

# Proverbs 28:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession.

## Analysis

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**Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way**—The causative verb form indicates active deception or temptation. Leading the yashar (upright, righteous) into an **evil way** (derek ra) brings severe consequences: **he shall fall himself into his own pit**.

This poetic justice reflects the principle of measure-for-measure judgment. The trap (shachah, pit) prepared for others becomes the deceiver's own downfall—seen in Haman's execution on his own gallows (Esther 7:10) and Psalm 7:15: 'He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made.' Meanwhile, **the upright shall have good things in possession** (tov yinchalu, inherit good), demonstrating God's protective justice.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Israel faced constant pressure from pagan neighbors to compromise covenant faithfulness. False prophets and corrupt leaders often led people astray. The New Testament warns similarly of those who 'cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine' (Romans 16:17), and Jesus's severe words about offending 'little ones' (Matthew 18:6).

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

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

## Study Questions

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1. Have you ever been tempted to draw others into compromise or sin? What stopped you?
2. How can you protect yourself from those who would lead you away from righteousness?
3. What 'good things' has God given to sustain you when facing moral pressure or temptation?

## Interlinear Text

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מִשְׁגַּן הָיָה יְשַׁרְּךָ  
to go astray Whoso causeth the righteous  
H7686 H3477

בְּדַבָּר רָעָה  
way in an evil  
H1870 H7451

בָּשְׁחׁוֹתָה וְ  
himself into his own pit  
H7816 H1931

וְתִמְמִימָה יְמָנָה  
he shall fall but the upright things in possession  
H5307 H8549 H5157

טֹובָה:  
shall have good  
H2896

## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 26:27** (Parallel theme): Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

**Galatians 2:4** (Parallel theme): And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

**Proverbs 15:6** (Righteousness): In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

**Matthew 6:33** (Righteousness): But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

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