

vss 35-36 ~ The End of the Wicked (lest we should forget . . . :-)

- We addressed these same thoughts in **vss 9 to 11**
- The end of the wicked is in 12 verses: **2, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 28, 34, 36 & 38**
- We are to love justice, to long and pray for it; and rejoice when it prevails

vss 37 and 38 ~ Mirror One Another

- These verses mirror one another ~ one the opposite of the other
- We are to carefully distinguish between the upright and transgressors
- Two futures contrasted . . .

vs 37 ~ “Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright”

- “What is the future of the blameless?” ~ peace
- The righteous find a perfect peace with God ~ the battle against sin has an end
 - “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” ~ **John 16.33**
 - Our souls long for peace ~ for rest from the battle against sin and evil
- !!!: Imagine a world where birds target humans with their droppings
 - The evil of this world works against us like that – relentlessly
 - !!!: Imagine that an invisible rat follows you around . . .

vs 38 ~ “But the transgressors shall be destroyed together”

- There is no future for those that do not resist evil . . .
- “To not distinguish between good and evil is to lack future orientation”
 - This describes our current culture
 - But it must not describe us ~ or our children . . .

I encourage you to remember that evil never rests ~ invisible rat(s)

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