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TEXT: Ecclesiastes 8:10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity.

"Then too, I saw the wicked buried - those who used to come and go from the holy place and **receive praise** in the city where they did this. This too is meaningless."
(NIV)

1 Corinthians 14:24 But if all prophesy, and there **come in one that believeth not**, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

Ecclesiastes 3:16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there.

1 Kings 2:28 Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

Exodus 21:14 But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt **take him from mine altar**, that he may die.

Psalms 122:1 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Proverbs 5:11 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;
13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!
14 I was **almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.**

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be ye steadfast, unmoveable**, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Proverbs 12:3 A man shall not be **established** by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall **not be moved.**

1 Thessalonians 3:3 That no man should be **moved** by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

Colossians 1:23 If ye continue in the faith **grounded and settled, and be not moved away** from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard...

2 Thessalonians 2:15 Therefore, brethren, **stand fast**, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

1 Thessalonians 3:8 For now we live, if ye **stand fast** in the Lord.

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may **stand perfect** and complete in all the will of God.

Philippians 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so **stand fast** in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Watch ye, **stand fast** in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to **keep you from falling**, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

1 Timothy 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride **he fall** into the condemnation of the devil.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a **fall**.

Proverbs 22:14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the Lord shall **fall** therein.

Proverbs 28:10 Whoso causeth the **righteous to go astray** in an evil way, **he shall fall** himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a **falling away** first...

Ecclesiastes 7:2 It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.

4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

Psalms 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall **stand in his holy place?**

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity.

Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and **will remove thy candlestick out of his place**, except thou repent.

Daniel 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Matthew 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men...

2 Timothy 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world...

Hebrews 11:15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

Luke 9:61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and **looking back**, is fit for the kingdom of God.

"When he came to the throne, Jehoiada had caused him to enter into a covenant with God. He began his reign with a great religious reformation. He ended it with a shameful forsaking of God. 'Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. **Then the king hearkened unto them.** And they left the house of the Lord God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass' (2 Chronicles 24:17, 18). Ah! how true it is that 'evil communications corrupt good manners'! He disregarded the warnings of God. The Lord 'sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the Lord...but they would not give ear' (2 Chronicles 24:19). Zechariah the son of Jehoiada came with a special warning. But here again we see the hardening effect of sin. Not only did Joash pay no attention to his warnings, but with the basest ingratitude, forgetful of all he owed to Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, he put Zechariah to death. Joash, who had slain God's prophet, was himself slain by his own servants. The nation had forsaken God, and God forsook them in their time of need. Such a career as that of Joash shows the necessity for constant watchfulness against sin. Many, like him, begin well, but end badly." (*Pulpit Com.*)

2 Peter 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

2 Peter 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being **led away** with the error of the wicked, **fall from your own stedfastness.**

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart from** the faith, **giving heed to seducing spirits**, and doctrines of

devils;

Deuteronomy 8:12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 **Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God**, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

Deuteronomy 9:4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land...

Matthew 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and **the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches**, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

1 Corinthians 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Revelation 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing...

Luke 8:13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, **receive the word with joy**; and these have no root, which **for a while believe**, and **in time of temptation fall away**.

Matthew 13:21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for **when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word**, by and by he is offended.

Matthew 11:4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

6 And blessed is he, whosoever **shall not be offended in me**.

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as **though some strange thing** happened unto you:

2 Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore **endure hardness**, as a **good soldier** of Jesus Christ.

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

"We're in a mighty conflict here the army of the Lord...then comes the cry from the battle field another soldier down...go then with haste, stand by his side, and lend your strength once more; go bear him up with faith & prayer..." (The Isaacs, *Another Soldier Down*)

Hosea 6:4 O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? **for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.**