**II Chron. 7:13-14**

1. The Wrath of God Revealed

II Chron. 7:13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,
II Chron.6:24, 28, 36, Lev. 18:25-28, Is. 19:1-7

1. The Repentance of the Redeemed
2. Humble Themselves

I Peter 5:5 ..All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

1. And Pray

Ps. 85:4 Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.

1. And Seek My Face

Is. 55:6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

1. And turn from their wicked ways

Is. 55:7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts…

1. The Revival/Renewal of the Land

II Chron 7:14 … then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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Wicked Ways?

Potential Wickedness Regarding:

1. Sanctification

Heb. 12:14 Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

I John 3:6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

I John 3:9 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

I John 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

1. Seriousness

Luke 13:24 Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

Jude 3…exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Luke 9:62 But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Luke 14:26-27 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14:33 So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

Matt. 18:9 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

1. Separation

II Corinthians 6:17 Therefore, “Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.”

I John 2:15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this:...to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 4:4 You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Rm. 12:2…do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..

Gal. 1:4 .who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age...

Jude 22,23 ..others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

II Chron. 19:2 Jehu the seer, the son of Hanani, went out to meet him and said to the king, “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the Lord? Because of this, the wrath of the Lord is on you.

1. Sanctified Sympathy

I John 3:17 But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress ….

Is. 1:17 Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

Matt. 25:31-46

**Searching for wickedness**

When I read such pointed and unequivocal scriptural texts:

1. I ignore them. – **This is wickedness.**
2. I interpret such verses in the context of my lived experience, and the lived experience of my friends and family. In the context of our desires and goals. These verses don’t convict us, but rather are conformed to our conception of the Christian life. – **This is wickedness**.
3. I interpret such verses in the context of the entire Bible. Such verses convict me. They magnify my sinful and selfish ways. They cause me to flee to the righteousness of Christ, and out of thankfulness for my redemption, I seriously strive toward obedience in these areas.