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Proverbs 29:16, *“When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.”*

As the years progress it’s certainly easy to see how much sin and the wicked have multiplied. Television and movies are basically unwatchable. Music has such terrible lyrics that many online sites have to label music with a “E” which is warning of explicit lyrics. Clothing is immodest. Morals are very low. Society allows and even encourages the killing of unborn children if that is a mother’s wish. Same genders can now marry.

It’s been 41 years since I graduated high school. I can easily see how much society has changed for the worse in that time. People certainly were not sinless 41 years ago, but it seemed to be not so out and open as it is now. People were once ashamed of sins. Now, it’s a badge of honor and pride to be openly engaged in so many of these abominations.

Are things actually getting worse, or are we just more aware of it due to mass media and the Internet? The Bible plainly answers this. Paul

wrote in II Timothy 3:13, *“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”* Man is becoming worse and worse. They are deceiving others by proclaiming that certain sins are good and how open minded we have become. They praise people for engaging in sin.

Not only are they deceiving people (and none more so than the young), but they are in turn being deceived. They don’t realize the unspeakable horror that awaits them in being eternally lost.

It used to be in our rural farming community that people didn’t hear about things for months or years, and maybe never. Perhaps there was some new fad sweeping a large city that was sinful. Without Internet and instant communication we never heard or saw it, and it never came to us. Now, the world is basically one large community with online communications. This quickly and easily brings sins to everyone. One bright note to the instant communication is that we also are able to take the gospel into places we never could before.

Sometimes it seems like we are totally surrounded by sin. Revelation speaks of this. Revelation 20:9, *“And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.”* Before the judgment of all mankind, the forces of evil will compass us about. They will get closer and closer, but they will not be able to overtake us. God will send down fire and devour them.

No doubt this has a double meaning. The fire will be the fire that destroys the world at the end of time as well as referring to the fire of hell where the wicked are sent eternally.

As written in the above verse in Proverbs, the wicked will multiply, but the righteous will see them fall. We don’t want anyone to be lost, but there is no hope for those who remain wicked and away from the LORD.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Shirley Parson, and Denise Miller**, the sister of Sharon Franklin. **Larry Compton** is recovering from knee replacement surgery. He will be at his daughter's in Tennessee for about a month.

—Next Sunday we go back to Daylight Saving Time. Our Sunday evening services will change back to 6:00 p.m.

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Jeremiah 9:2, *“Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they [be] all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.”*

Sin almost seems to be smothering us. Sometimes one just feels like getting away from all this sin. Jeremiah felt the same. In the above verse he desired a lodging place for wayfaring men. He wanted to get away from where he was. He says he wants to *“leave my people and go from them!”*

Why would Jeremiah want to do this? The next phrase tells us. He says, *“For they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.”* Jeremiah was surrounded by sin and just wanted to leave.

I'm sure we all have felt that way at times. We all have just wanted to get away for one reason or another. There is no better reason for wanting to get away than sin surrounding us. That doesn't mean we ourselves are sinless. There is a difference from the periodic sins of people in the LORD versus those who are living sinful lives all the time and care not that they are.

Where can we go here on Earth before we are finally in the sinless home of Heaven? We are told in Deuteronomy 33:27, *“The eternal God [is thy] refuge, and underneath [are] the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy [them].”*

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Sunday, February 24, 2019		
Classes	21	Hebrews 11:15-17
Preaching	29	Joshua 24:15
Contribution	\$901.00	
Evening	18	Matthew 9:1-17
Wednesday, February 27, 2019		
Classes	18	II Chronicles 3:1-17

Visitors— Feb 24 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

When did Solomon began to build the house of the LORD?

Last Week's Answer— Cunning (II Chronicles 2:7)

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Yes, we are totally surround by sin, but we can take refuge beneath the arms of God. We do this by reading and meditating on His word and praying without ceasing. We do have a dwelling away from sin even on Earth— underneath the everlasting arms of God.

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—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)