

DO GOOD

Psalm 125:4

INTRODUCTION

- A. From our text we learn that God has promised to care for His people, and indeed do good unto them, we are still to beseech His blessings. It is important for us to note that the upright in heart are those who receive God's abundant blessings. The wicked are far from the Lord, but those who draw near will be comforted.
- B. PR 31:12.
- C. EC 3:9-15.
- D. Learn from Jesus. Acts 10:38; cf. 1:1.

DISCUSSION

- I. TO DO GOOD ONE MUST DEPART EVIL.
 - A. PS 34:14.
 - 1. PS 97:10-12.
 - 2. What God-fearing person would justify evil? There is no greater evil done to society than violence.
 - B. PS 37:27. The results of conduct are among the means which God employs to induce men to do right, and to abstain from what is wrong. GA 6:1-10 (7). The abandonment of a reckless life will go a long way to improving life, both in regard to time and quality.
 - C. LK 6:9, 27, 33, 35.
 - D. 1 PE 3:11.
 - E. RO 7:21.
- II. TO DO GOOD SHOWS ONE IS WISE.
 - A. PS 36:3.
 - 1. "The words....deceit" – Having cast off God's laws, the wicked man will use any means at his disposal to gain his desired end. He will speak words of iniquity and deceit and think nothing of it. Having opened his heart to deception, and having rejected heaven's moral standard, there is nothing to keep him from lying to others if it helps him get what he wants. If iniquity cannot win by oppression, deceit will by chicanery.
 - 2. "He...do good" – The wicked man has departed from the good way altogether. Men who fear God will increase from strength to strength as they walk in the path of righteousness, but godless men soon forsake what little good they may have once known. What a tragic and bitter end to those who attempt to hide their sins.
 - B. 1 TI 6:18.
 - C. HE 13:16.
- III. TO DO GOOD ONE MUST HAVE KNOWLEDGE.
 - A. JE 4:21-22.
 - 1. This chapter is a lesson on repentance. We are not told how long the alarm would last and the standard would remain to point the way to the places of protection.
 - 2. God's people are called "foolish" one who despises wisdom; mocks when guilty; quarrelsome; licentious they do not know God. God's people were called "sottish" children, which amounts to referring to them as stupid, senseless, having no understanding.
 - B. JE 10:5.

1. Jeremiah continues to describe the idol as the nails and hammers are used – v. 4
– to make it upright – v. 5.
 2. Having no life and movement of its own, the idol god only keeps from falling because man has so fastened it and “it cannot go” but must be borne!
 3. Then the very vital point is made: “Why would you be afraid of such “gods”. They cannot do evil nor good, having no ability to speak or move or act in any way. Cf. Paul in 1 CO 8:4 – an idol is nothing in the world.
- C. JE 13:23.
1. These people were not born doing evil but became accustomed to evil. They were trained (schooled), to do wrong. Same is true today! How are we training our children and others who observe us?
 2. Jeremiah in v. 23 asks a question and then answers. Judah had traveled too far down the road of apostasy to change their life-style from evil to good. For them there was no turning back. HE 6:4-6. Their hearts were so hard and calloused that they would not listen.
- D. JE 18:11.
1. Here Jeremiah is charged with the burden to go and bear the message of the Lord to the sinful nation.
 2. He provides them with a ray of hope at the outset. Though God has devised “a device” – the captivity – against the people, He calls upon them to repent of their rebellious ways and make their ways and their doings good.
- E. MI 2:7.
1. It appears that some of the evil-doers were arguing that Micah’s prophecy against them could not be true because the Lord promised good rather than evil to His people. Sounds familiar doesn’t it???
 2. Micah’s answer is a reminder that such promises of God are ever conditional – they never applied to anyone but the upright. Cf. DT 11:26-28.
- F. JA 4:17.
- G. GA 6:10.

CONCLUSION

- A. Depart from evil – be wise – use your knowledge from God’s Word and obey Him!
- B. Do good!