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Proverbs 29:6, **“In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.”**

No good thing can come from anyone having a snare in their life. A snare is something which one can get caught up in and will hinder them. When someone sins (which is a transgression), they are caught in a snare which prevents them from being free and hinders them from doing any thing righteously. Failing to do the commandments of God is a sin. When we DO NOT those things which are pleasing to God, it becomes a snare to us. Notice these words in Numbers 32:22-23, **“And the land be subdued before the Lord: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the Lord, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the Lord. But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sins will find you out.”** When our sins are exposed, the snare (trap) causes us to bow our heads in shame. Many times these snares take a long time to get out of.

In addition, sin causes a snare in the life of those around the one who transgressed. The effect of sin is like a pebble thrown in a lake, it goes out in any number of directions and causes ill effects to all it contacts.

Solomon shows a contrast between an evil doer and a righteous person. There is singing and rejoicing in the life of those who are following Christ. Even in the midst of afflictions and tribulations, they can rejoice in knowing there is a better day coming. David wrote, **“O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people...”** (Psalm 96:1-3).

The Saints of God have so much to rejoice in and to sing about. We rejoice in knowing that any and all righteousness we have is of Jesus Christ our Lord. He became sin for us, and imputed His righteousness to us. What a joy it is to know this and to have the peace and comfort it brings to our souls. Paul declares what should be upmost in our hearts as he wrote, **“Speaking to yourselves in psalms**

**and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;...”** (Ephesians 5:19). As the time to worship approaches, let us “sing and rejoice” in the promises of our Saviour. ***Think About It!***