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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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Jesus And the Last Days

He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (**1 Peter 1:20-21**)

[God] has in these last days spoken to us by His Son. (**Hebrews 1:2**)

"These last times" and "these last days" all refer to the same time period -- when Jesus lived on earth.

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. (**Galatians 4:4-5**)

It was the "last days" for Jews to be God's chosen people, not "the last days" for the world, itself!

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### **Good & Evil**

God, through Moses, told Israelites:

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil" (**Deuteronomy 30:15**)

Solomon ask God for "an understanding heart" "that I may discern between good and evil" (**1 Kings 3:9**). God's prophet, Amos, said: Hate evil, love good (**Amos 5:15**). To Christians, Paul wrote:

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. (**Romans 12:9**)

The difference between "good" and "evil" is clearly drawn, described, and determined. Jesus said,

"The hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation."  
(John 5:28-29)

There are not enough "shades of gray" to confuse those who follow God's Word.

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The Wicked Will Not Escape

Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him. But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he does not fear before God.
(Ecclesiastes 8:11-13)

When people aren't immediately "struck down" from Heaven by God; or their case drags on through the court system; or there is not enough "justice" in the Justice System to bring about conviction, people think they have gotten away "scot free!" The human justice system may be completely corrupted, but God's Judgment and punishment is not!

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**God Hears "Help!"**

Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God, Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever, Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.  
(Psalm 146:5-7)

God gives "help," a word meaning "to run at a cry." The Creator God is the source of life, truth, justice, food, and freedom. In the Apostle Paul's vision,

A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."  
Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. (Acts 16:9-10)

God hears cries of "Help!" for either physical or spiritual needs.

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Why Wickedness Continues

But to the wicked God says: What right have you to declare My statutes, or take My covenant in your mouth, seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you? When you saw a thief, you consented with him, and have been a partaker with adulterers. You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. (**Psalm 50:16-20**)

God describes a "wicked" person as one who disregards what the Bible teaches while:

1. Quoting from it for selfish purposes;
2. Justifying stealing by calling mass thievery just a "racial protest," or "flash mob," or establishing "legal rights" for the thief;
3. Giving legal and moral approval to adulterers;
4. Speaking evilly with lies, blasphemy and slander.

Voting for wicked people to continue their wicked ways, is wicked.

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