

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 1:6**PSALMS/PROVERBS 11-1**

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

"GOOD AND EVIL"**Psalm 1, 10, 14, 36, 37, 52, 73; Proverbs 29**

1. What stimulated your thinking in last week's lesson?

DAY 1 – READ Psalm 14:1-7; Psalm 52:1-9

2. Select your definition for the following:

wicked	_____	a. those who deviate from accepted standards
righteous	_____	b. enemies of God, adversaries of His people
blessed	_____	c. self-sufficient, act with haughty pride
scoffer	_____	d. one who deliberately closes his mind to God
fool	_____	e. the upright, walks in the path of the Lord
sinner	_____	f. the happy man

3. How does Psalm 14 describe:
a. corruption (Psalm 14:1-3)

How is corruption described in 2 Timothy 3:2-5?

- b. conflict (Psalm 14:4-6)

What did Jesus say about conflict in John 16:33?

- c. confidence (Psalm 14:7)?

What was the confident prophecy for Israel in Joel 3:20-21?

4. In **Psalm 52**, David recalled his betrayal to Saul by Doeg the Edomite in 1 Samuel 21:1-9; 22:1-18.
a. David asked, "Why _____, you mighty man?"

- b. What did David say Doeg plotted?
... practiced?
... loved?

- 5.a. When his wickedness was judged, what would be the reaction of the righteous?

- b. Why do you think that would be their reaction?

- c. What is your attitude toward those who suffer as a result of disobedience to God?

6. Even David sinned, but what was his testimony?

DAY 2 - READ Psalm 1:1-6; Psalm 10:1-18

- 7.a. In Psalm 1 the blessed man must avoid . . .
 - . . . walking in
 - . . . standing in
 - . . . sitting in
- b. What regulates his life?
- 8.a. How is the godly life described?
- b. How is the wicked described?
- 9.a. Think of three descriptive words for the wicked man of **Psalm 10:2-11**.
- b. Now, what is the opposite of each word you chose?
- c. Share how that positive characteristic is demonstrated in the life of someone you know or was seen in the life of Jesus.
- 10. In verses 12-18, what is taught about God?

DAY 3 – READ Psalm 73:1-28

- 11. Why was the psalmist envious of the wicked in verses 3-12?
- 12. When he saw the success and popularity of those who scorn God, what conclusion did he draw in verses 13,14?
- 13.a. What was the psalmist's remedy for his discouragement in verses 16-26?
- b. To what conclusion did he come?
- c. Psalm 73 shows the writer working through his religious doubts and questions. Do you have doubts? What can you learn from this psalm about how to handle doubt and discouragement?

DAY 4 – READ Psalm 36:1-12; Psalm 37:1-40

- 14. In Psalm 36, how is the wicked man's attitude described toward
 - . . . God?
 - . . . himself?
 - . . . sin?
- 15. If you want others to "find shelter under the wings of God" (36:7-9), what would you share about God?

DAY 4 (Continued) – READ Psalm 36:1-12; Psalm 37:1-40

16. a. What is the repeated command given the righteous in **Psalm 37:1,7,8**?
 b. What did David stress in these verses as the antidote to envy, resentment, and fretting in regards to evil doers?
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| vs. 3 | vs. 7 |
| vs. 4 | vs. 8 |
| vs. 5 | vs. 34 |
- c. Where is the emphasis placed?
17. Psalm 37 is a delightful encouragement to God's people pursuing righteousness. Select two verses or phrases, write them out, and share why they encourage you personally.
- 1)
- 2)

DAY 5 – READ Proverbs 29:1-27

- 18.a. Write Malachi 3:18.
- b. In Proverbs 29, what distinction is made between good and evil in the following areas?
- | | | <u>Righteous (wise)</u> | <u>Wicked (fool)</u> |
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| rulership | vs. 2
vs. 4 | | |
| justice | vs. 7 | | |
| temperament | vs. 8
vs. 11
vs. 20
vs. 22 | -----
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| training | vs. 15
vs. 17 | ----- | |
| lifestyle | vs. 6
vs. 18
vs. 23
vs. 27 | | |
- 19.a. With all that these Scriptures have to teach about good and evil, wickedness and righteousness, do you think as far as God is concerned, all conduct is either "black or white"? Please explain.
- b. Is it possible to live a life pleasing to God? Why or why not?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: