

Is God Angry with Evil?
2 Kings 21:1-9, Pew Bible p. 328
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I. The Nature of Man's Evil (V. 1-6)

- A. Evil is primarily a faith problem, not a works problem.

- B. Evil is stupidity, not wisdom.
 - 1. Evil never thinks.
 - 2. Evil never learns.

- C. Evil is ultimately a violation against God, not against people.

II. The Impact of God's Warning (V. 7-9)

- A. God's warning to the world leaves everyone without excuse.
 - 1. His creation
 - 2. His story
 - 3. His Word

- B. We cannot violate God's world and keep God's blessings.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Kings 21:1-9.
2. How much space do verses 1-6 spend on the gods Manasseh served, as opposed to conventional acts of immorality? What does that say about how God views evil?
3. If Manasseh really believed in these gods and his people were happy, is what he did really that evil? Why? Are people of other religions today doing wrong when they worship other gods? Or just when they do something that hurts someone else? How do you know?
4. Why does it matter so much that Manasseh's sin repeated and surpassed the sins of the nations who used to live in Israel (V. 2 & 9)? How bad is it when Christians today are as bad or worse than the unbelieving world around them? Why?
5. Why do you think verses 4 and 7 put so much emphasis on the Lord's name being put in His temple in Jerusalem? What does that have to do with what Manasseh was doing in God's temple?
6. What does verse 8 imply will happen to Manasseh and his people if they do not obey the Lord's commandments? What are some blessings Christians enjoy from God today? How would unrepentant sin put those blessings at risk?
7. Pray for our church members to fear evil and flee from it, that we may not be a poor witness to our community. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00–6:30 pm in Worship Center Room 103.

Romans 3:23-26 (CSB)

²³ For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented him as the mercy seat by his blood, through faith, to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. ²⁶ God presented him to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so that he would be just and justify the one who has faith in Jesus.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting CANCELED this week for VBS.

- Please pray for our Vacation Bible School volunteers and kids as they seek to make the gospel of Jesus known in our community.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Sophia W. (husband); Ida S. (granddaughter & her husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); and V. family (Ashley & Jesse); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Dick & Peggy T. (nephew); Stan & Lori F. (his mother); Tom & Joy M. (her mother); family of LeRoy H.; family of Rita H.; and family of Don R.
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Leon V. (chemo); Jan B. (health); Marge D. (health); Kathy W. (health); Michelle LaM. (health); Laura M. (health); Susan K. (surgery recovery); Ken & Darlene R. (health); Jan O. (health); Matthew M. (employment & housing); Sherri O. (surgery recovery); April H.-F. (medication); Randie A. (health); Debbie B. (radiation); Jeff S. (upcoming surgery); Jacque B. (eye issues); Bonnie V. (upcoming surgery); Joy M. (surgery recovery); Mimi M. (ongoing health issues); Kelly J. (secondary surgery); Ruthie C. (in hospital); Debbie P. (health); John P. (surgery recovery); Eric D. (recovery from small stroke); and Marjorie R. (health issues)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.