

BOLD LOVE

**WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDY IN JEREMIAH**

THE COVE

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6:30PM- 8:30PM

HOMEWORK

- The Three Questions:
See @kendra_graham
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- What Does it Say?
- What Does it Mean?
- What Does it Mean to
me?



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Get Up and Get Going

Let Go of Debilitating Encouragements
and Take Hold of Your Next Assignment



You decide





REVIEW

- Chapter 1: Jeremiah asked to embrace his God given identity.
- Prophet to the Nations: **NOT QUALIFIED**(he wasn't wrong)
- Jeremiah was HONEST... not lacking faith, Jeremiah did trust God, he did not trust himself
- We won't have the tools needed dependance on Messiah is required, Philippians 1:6, opportunity is open to all
- Prophet: Was given eyes to see what God was doing in certain places, ears to hear what God was saying, a heart that could reflect God's heart towards His people (anguish, lament)
- Prophets are DISRUPTERS, the TRUTH always disrupts (enrages) towards change, repentance for restoration of relationship
- I Corinthians 14:1-3 SEEK eagerly to prophecy (3) speaking to people to edify, encourage and comfort

BOLD PROPHECY



- Judah! Will be shattered (GADOL) where is the comfort and edification in that?
- Everything will be lost regardless of your “good” Your heart MATTERS
- Jeremiah is edifying (to instruct or benefit especially morally), comforting through HOPE of restoration through repentance, Encouraging them to see truth and let go of the delusion
- BOLD Kindness shares truth and accountability, not enabling or ignoring
- Jeremiah showed Judah and Israel the heart of God for them, the shattering had to happen, the dirt needed to come out. Hope of a bent knee

BOLD TRUTH



- God WILL allow consequences of our actions to fall on us with force and it is not cruel, or cold or unfeeling
- Mercy is intertwined with judgment in perfect balance Babylon IS coming, yet God STILL WARNS
- JUSTICE: treating with fairness IS it wrong for God to punish His people?
- SHOFAR! (1-2) WARNING God won't call it off last minute, but still calling to salvation, shattering is coming!!! ENCOURAGED to GET OUT
- Judah says WE ARE SAFE and WE are GOOD, they are brainless and stupid (5:21)
- Beit- Hakerem: house of the vineyard



BOLD LOSS

- Vs 3-5 All will be taken violently taken from you
- They think they are good, they have made God happy with their mitzvot.
- Judah DID want God, they just wanted relationship on their own terms, not God's. God sets terms
- Refused warnings, Jeremiah is a kook, God won't let them fall
- Refused tent of meeting, preferred altar of Baal, for it's convenience, loss of relationship did not matter to Judah. We tend to abandon not those we love, but those we are using
- God's **BOLD LOVE** allows us to choose

