

Evil

Isaiah 1:4-Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

(KJV)

The Holy Prophets are certainly relevant for attentive believers in today's world. Serious believers seek wisdom from the Prophets to address contemporary life. Evil is not time limited nor is the Lord's wisdom to address evil time limited. Contemporary believers are consistently challenged to address evil in daily life. The soul's need for personal peace requires great wisdom to address existing evil. Evil triumphs when vigorous efforts are not effectively employed to counter evil.

Isaiah 1:16-Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; (KJV)

Believers are challenged to look deep within the self to ensure evil is not abetted. Attitudes and beliefs merit examination to eradicate evil hiding deep in the heart. The believer's heart, mind and soul are to conform to Jesus Christ in opposing evil. Love of God and love of neighbor are effective efforts to counter evil's presence. The believer's active desire for peace is a strong antidote against evil in the world. A believer's complacency aides and abets the advancement of evil in the world.

Isaiah 3:9-The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. (KJV)

Vigilance, prayer and fasting will enable the believer to vigorously oppose evil. Singular efforts against forces of evil make a decided difference in the community. God's Church has examples through the centuries of voices speaking against evil. The Prophets offer treasures of wisdom for believers desiring to overcome evil. The Lord's wisdom is within reach of the believer guarding the soul against evil. Believers seeking to care for the soul will cherish the wisdom of the Prophets.

Isaiah 5:20-Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! (KJV)

The truths revealing evil are to be tested to ensure they are from the Lord God. Always shine the Lord God's Light upon evil to reveal and uncover its true origin. Trust in the Lord God with the firmest of faith and hope to overcome evil in life. Do not confuse falsehood with truths and be fooled into being overcome by evil. The Lord God protects and preserves believers holding truth dear to the soul. Joy arises when evil is overcome and the Lord's peace reigns deep in the heart.

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