

INTRODUCTION: OVERWHELMING LEGALIZED WICKEDNESS (Ps.94:20; see Is.10:1f; 5:20,18f)

I. A CALL FOR RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE (1-2; Rev.6:10; see Ps.28:4; Mt.16:27; Rom.2:4f)

A. THE LORD: REIGNING KING AND JUDGE OF ALL (1,2; see Ps.92-99; see Gen.18:25; 1Sam.2:10; 1Chr.16:3; Ps.50:4; 67:4; 82:8; 96:13; 98:9; Is.11:4 w/Rev.1:16; 2:16; 19:15,21)

B. JUST VENGEANCE vs. UNJUST REVENGE (1,2; Rom.12:19 (13:4); Dt.32:35; Jer.51:56; Heb.10:30; see Gen.4:23)

C. SHINE FORTH, RISE UP, RENDER: AT LAST (1-3; Rev.6:10; see Lk.18:7,8; 2Pt.3:9; see Dan.7:25; 12:7; Rev.12:14)

II. THE UNRESTRAINED JOY OF THE WICKED (2-7)

A. PROUD, CELEBRATING WICKED (2-4; Job 20:5; June is “pride” month)

B. WICKED (3-7; see 1Jn.3:4; Lk.18:2; Mt.22:37f; Ex.20:1f)
1. idolatrous atheism (7; see Ps.14,53; Rom.1:18-25)
2. immoral inhumanity (5-7; see Rom.1:26-32)

C. FELLOW CITIZENS (7; see 8)

D. CHURCH; WIDOWS, ORPHANS, SOJOURNERS (5-7; see Dt.10:18; 24:17f; 27:19; Is.1:17f; 10:1f; Mal.3:5; Jms.1:27)

III. A WAKEUP CALL TO THE DEAD (8-11)

A. WILLFUL IGNORANCE AND REBELLION (8, 3f; 92:7; Prov.1:22,32)

B. THE LORD BOTH HEARS & SEES EVIDENCE FOR JUDGMENT (9, see 7)

C. THE LORD DISCIPLINES NATIONS & HIS PEOPLE (10a, 8; see Amos 3:2; 1Pt.4:17)

D. THE LORD KNOWS PREMEDITATIONS FOR JUDGMENT (10b,11; see 1Cor.3:20)

IV. A PRESENT COMFORT FOR THE OPPRESSED (12-15; see Gen.50:20; Mt.4:1f w/Heb.5:8)

A. THE MEANS OF BLESSING CHILDREN (14, see 5; Eph.6:4)

1. correction (12a,10a; see 119:71; 141:5; 2Cor.4:17f; Heb.12:5f; Prov.13:1)

2. instruction (12b,10b; see Prov.1:8)

3. God’s law (12b; see 119:12,etc.; 2Tm.3:16,17; Rom.15:4)

B. THE FRUIT IN PATIENT WAITING (13; see Phil.4:6,7,9; pit, see Ps.7:15; 9:15; 35:7f)

C. GOD WITH US (14; see Mt.28:20b; Jn.14:16,17)

D. THE AUTHORITIES WILL AGAIN ADMINISTER JUSTICE (15; see 97:2; 99:4; 101:1f; 2Sam.8:15; Is.42:1f(Mt.12:18f))

V. A TESTIMONY TO THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD (16-19)

A. APPARENT HOPELESSNESS (16; 3-7; see 11:3; Is.63:5)

B. TESTIMONY TO PAST HELP (17; see Psalms!; Ex.20:2)

C. GROUND FOR FUTURE HOPE (18; see 73:2f; Rom.8:32)

D. MEANS FOR PRESENT HUG (19; see Mk.10:16/13f)

VI. A FINAL ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER (20-23)

A. AN AVENGER AGAINST THE GOOD (20a,21; see Rom.13:4,1f)

B. FORMING SIN & DEATH BY STATUTE (20b; see 7:14; Is.10:1f)

C. BUT GOD: DELIVERS FAITHFUL & DESTROYS WICKED (22,23; see 96:13; 98:9; Rev.)

CONCLUSION: PRAY TO THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH! (Ps.94:2; Rev.6:10; see 1Sam.2:10; 1Sam.24:12f; 26:9f; see Ps.37:1-11)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)