BOLD ATTACK



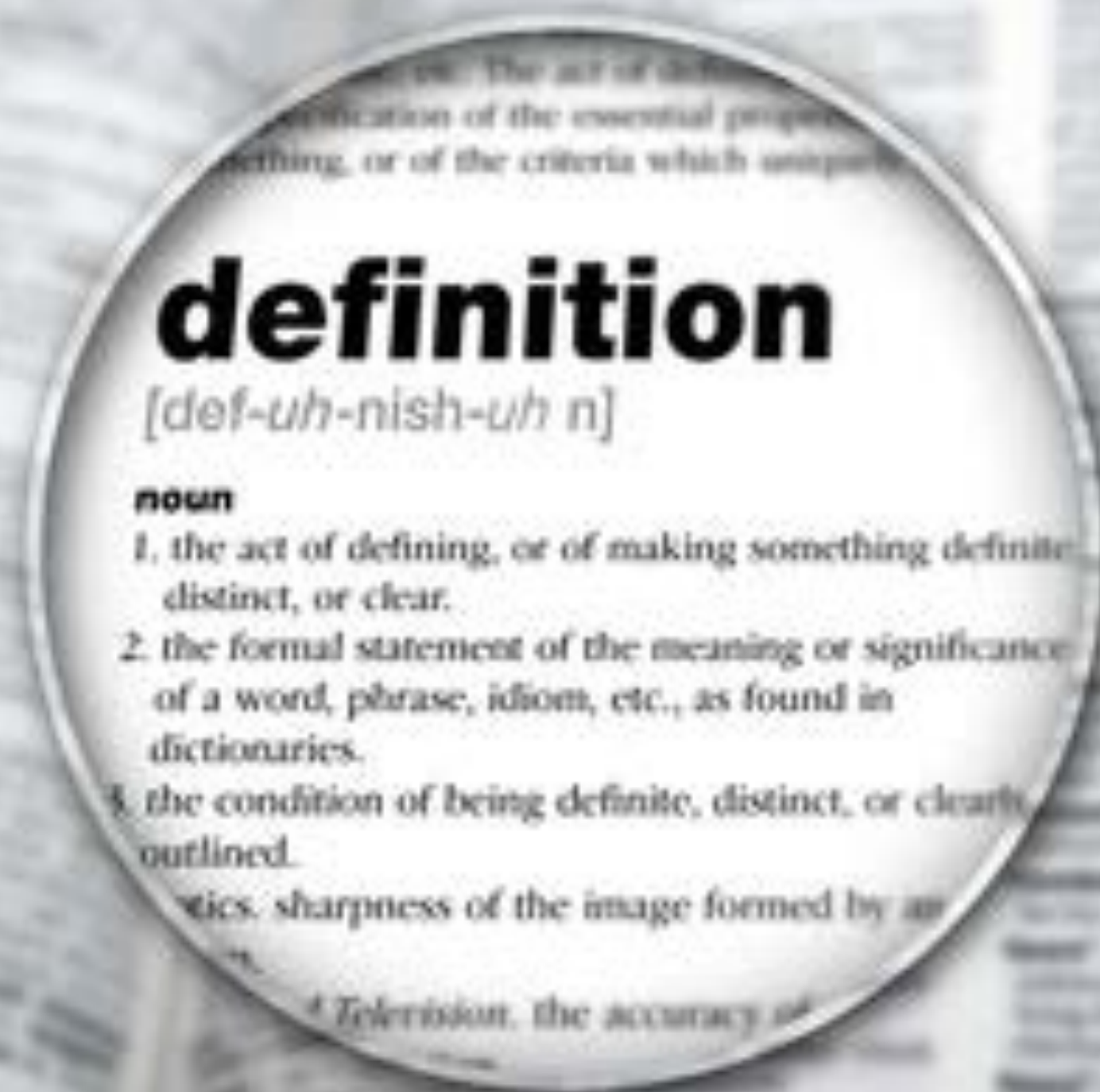
- Baal's shepherds BOLD
- Baal's sheep will show no mercy
- So BOLD they attack at noon through the night blindfolded to utterly shatter
- Vs 6 Should Adonai Tzvaot punish Judah for their actions or confuse the flocks of Baal again? God is NOT a PAPER TIGER
- Military procedures to get through decided upon by GOD
- God's TRUTH JUSTICE and Righteousness are on display, His mercy warnings were not heeded, whistle blowers were silenced instead



REMEMBER...

- LOVE God is disciplining His house not because of bad doctrine, theology, traditions or denomination, His character demands it
- Their hearts refused to be circumcised, their knowledge was top of the class
- Their wickedness was REVEALED to them multiple ways and THEY REFUSED to look at it or feel shame
- GOD CONTROLS THE TRUTH because He is TRUTH and LOVES us enough in HIS mercy to force the TRUTH out, we may not like the TRUTH or accept the truth and most of the time we will try to cover up the truth.
- Truth does not fear transparency, we do.
- GOD's MERCY once again, allows us to respond in repentance and receive forgiveness to repair relationship! Many would rather choose to experience Justice over mercy because mercy requires humility.

BOLD DEFINITIONS



- (6c) Oppression: ōšeq (o-shek) extortion, injury, to gain in an unjust manner, cruelty through deceit
- Dictionary: The abuse of POWER, abuse of title, position, to gain in a cruel or unjust manner
- REASON 1: God's people were doing business in BOLD OPPOSITION to God's character and they think God will not notice.
- GOD's people had Torah memorized, and knew how God asked them to live, but they justified their reasons as to why they had to do whatever to succeed, it's business not personal.
- GOD DOES NOT APPROVE of people being harmed in the process of "success" in the Name

BOLD LOVE OF MESSIAH



- Jesus, God with SKIN ON, gave UP HIS POWER
- Jesus went to the outcast
- Jesus RESTORED WORTH to the worthless He didn't manipulate or take worth so He could climb the ladder of influence
- Jesus SPOKE TRUTH TO POWER (Woe to you Pharisees) and was hated by those with RELIGIOUS power, position and influence
- JESUS SET the people FREE from the power of the influential leader, preacher, priest, pastor, to seek relationship with God personally. People, all people began to matter not just "important" ones.
- Jesus's healing the wounded in the church was a problem for those who held the power and demanded to be followed without question



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Great damage occurs when leaders use power to silence, cover up abuses theoretically “for the sake of God’s work” – in other words, they have withheld using their power for good out of fear and self-protection.

