

# Woe to Lovers of Sin

Stewarding the Heart: When Evil Has Become Good

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*"Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand."*

*(Micah 2:1)*

## Evil Fills Our Earth

Sometimes when I listen to the news I wonder what this world is coming to. We have seen in scripture that during the time of Noah people thought only evil continually, and each new headline shows me that the prophecies of the last days are clear. People's hearts are waxing cold. And even with all of this forewarning, some of the things going on in our world are still astonishing.

## It's Good to be Bad

The media now glamorizes sins that were once shameful fifty years ago in its movies and sitcoms. Blockbuster hits are growing by leaps and bounds with graphic material as the enticing element. Everyday I find myself wondering what lewd behavior will become common practice next. I use to think it couldn't get any worse. Now I see that there are those whose lives are wrapped up in dreaming up new ways to flaunt evil. Lured by Capitalism's promise of wealth, many devise twisted plots and write them in books, and direct movies with scenes that are beyond offensive. Instead of meditating on the word of God people meditate on different ways to provoke the public to do evil. Is there any hope?

## Right and Righteousness Are Restored

The Lord has always taken into account the level of wickedness He would allow before doing something drastic to correct the issues. We see this evidenced in the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. The Lord is no less in touch with our woes today as He was in those days. One day soon, sin would have run its full course and God will put an end to all evil. One day soon, Michael will stand up; He will rise from His throne as the conquering King and will keep the door of His tender mercies ajar no longer. Sin and suffering will cease. The pure pulses of righteousness will move like waves over the universe, and order will be restored.

Our God will eliminate sin and death forever, and institute His eternal kingdom of love and life: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." (Revelation 21:4).

He that said He would return will at last set His faithful ones free. Are you ready? Are you ready for Jesus to come? I certainly am. Pray that we are all found faithful.

Welcome to the privilege of becoming faithful stewards of your hearts. Manage responsibly, in Jesus' name.