

Proverb of the Week

When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices, and when the wicked perish there are shouts of gladness.

– Proverbs 11:10 (ESV)

Is the Bible telling us here to celebrate the death of the wicked? Lest we read more into the text than is actually there, let's consider other scripture as well. As it is recorded in Ezekiel 18:23, "**Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?**" While it may be a natural inclination for the righteous to celebrate the death of the wicked, it seems that God calls us to do better. So, when the wicked person does perish, let our shouts of gladness be only for the hope that the wicked designs and influence of that person will now perish, but let us not celebrate their failure to repent, bringing upon them the justice they deserve.