BOLD ABUSE OF POWER



- Judah's leaders feared losing power over fearing God who is Justice, Righteousness and Truth, b/c they believed in their OWN character more than God's
- Those in power achieved power, no rules just right, so long as they won, they would say whatever, do whatever, compromise on whatever... do as I say not as I do...
- The leaders threatened the people, this is what it means to put obstacles in the way of the people. God seemed to be so patient that the leaders ended up thinking they were doing God's work and the people ended up in despair. God's justice will restore hope
- Isaiah 55:14- In RIGHTEOUSNESS You will be established FAR from oppression with nothing to fear from ruin. When Messiah is in charge there will be NO OPPRESSION.



BOLD WICKEDNESS

- (7) Reason #2 BOLD FRESH WICKEDNESS (no desire for Living water or bread of Life) Deut 28:20
- To seek God would be exhausting, nobody has time for that they would rather eat mold and drink dust thank you
- In the Hebrew: Rá: WICKED, bad, to hurt, to harm, afflict, bring adversity, make grievous (I Cor 5:9-13, do no associate w wickedness)
- Dictionary: MORALLY BAD, HARMFUL, DESTRUCTIVE
- Exodus 3:7
- THIS should MORTIFY US, God is describing the qualities of HIS BRIDE, NOT Pagans

“When people show you
who they are, believe
them the first time.”

