

# The Doctrine of Evil: 27 Points

1. Sin and Evil originated from Satan. Isa. 14:12-14; Ez. 28:12-14
2. Sin and Evil are distinguished in God's Word. Prov. 22:3
  - Sin comes from weakness in the OSN. Rom. 8:7-8
  - Evil comes from the kardia. Prov. 14:22
3. The Word of God protects the mature believer from Evil.
4. Evil will change a non-perceptive believer. Prov. 5:13-14
5. In the Age of Grace, we are either influenced by the Word or by Evil. 2 Thess. 3:2-3
6. God's Word neutralizes Evil. Ps. 54:5; Rom. 12:21
7. Evil distorts Grace. Ps. 38:19-20; Ps. 52:1; 1 Cor. 15:33
8. Evil despises authority. Ps. 50:16-21; 52:1; 1 Cor. 15:33
9. Backsliders are influenced by Evil. Ps. 36:1-4; Jn. 3:19; Titus 1:15
10. Evil always rationalizes. Isa. 5:20
11. Violence is always evil. Ps. 64:4-5; Ps. 34:21; Prov. 17:11
12. Evil is destructive. Ps. 34:21; Prov. 24:19-20
13. Evil builds happiness on someone else's misery. Ps. 35:12
14. The laws of God protect people from evil. Rom. 13:3-4
15. There is no evil in God. Ps. 5:4; Ja. 1:13
16. God always judges evil. Ps. 34:16; Isa. 13:11
17. In spite of evil, Jesus Christ continues to control History. Prov. 16:3-4; Isa. 45:6,7
18. Evil will cause the downfall of a nation. Isa. 47:10-11
19. Evil never understand Grace. Mt. 20:1-16; 20:30-34
20. A believer can be evil-possessed. (Believers cannot be demon-possessed, but saturated with evil.)

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21. Evil is often mistaken for good, and good for evil. (many illustrations) Micah 1:1-12  
Examples: more "welfare"; abolish military; legislate guns; feed the "deadbeats"; clean up the environment, etc. (Maroth, a suburb of Samaria, came to mean "bitterness")
22. Evil provides false security. Micah 3:11-12
23. Evil in National Leadership, opposes God and God's plan for a nation. Nahum 1:11
24. Evil will be eliminated. Zeph. 3:14-15 (At the First Advent, Sin was taken care of; at the Second Advent, Evil will be eliminated)
25. Evil is located in the soul. Mt. 6:23; 15:19
26. Evil is altruistic. (seeking the "welfare" of others in "human good") Lk. 11:13
27. Conclusions regarding Evil:
  - Satan's angels are called "Evil" spirits Lk. 7:21; 8:2; Acts 19:12-16
  - Satan's "domain" is called the "Evil" world. Gal. 1:4
  - People under Satan's control are called Evil men. 2 Tim. 3:13; Job 35:12
  - Satan's administrators are called "inventors of Evil things." Rom. 1:30
  - Evil says: "there's no absolute"; "change is progress"; "majority is always right"; "crime can be controlled by gun legislation"; "internationalism" can solve man's problems; "improved environment" will change the world for good; etc.