

Episode #639 The Why Question 24: The End of Iniquity

I. One of the most difficult questions we must ask ourselves regarding God, life, and the world is the “why” question. We who believe that there is a God Who is all-good and all-loving and Who made the world must answer why then this world is such a terrible place and in such a mess.

II. Our world faces problems, not just from our environment and not just from death, but also problems caused by the wickedness and iniquity of men. We all perhaps have wondered at times why God allows iniquity to prevail and continue on earth. Today, we will face the reality that the Bible teaches that this will not always be the case.

III. The End of Iniquity.

- A. Iniquity is perverseness, when men are contrary to God in all they do, paying no attention to His precepts, and not doing what He has said.
- B. Because of the iniquity of Adam’s race, everything seems to be in chaos today. Stronger laws just seem to fill our prisons, but the crime doesn't stop because prisons just become schools for crime. What in the world will stop iniquity?
- C. If the iniquity of this world is ever going to end, there is only One Who can do it: God. The question is not “Can He?” but “Will He?” We will turn to the Bible.

IV. The Bible declares the end of iniquity.

- A. Psalm 5:4-6. If there is something in my home I do not like, in which I take no pleasure, I will get rid of it. When will God destroy those who speak falsehood? When will He show hatred for the workers of iniquity?
- B. Psalm 7:9. I believe in the prayer/prophecy principle, which says that every prayer given by Divine inspiration becomes a prophecy of what God is going to do. Think of the wickedness that covers the globe. It is going to come to an end.
- C. Psalm 9:7-9. “Endure” means “to sit as a king” in Hebrew. Forever = *olam*, which means “outflowing.” The LORD will sit as a king outflowing for the good of His people. He will determine what is right for the world in justice.
- D. Psalm 9:19-20. “Arise” means to go into action. Man is seeking to prevail with his morals over God, to overthrow His Word as a worthless book, etc. In Your sight = before You. If the nations are to be judged, Jehovah must do it. Nations are not gods, just men judging men, and they will be made to know this.
- E. Psalm 10:15-18. The “arm” in Scripture is always the symbol of strength. Yahweh is King outflowing. His land is Israel, but many other nations are now there. They will be gone from there then. This does not mean the whole nation perishes, just that it perishes from the land of Israel. There is oppression in many places today and the people just have to suffer it, but this condition of things will end.
- F. Psalm 37.
 - 1. Verse 9, When will evildoers be cut off? Here we have the inspired Word that this will happen! To inherit is to have a place and enjoy a portion.
 - 2. Verse 17. The arm is again the strength. The wicked will have no strength.
 - 3. Verse 22. Only those favored by God will be allowed to live on earth at that time.
 - 4. Verse 38. This is not piecemeal over a long period of time. The result or end of the wicked will be cut off.

V. Conclusion: As unending and inescapable as iniquity may seem to be, the Bible gives a clear message that it will not continue on earth forever. Someday wickedness will come to an end and

there will be no more wickedness on earth. God promises this in passage after passage. It is our job, not to question it, but to believe it.