– *Maya Angelou*

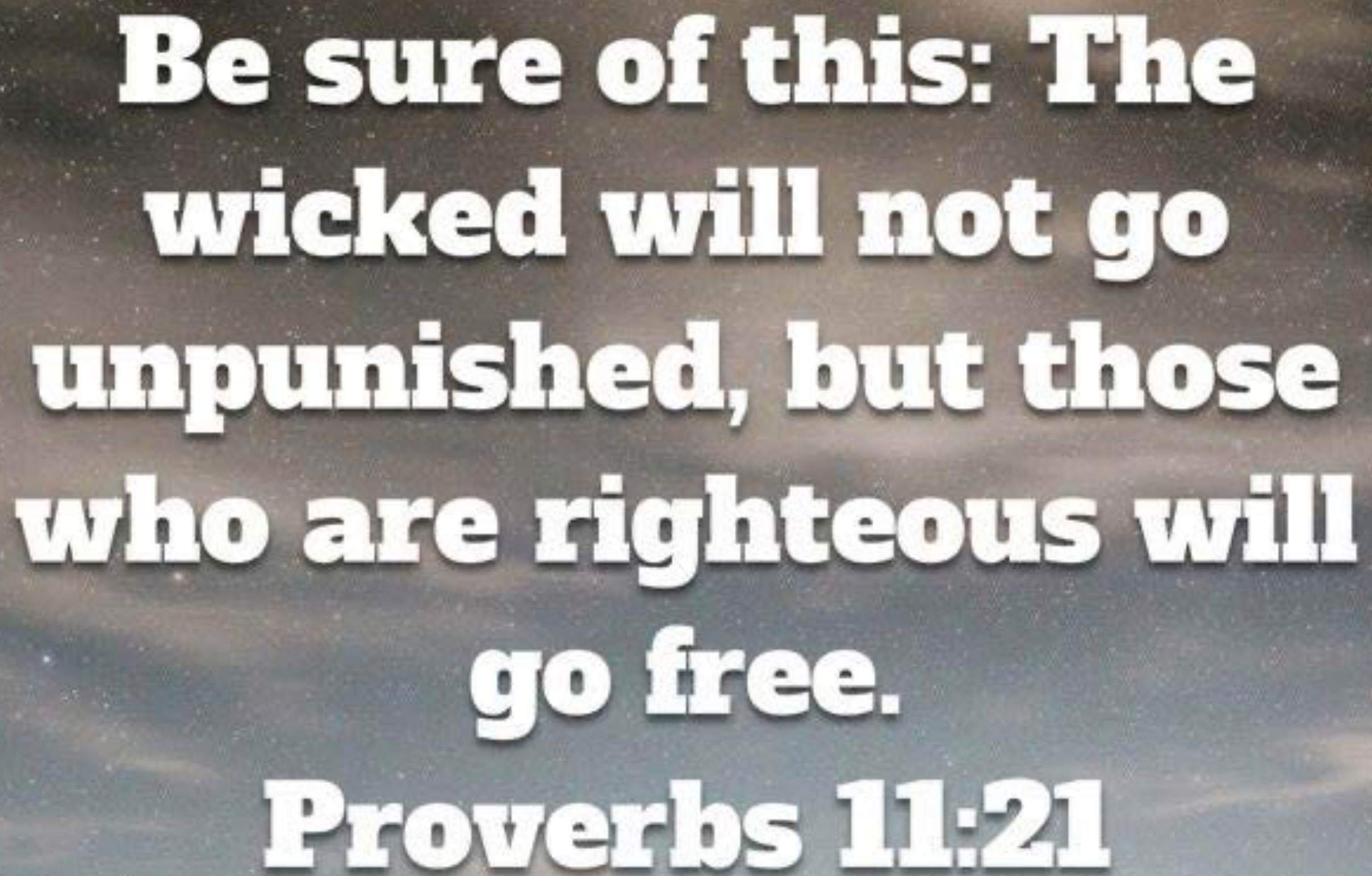
BOLD WICKEDNESS

- 365 VERSES! 127 verses about wickedness. Wickedness looks very ordinary.... They don't announce it on a t-shirt
- Shrewd, gravitate to places they can abuse where the people are obedient, control
- They gain positions of power to manipulate and harm, cunning, deceitful and hubristic, shrewd
- Proverbs 26:23-26, the wicked have smooth speech, we want to believe them, we give them the benefit of the doubt regardless of said evidence
- Psalm 37:12-15
- It seems as if the plans of the wicked always prevail, the wicked have succeeded so long complete infiltration (12:2)
- Judah's fresh skill is deception
- The wicked have a polished stage presence of holiness and knowledge

BOLD WICKEDNESS



- Psalm 64: words liked aimed arrows
INTENDING to harm, aimed at the innocent from the shadows
- Psalm 109:1-3 Wicked and deceitful men open their mouths against me, lying tongues, attack without cause then blame David for being harmed
- The Wicked sow confusion, deceit and dissonance, hate accountability
- HERE... there are wicked among God's people, it's time we stop being so naive
- Wickedness should NOT be a descriptor of the Bride... natural or wild branch



**Be sure of this: The
wicked will not go
unpunished, but those
who are righteous will
go free.
Proverbs 11:21**

BOLD WICKEDNESS

- The wicked think God is unreasonable in His discipline and demand for going outside the camp
- **The wicked lack relationship w GOD (Deut 28:20)**
- The wicked are just misunderstood, it was ROI for YOU GOD (Jer5:2)... Big Crocodile tears, faux-military, apologetics, pretense, cling to deceit, weaponizing their “fragility” gaslighting God (this fools the average person though) Jer 8:5-6
- **The wicked are called so by God, He won’t “soften” because He is honest in relationship**
- The wicked will fall by their own mouths according to Psalm 64:9 The LIES DO catch up
- **The Wicked despise the cost of growth, growth depends on intellectual humility (Prov 13:13, 14:2)**
- The wicked have a lot to lose through humility and will search for a counterfeit solution, refuse to feel guilt

Guard Against Wicked People

Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.

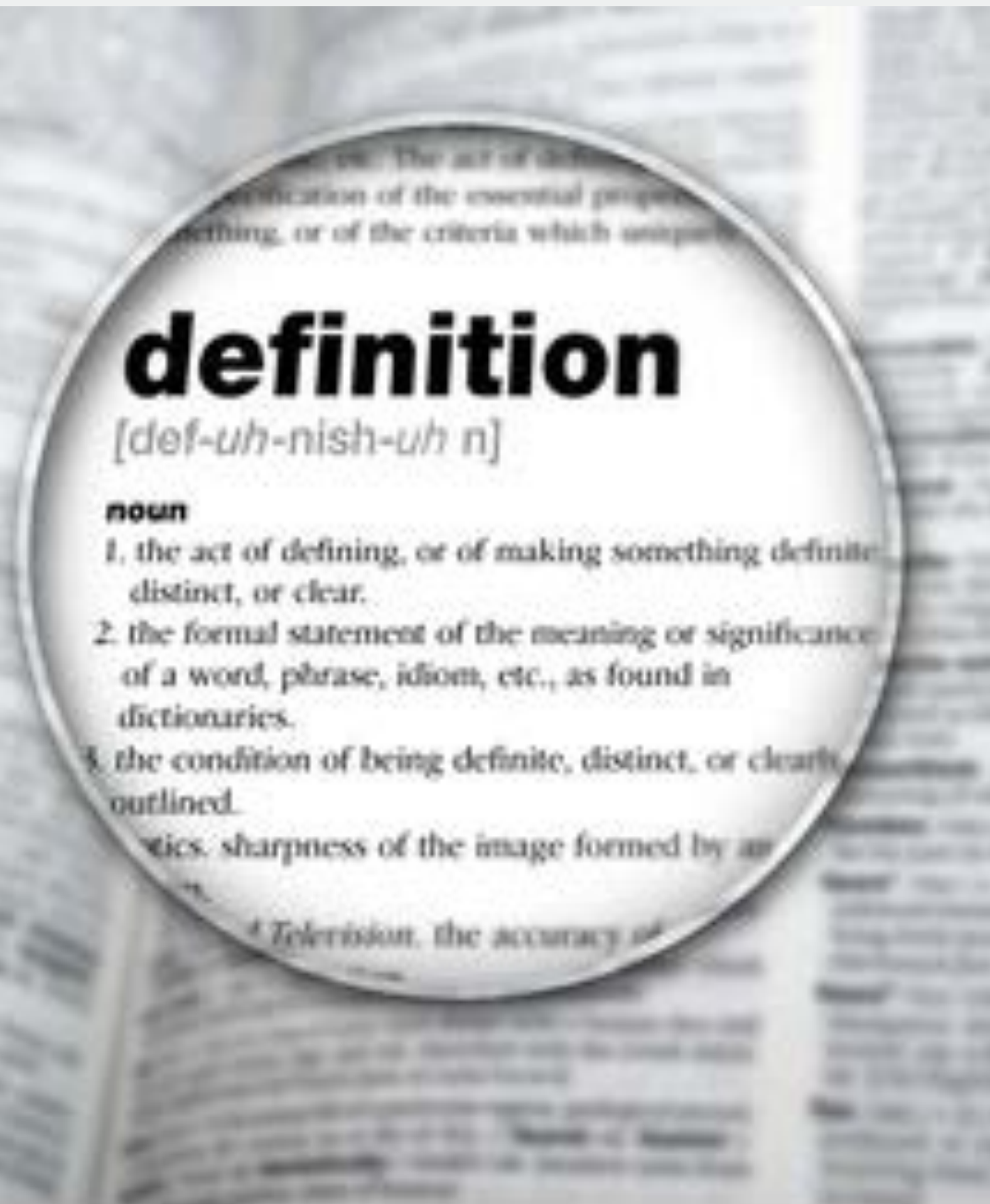
Proverbs 26:23



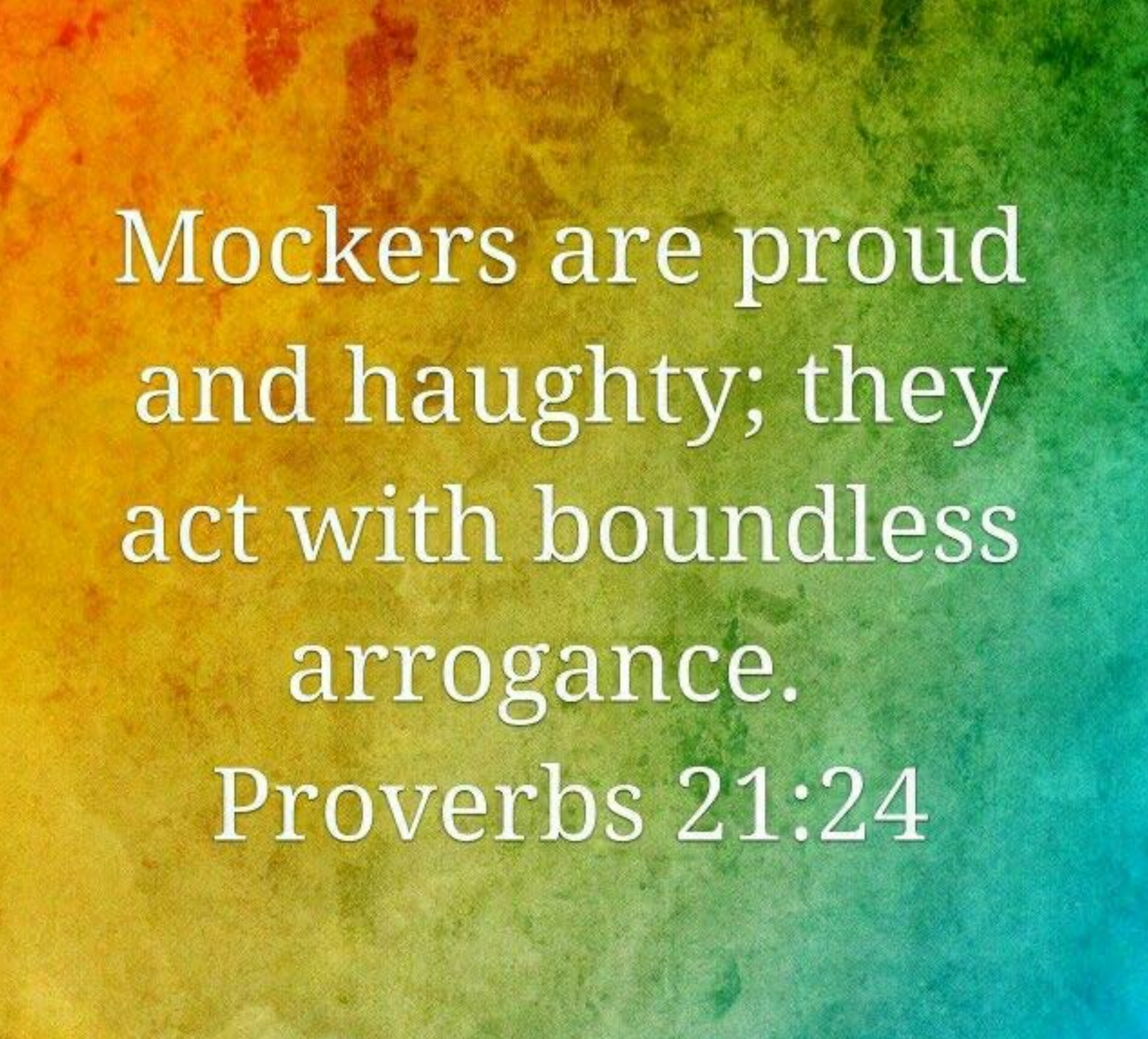
BOLD WICKEDNESS

- The wicked are repelled by honesty and truth because their facade is dependent on deception they only receive people who feed into their delusion
- The wicked are smooth and look good 2 Cor 11:13-15 false prophets masquerade as angels of light
- The wicked disguise themselves as apostles, teachers, leaders...in order to deceive. Jeremiah looked like the false prophet in real time, it will take discernment in the Word of God in His presence outside the camp
- The wicked sound so good Jeremiah 12:2 lips vs heart and seem to win
- The wicked are not a lost cause, there is still hope to plead for repentance, disruption is a gift to soften
- The Wicked in summation are cowards afraid to look, perceive and understand the Truth Humility overrides wickedness and this is a HUGE ask

BOLD EVIL...



- 7B VIOLENCE and DESTRUCTION
- Violence: “HAMAS”. EVIL. CRUELTY. WRONG. INJUSTICE. OPPRESSOR. CRUEL DAMAGE (In the OT it is in regards to a violent action & is ALWAYS ABSOLUTELY WRONG without justification)
- Dictionary: Intentional, rough, violent, injurious, intense force
- Destruction: sod (sode) robbery, destruction, devastation, ruin
- Dictionary: the act of being annihilated
- Destruction has a double meaning, that which is doled out returns upon the person
