

The Ungodly

(Psalms 1:4-6)

The ungodly are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the ungodly shall perish.

When farmers pick wheat and rub the seed in their hand the particles that fall and are blown away are chaff. Chaff is useless and is burned, it doesn't provide for the body like the wheat does. Wheat makes bread and other useful foods. It has value.

Smith's bible dictionary says this about chaff: "The carrying away of the chaff by the wind is an ordinary scriptural meaning of the destruction of the wicked and their powerlessness to resist God's Judgment.

As you notice Psalms mentions a judgment the wicked shall not stand in. There are two main judgments that come to mind, The great white throne, and the judgment of works.

The great white throne judgment is when The Book of Life is brought out and whoever isn't written in it is cast into the lake of fire, with Death and Hell.

The judgment of works is when your works are tried to see the intent behind them and rewards will be given according to what survives the test.

So obviously the wicked will not be rewarded, but they will not be able to resist God's judgment. When God has everyone before Him for judgment He will be looking for what you did with His Word. Did you accept Christ as your personal savior, the only acceptable sacrifice to redeem you for your sins? If yes, your name is written in the Lambs Book of Life and you will avoid the Great White Throne Judgment. Then He will see what you did with you faith in Jesus, did you reach others, did you lend to the poor, did you learn to walk in His ways through Faith in His Word, giving all glory to Him? He will test your works and judge them to see where your heart's intent was in what you did in your life. This is the

judgment of works where rewards are given. Some will be given crowns; some will make it through but carry the smell of fire for eternity.

(Revelation 20:11-15)

What should a Christian do about judging?

(Matthew 7:1-5)

Judge not, that you be not judge. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

Notice Jesus is referring to brothers, people who both know the Lord. We are to help our brother in Christ to encourage them and if they struggle carry the burden with them. Don't judge someone that only discourage. If I was an alcoholic and I tell you I need help, or you notice my problem it won't help if you say, "You have to quit drinking because it's bad for you." I know this, most brothers in faith know what's wrong, and they need someone to show them how to get out of the trap, someone who's overcome that sin themselves.

Remember in the end we want God to see how merciful we are because we will receive mercy in return. "Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy."

So as the song says, "Check yourself, before you wreck yourself." Judge your own heart and your intentions it can save you a lot of pain and suffering in the end. This is why knowing about the wicked is good, we can see what to fix in ourselves.

God is faithful and just to finish the work He started in you. He gave you a measure of faith, He calls you righteous because of your faith in His Son, the Word of God who became flesh and took the sins of the world. And He has empowered you with every spiritual blessing from above, to give you strength to do His will. In the end when we all stand before Jesus, it is because of Jesus that we even make it through the race. Not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit.