

With Ignominy Reproach

I. Introduction:

A. As we approach our lesson and before we discuss what ignominy means, let's talk about the wicked (**Proverbs 4:14-19**).

1. Wicked people are those whom bring about sin (**Proverbs 10:16**).
2. That does not mean a wicked person has no hope (**II Chronicles 7:14** and **Ezekiel 33:14-16**).

B. Before we talk about ignominy, let's consider what contempt is (**Psalms 119:21-22**).

1. The word translated "contempt", as is used in the Scripture we just read; means: "disrespect: — contempt(-uously), despised, shamed..." (Strong's # 937).
2. It is also translated "shamed" (**Genesis 38:23**) and "despised" (**Job 12:5** and **Proverbs 12:8**).

C. As we begin to get into our lesson, think about how sinners bring about shame (**Proverbs 11:2** and **Proverbs 13:5**).

II. Body: With Ignominy Reproach (**Proverbs 18:3**).

A. The word translated "ignominy" [יָבוֹשׁ] in **Proverbs 18:3** means: "disgrace; (by implication) the pudenda: — confusion, dishonour, ignominy, reproach, shame. Shame, disgrace, dishonour, ignominy; ignominy (of nation) dishonour, disgrace (personal)" (Strong's # 7036).

1. It is certainly of God that when His people err they face disgrace (**Jeremiah 3:25**, **Ezekiel 16:52**, and **Hosea 4:7**).
2. Understand that, when God's people sin, they are dishonoring God (**Romans 2:23**).

B. In reproach [the condition of shame], consider how this causes those desiring to have a relationship with God to turn to Him (**Psalms 123:1-4**).

1. There is a Psalm, with some prophetic statements, but overall it carries the idea of this state of shame wonderfully (**Psalms 69:1-20**).
2. This state of shame is not always a result of being a sinner (**Nehemiah 4:1-4**, **Matthew 5:10-12**, **I Peter 4:1-5**, and **I Peter 4:14**).
3. When it comes to the shamefully wicked; God doesn't intend for them to be at peace (**Isaiah 57:20-21**).

C. The point made in **Proverbs 18:3** is dishonor and shame comes because of wickedness. To remove such a state, actions need to be taken.

1. First, wake up (**I Corinthians 15:34**).
2. If you see wickedness in yourself, confess and change (**Proverbs 28:13**, **Isaiah 55:7**, and **Acts 8:18-24**).
3. If the wicked are among us, and they won't repent; cast them out (**Proverbs 22:10** and **I Corinthians 5:1-13**).

4. DON'T think being wicked will be overlooked (**Nahum 1:3**).

III. Conclusion: As God's people, we are not called to dishonor and shame, but rather to eternal glory. Work to that end (**Romans 2:6-7** and **I Peter 1:7**).