- THIS IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE LEADERS IN POWER IN JERUSALEM... THE BRIDE



Mockers are proud
and haughty; they
act with boundless
arrogance.

Proverbs 21:24

BOLD EVIL...

- Evil is a profound lack of empathy, a movement beyond wicked.
- Evil often comes with a hardened heart, Pharaoh
- Evil is not affected by exposure, evil feels no shame , no guilt and has a lack of conscience and sleeps soundly at night
- Evil INTENDS to destroy and delights in it, evil strips purpose and vitality from humans for their pleasure
- Evil uses hubris and mockery to cover their loneliness and fear of rejection
- Proverbs 21:24, Evil has a PATTERN SEE it and believe it don't be fooled by flattery of evil
- Evil LOVES to humiliate

BOLD EVIL



I HAVE HATED THE
CONGREGATION OF EVIL
DOERS; AND WILL NOT SIT
WITH THE WICKED.

PSALMS 26:5 KJV

- Psalm 74:10 Evil people HATE God
- The aim of evil is to STEAL, KILL and Destroy
- Evil is INSIDE the walls of the Bride
- God deals with EVIL by HIS BOLD LOVE, KINDNESS , TRUTH, Judgement and Righteousness. Proverbs 28
- The evil are given the gift of defeat and opportunity to repent, evil often just uses this as an opportunity to regroup and say sorry not sorry, but God sees the heart. God disciplines.
- Evil often would choose death over humility evil is cold, stubborn and hard.



