

# Proverbs 11:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

## Analysis

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The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked comes in his stead. A great exchange occurs - the righteous escape trouble that then falls on the wicked. This isn't vindictive but demonstrates divine justice - trouble intended for the righteous finds its proper object in the wicked. The principle appears throughout Scripture (think Joseph and his brothers, Daniel and his accusers).

## Historical Context

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Reflects biblical pattern where plots against the righteous backfire on the plotters. Ancient Israel repeatedly saw enemies' schemes redirected against themselves.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How have you experienced deliverance from trouble that then fell on those who wished you harm?
2. How does this principle inform your response to those plotting against you?

## Interlinear Text

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תְּחִתְּנִים: רָשָׁע וְעִירָב אֲנָזֵב אֶלְעָזָר מֵצָא בְּהֵדָר  
The righteous of trouble is delivered out cometh and the wicked H8478  
H6662 H6869 H2502 H935 H7563

## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 21:18** (Righteousness): The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

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