His input and insight on it. Psalms 10:4 says that those who are wrong about life and God are full of information and insight about life but God cannot be found in their way of thinking and living. He calls them "wicked" because they are not right about God and life, so everything about them, their thoughts and ways, is simply wrong.

I encourage you to never forget this... what God thinks and says about someone or something (we call this revelation from Him) will always, always, always be more important and significant than the something and someone in our life. If we settle for information but fail to seek His revelation on it or

them, all we will ever have is an incorrect perspective on a thing. This principle includes everything. And we're not going to give an account for it or them, but we will give an account for HOW and WHAT, and WHY we THOUGHT, BELIEVED, and ACTED on what we know about it and them.

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AND information about something cannot be a substitute, or rewarded eternally, for revelation from God. Information is insufficient... no matter its degree and depth. Wrong is wrong because it doesn't align with God's perspectives and therefore, it's not right. God's revelation enlightens our understanding to see, agree, and act in faith on what God sees. Remember, faith is seeing, agreeing, and acting on what God sees. And it's impossible to please God apart from trusting Him and what He reveals to us.

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The life of a disciple of Jesus (which is a life of faith) is a life of constant rethinking, readjusting, and realigning our thinking and convictions and ways to what He thinks and says about everything in our lives. We call this process, growing in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is what Jesus said, when He said, "My disciples connect and continue in My word and you shall know the truth and this truth you know and act on will make you free" (John 8:30-31).

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And if you're not, or have never been, in that steady and faithful work of His redeeming grace, it would be wise for you, to ask God why? Trust what He reveals and act in faith upon what He thinks and says. What He thinks and says, is more important than the next breath you take. It's more important than what all the experts say. It's more important than what your body or gut has to say. It's more important than your health, wealth, and social well-being. What are His thoughts on it and what has He said about it?

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Glory be... let us exalt His name and magnify Him forever and ever.

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