

# Isaiah 32:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

## Analysis

**The vile person shall be no more called liberal** (וְאֵין קָרְאָה עוֹד לְבָבָל נָדִיב) lo-yiqare od lenaval nadiv)—the naval, fool, vile person, scoundrel) won't be called (nadin, noble, generous, liberal). **Nor the churl said to be bountiful** (וְלֹכְלִי לֹא) kilay lo ye'amer shoah—the kilay, miser, churl) won't be termed shouah (shoah, rich, bountiful).

Messianic kingdom brings moral clarity—evil won't be called good, misers won't be praised as generous. The naval (naval) is morally corrupt (like Nabal in 1 Samuel 25), not merely foolish. Current age permits moral inversion: calling evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20). Politicians reframe greed as 'success,' sexual immorality as 'freedom,' oppression as 'progress.' Christ's reign will expose truth, ending the linguistic sleight-of-hand that disguises vice as virtue. Romans 1:32 describes those who 'knowing the judgment of God... not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them'—celebrating what should be condemned.

## Historical Context

Throughout history, propagandists have weaponized language to disguise evil. Slave traders called themselves 'merchants.' Nazis used euphemisms for genocide. Modern culture calls abortion 'choice,' pornography 'entertainment,' greed 'ambition.' The Messianic kingdom will strip away euphemisms, calling things by their true names. Revelation 21:8 and 22:15 exclude specific categories from New Jerusalem—no linguistic camouflage can disguise wickedness before the Judge.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. What vices does contemporary culture disguise with pleasant-sounding labels?
2. How does the church sometimes adopt worldly euphemisms rather than biblical truth-telling?
3. What would it look like for you to speak with Kingdom clarity, calling things what they truly are?

## Interlinear Text

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לֹא		וְلֹא	יְהִי	עַד	לְנַבֵּל	תִּדְיֹבֵר	לְאַלְמִיל	וְלֹא	לֹא
H3808	<b>shall be no more called</b>		H5750	<b>The vile person</b>	H5036	<b>liberal</b>	<b>nor the churl</b>	H3808	
	H7121			H5081		H3596			

  

רֹא	יְאַמֵּת	שְׁמֹעֵן
<b>said</b>	<b>to be bountiful</b>	

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 5:20** (Parallel theme): Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!