

*"For He Sacrificed Unto The Gods Of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, 'Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me.' But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel." 2 Chronicles 28:23 KJV*



Ahaz sacrificed to the “gods” of his enemies for help. His father and grandfather were blessed because they worshipped the only true God. The idol worship which brought God’s Judgment upon him in the first place he compounded by pursuing more false deities. What an ignorant fool he was! He witnessed first-hand God’s Provision, had the writings of Solomon and David at his disposal, and still angered God with the abomination of idolatry! He thought because his enemies prevailed, their way must be the way to win. *“The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.”* How often do we see the prosperity of the wicked and think to ourselves that to prosper we must do it their way? If we succumb to that philosophy, it is only because we love money more than God, wealth more than Wisdom, and pleasure more than piety. Satan’s glittering baubles will keep fools pursuing, like lemmings, until they perish. Solomon wisely penned, *“The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish. There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness. For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.”* Even the little light men possess in human life will be extinguished in death as they fall forever in the black fire of eternal torment! Death is every man’s common enemy, be he pauper or king. None escape, but those who fear and obey God. *“In The Way of Righteousness Is Life; and in the Pathway Thereof there is no death, and your Life Is Hid With Christ In God.”* Most of a believer’s trouble stems from doing things the world’s way instead of God’s way. God’s Commands are His Blessings; provision is the consequence of obedience! *“Seek ye first The Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and ALL these THINGS shall be added unto you.”* Now, either you believe that or you don’t, and your life will indicate which! David wrote, *“I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm. They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men. Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily they set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me.”* If we focus on the pleasure of the wicked we will be *“seduced by his way.”* Are you sacrificing to the gods of fools?

O envy not the wicked man,  
He’ll writhe in anguish at the end,  
Follow true God’s faithful plan,  
And find Him your eternal friend! –CGP

David found solace in The House of The Lord. *“Until I went into The Sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. Pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment. Surely Thou Didst Set them in slippery places: Thou Castedst them down into destruction.”* When the prosperity of fools troubles you, turn to God’s Word for comfort. Death will be their last glimpse of comfort and those who trust God will have *“pleasures forever more! Better is it to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!”*

*“Humble yourselves therefore under The Mighty Hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon Him; For He Careth for you.” 1 Peter 5:6-7 KJV*