YAAKOV QUOTE

- Forgiveness is available to **all**, but **only** the repentant receive it .
- Yaakov Ben Yehoshua

BOLD UNDERSTANDING




- This wickedness and evil is IN JERUSALEM.. not pagan Babylon. This should show us this is possible in church spaces, a supposed “safe” place reflecting the love of God yet reflects Egypt
- If God in all His love for Judah is going to discipline them, in JERUSALEM, then our institutions are not too big to fall either.
- The wicked rarely repent and it is almost impossible once hearts are seared in evil to repent. YET GOD PLEADS



BOLD CONDITION

- Sickness and wounds
- Sickness: hôli (khole) sickness, grief from a disease, anxiety, mental distress
- NIH: Major depression is growing in overall disease burden in Canada, USA and worldwide & is predicted to be the leading cause of disease burden by 2030 & is already the leading disease burden in women worldwide.
- IS this a problem oozing out the church today? IS there sickness? Are there wounds? Are we tending to them? Or just saying, get over it.



LISTEN TO ADVICE
AND ACCEPT
DISCIPLINE, AND
AT THE END YOU
WILL BE COUNTED

among the wise.

PROVERBS 19:20

BOLD SOLUTION

- 8- ACCEPT CORRECTION... we struggle, B/C we are never wrong... and it's better to give than receive.
- Accept chastisement. BE MORTIFIED BY YOUR HARM, abuse of power, deceit, pretense, fakery, DO NOT IGNORE!!! HEAR THE SIREN!
- Smash your own image you worship... be broken...
- Proverbs 13:1 A son accepts discipline but a hubristic person doesn't listen to rebuke. The hubristic person cannot listen, hear, perceive or understand even what God is saying because they can only hear their own wisdom
- We are trained to be good and perfect, we can't bear failure
- GROWTH depends on the broken seed
- Psalm 38:18-21 Even David accepted correction and could LISTEN and don sackcloth.
- God SEPARATES HIMSELF from HUBRIS

BOLD CUTTING DOWN

- Vs. 9-10.....
- BABYLON is coming. More branches cut away that were not His.(chapter 5:10)
- Judah REFUSES to look, listen, discern at what Jeremiah is saying... IS THERE TRUTH there? The truth is offensive, the truth angers the wicked and evil. The Word of God coming out of Jeremiah's mouth MAKES THEM SO MAD...
- Scorn is contempt... God's mouth and the words proceeding from it bring CONTEMPT out of the hearts of HIS PEOPLE! NOT THE PAGANS
- 11-12 DO you NOT understand... EVERYONE WILL suffer in this discipline (whatever)
- GOD is ANGRY, He is Tzvaot the God who goes warring



BOLD GREED



- 13 ALL are greedy THE LEADERS of JERUSALEM **PRACTICED** (habitual performance) FRAUD (deceit, trickery for gain)
- LEADERS manipulated & twisted God's Word so that they could stay in power to control & abuse human beings
- THE LEADERS **DE-humanized** and stole worth from others so THEY could RISE
- SOULS carelessly handled in the Name of the Gospel, the Good News of God's Word
- THE SHEEP HARMED the disease and wounds are from the leaders. **IS THIS A PROBLEM?**
- THEY dress the wounds as if they are not serious
- PEACE PEACE! THERE IS NO PEACE (gaslight)
- THE wounds mattered to Jesus and He noticed

BOLD CONTEMPT

- 15- They have NO SHAME (evil)
- The personal, corporate and public publishing did not shame them, they were just going to re-platform themselves another way so it all has to go
- Entitled, no empathy EVIL leaders who claim “anointing” so they are above accountability (A leader who refuses to be held accountable is a sure sign of wickedness and possibly evil)
- They are butting up against a Holy Angry God but they don’t care. God’s character will judge rightly, they will be punished and will fall
- Has God changed His standards since Judah? Are we dressing deeply wounded sheep with a superficial meme? Can we ask if there is truth in what we are seeing? OR is it a badge of honor to “Go down w the ship” in hubris?



THE
TRUTH
EXPOSED!

BOLD CROSSROADS

- 16- STAND. STOP the NOISE. THINK very carefully about how you will play this out...
- FORMULATE A QUESTION this blind belief because some celebrity said something years ago needs to stop. CHECK it OUT filtered through God's Word
- LOOK, can you see and hear Jeremiah? Judah was on point in doctrine, but their heart was an issue... Babylon is surrounded them, can you relate? THERE are two roads, one is MUCH less taken... looks unsafe
- God says: ASK which way is good, ASK HIM. One way will make a lot more sense logically.
- God's way probably leads to sackcloth,
- WE WILL NOT... humility is too much





