

A Song for Our Time

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

2 Peter 3:8-11

1. The Song's Fourth Stanza: "The Lord's Judgement upon the Wicked," (vs. 32-40)

A. The Image of a Kangaroo Court, (vs. 32-34)

1. This image begins by saying, "*The wicked spies upon the righteous and seeks to kill him,*" (v. 32)
 - a. If you live your Christianity in the open, others will see it, but not all of them will be happy about it.

Matthew 26:59

John 19:6, 16

- b. "*Lord will not leave him in his hand, or let him be condemned when he is judged,*" v. 33

Romans 8:34

- c. "*Wait for the Lord and keep His way, and He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it,*" (v. 34)

1 Peter 5:6

Romans 12:19

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9

B. The Image of a Beautiful Tree, (vs. 35-36)

1. (v. 35), "*I have seen a violent, wicked man spreading himself like a luxuriant tree in its native soil.*"
 - a. The wicked appear prosperous and growing even more so. But is he bearing the fruit God desires...?

Mark 11:12-15, 20-21

2. (v. 36), *“Then he passed away, and lo, he was no more; I sought him, but he could not be found.”*
 - a. The wicked will one day be taken away... *permanently!!!*

Revelation 20:12, 15

C. The Image of a Rescue, (vs. 37-40)

1. (v. 37-38), *“Mark the blameless man, and behold the upright; for the future of that man shall be peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed; the future of the wicked shall be cut off.”*
 - a. *“Peace”* does not mean the absence of conflict, trouble or problems. *Peace* is the presence of God!

Job 1:8

Job 2:9

Job 4:7

Job 42:7

2. God rescues the righteous from their clutches of the wicked.
 - a. (vs. 39-40), *“The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in times of trouble. And the Lord helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.”*

CONCLUSIONS:

1 Peter 3:20-21

Acts 2:38a; 22:16

Acts 2:38b; 5:32

Acts 2:41, 47

1 Peter 3:21

Galatians 3:26-27