

Do Our Thoughts Reflect an Orderly Life?

When mankind considers the universe, it is evident that the Creator designed everything to fulfill a certain function, "And God saw every- thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). Solomon said, "Jehovah by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding he established the heavens" (Proverbs 3:19). It is without successful contradiction that the means and method of man's salvation was determined "before the foundation of the world," so also were all things that God had made.

Solomon said, concerning wisdom, "Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way, Before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, Before the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth, When there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills was I brought forth; While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, Nor the beginning of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there: When he set a circle upon the face of the deep, When he made firm the skies above, When the fountains of the deep became strong, When he gave to the sea its bound, That the waters should not transgress his commandment, When he marked out the foundations of the earth; Then I was by him, as a master workman; And I was daily his delight, Rejoicing always before him, Rejoicing in his habitable earth; And my delight was with the sons of men" (Proverbs 8:22-31). The point being, all things that our Creator does, He does so orderly and with purpose.

In what "order" do you put your daily life? Is it for good, or wicked purposes? If for good, know this, "the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears unto their supplication: but the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil" (1 Peter 3:12-13). But, for the wicked, what does that imply?

"This is the portion of a wicked man with God, And the heritage of oppressors, which they receive from the Almighty: If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword; And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. Those that remain of him shall be buried in death, And his widows shall make no lamentation. Though he heap up silver as the dust, And prepare raiment as the clay; He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, And the innocent shall divide the silver. He buildeth his house as the moth, And as a booth which the keeper maketh. He lieth down rich, but he shall not be gathered to his fathers; He openeth his eyes, and he is not. Terrors overtake him like waters; A tempest stealeth him away in the night. The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth; And it sweepeth him out of his place. For God shall hurl at him, and not spare: He would fain flee out of his hand. Men shall clap their hands at him, And shall hiss him out of his place" (Job 27:13-23). Think! ret