BOLD WATCHMEN

- Vs 17 GOD gave a crossroads and WATCHMEN
- LISTEN to who GOD sends... problem is they see the watchman, Jeremiah as the “enemy” Because we DO NOT LIKE WHISTLE BLOWERS put your shofar DOWN we don’t like that sound! LET IT GO ALREADY
- It is easy to see that evil has won the day, there is no conscience anymore, they say “WE are FINE” in spite of being WARNED COUNTLESS times that they are anything BUT FINE
- Watchmen, alarms, whistleblowers, truth tellers, Jeremiah will be pointed at as being DIVISIVE... not caring for the UNITY or ECHAD of God’s people. THESE TYPES who raise the red flags and say “Something’s NOT Right” are NOT divisive they are DISRUPTIVE which is a GOOD thing, hopefully it will lead to godly sorrow which leads to **HEART TRANSFORMATION**



BOLD PROMISE

- 19. SINCE the BRIDE won't listen God is bringing BOLD DISASTER to THIS people.
- Shattering destruction of their OWN making, own consequences. This is the tower they built... in Truth.
- They may have memorized God's Word but they have paid no attention to it... it's for other people, not them.
- They say they keep the Law? They literally break every point of it every day.



BOLD HYPOCRISY

- VS 20 They went and spent a GAZILLION dollars to find the BEST in the world for God and He is still not satisfied? What is His problem.
- Without an INWARD RELATIONSHIP buying God a gift, making a big to do each Sabbath what does that do? That does something for them in their heads but does nothing for God. I mean GOD is ADONAI ELOHIM? He already owns it! HE WANTS A CONTRITE HEART
- Their worship is sickening to Him, they just worship the way they worship... and are amazed by themselves week after week.
- God doesn't want your attendance or your service record He wants your HEART.
- 21. They are their own stumbling block.

BOLD WARNING CONT..



- Vs22-26 WARNING (Mercy) the Enemy is coming, JUDGEMENT, without compassion (love)
- Babylon is not coming because you didn't go to church enough or pray enough, it's because your heart REFUSES to be circumcised.
- HUBRIS, you think you are some great warrior, but really you are a woman in labor in anguish. God is saying bend your knee, or I will bend it for you, Judah says "I would like to see You try"
- There will be terror EVERYWHERE, be vulnerable before a loving God or be vulnerable before a merciless nation.
- 26. What can we do? LAMENT. REPENT. SACKCLOTH.HUMBLE. Admit you chose the WRONG god. Don't like those options thanks. Dumb Jeremiah

BOLD TESTING

- God is the refiner of hearts He TESTS, not for harm... His BOLD LOVE and KINDNESS
- God's Word in Jeremiah is **FIRE**
- Do we want to know what is in our hearts? No we reach for comfort not truth
- Jeremiah speaks TRUTH because God's Word is in Him, is that cold hearted? Is God UNREASONABLE asking us to go outside the camp? Is Jeremiah wrong? Honesty is a great place to start relationship
- God has shown in the past He is trustworthy in the desert.
- The cow was honest.
- Can we be honest about our cows? Judah had cows too, the hard thing is they are not literal cows, but sacred none the less. Judah chose the cow.
- IS EGYPT in our hearts?



Test



BOLD REFINING

- The refining process yielded NO PRECIOUS METAL
- Judah was **ALL DROSS**
- **THEIR THEOLOGY** was right, doctrine, traditions, memorized Scripture: All they did “for God” was NOTHING
- Jeremiah kept refining SURELY there is SOMETHING... a lot of manual labor for Jeremiah, God is NOT GIVING up on HIS people... not even in discipline.
- Judah was nothing more than some pencil lead... unable to be showcased so the world may know
- Regardless of the amount of AIR, oxidizing... nothing
- How could SO many be wrong? I mean Jeremiah had no degree, nothing, the crazy outlier was right?
- It's not a resume God is looking for, it's a heart.



BOLD LOVE

- Jeremiah had a cultivated intentional nurtured relationship with the Living God.
- **What does cultivate mean to you?**
- **ARE** we willing to **STOP** and ask God what He wants us to see, hear, understand and perceive about our own hearts? What needs to be uprooted and torn down so that new can be planted and new seeds sown which will break in the ground, but with the death of the seed comes the life of the fruit...
- **Will hubris win your story, or humility? Is there any truth that Jeremiah has plead that matters to me?**
- **Will we receive God's BOLD LOVE and KINDNESS in TRUTH?**



BOLD PROPHET

- A prophet causes
DISRUPTION...
- For CHANGE of
DIRECTION
- For TRUTH to
SUPRFACE





HOMEWORK:

CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIP