

**STRUGGLING
WITH EVIL!**

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Solomon has taken a long, hard look & researched evil...mentioning it in every verse in some way.

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1. There **IS** evil!

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Hear it | feel it | taste it | smell it | know it!

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•2. Evil of many kinds &/ in many forms!

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3. Evil that (often) goes unpunished!

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Solomon is not rooting evil in Adam and original sin **as** does the rest of the Bible. His focus is much more in your face....

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned**ed**, and **come short** of the glory of God;

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

- **Solomon is just observing / analyzing, scrutinizing evil...**
- **Evil: we look around...is anyone getting whacked???**
- **Punished = (no) bad consequences**
- **Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**

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4. Evil that can therefore be quite attractive!

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I have heard all the dumb joke: fundamentalist

➤ **No fun**

➤ **Too much damn**

➤ **Not much mental**

Proverbs 5:1 My son, attend unto my wisdom, And bow
thine ear to my understanding:

Proverbs 5:2 That thou mayest regard discretion, And that
thy lips may keep knowledge.

Proverbs 5:3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as an
honeycomb, And her mouth is smoother than oil:

Proverbs 5:4 **But her end** is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as
a twoedged sword.

Proverbs 5:5 **Her feet go down to death; Her steps take hold
on hell.**

- **Proverbs 23:29** Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes?
- **Proverbs 23:30** **They that tarry long at the wine; They that go to seek mixed wine.**
- **Proverbs 23:31** **Look not** thou upon the wine when it is red, When it giveth his colour in the cup, When it moveth itself aright.
- **Proverbs 23:32** **At the last** it biteth like a serpent, And stingeth like an adder.

- **Proverbs 23:33** Thine eyes shall behold strange women, And thine heart shall utter perverse things.
- **Proverbs 23:34** Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, Or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.
- **Proverbs 23:35** They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; **They have beaten me, and I felt it not: When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.**

3 examples:

Alton River Boat

June 13th 1975

Uncle Bob

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5. Evil that can only be banished by a personal relationship with God!

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Ecclesiastes 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, **that men should fear before him.**

Ecclesiastes 5:7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: **but fear thou God.**

Ecclesiastes 7:18 It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: **for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.**

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God**, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Coram Deo:

In His presence

Under His authority

Before His gaze

For His glory