

Doctrine of the Froward Person

1. The basic Hebrew word *tahpukah* (*tah-poo-kaw'*) translated *froward* means *to be perverse* and speaks of a turning away from what is right or good, corrupt. It refers to improper or incorrect behavior. The corrupt person is obstinate in opposing what is right, reasonable, or accepted.
2. The Lord will hide His holy face from the froward person.
 - *Deuteronomy 32:20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward [perverse] generation, children in whom is no faith.*
3. The Lord will prove to be unsavory or tortuous towards the froward person.
 - *2 Samuel 22:27 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward [perverse] thou wilt shew thyself unsavory [tortuous].*
4. The forward person is characterized by the following.
 - Willfulness. *Job 5:13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward [perverse] is carried headlong.*
 - Godlessness. *Psalms 101:4 A froward [perverse] heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.*
 - An evil lifestyle. *Proverbs 2:15 Whose ways are crooked, and they froward [perverse] in their paths:*
 - Engages in inappropriate speech. *Proverbs 6:12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward [perverse] mouth.*
 - A troublemaker. *Proverbs 16:28 A froward [perverse] man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.*
5. God must deliver a person from the forward person.
 - *Proverbs 2:12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward [perverse] things;*
6. God has secrets to share with the righteous. For those who are froward His attitude is one of settled abomination.
 - *Proverbs 3:32 For the froward [perverse] is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous.*
7. The believer is responsible for personal sanctification, not being froward.

- *Proverbs 4:24 Put away from thee a froward [perverse] mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.*

8. The natural condition of a man is that froward. Only the new birth can make a person pure and holy.

- *Proverbs 21:8 The way of man is froward [perverse] and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right.*

9. The Christian is responsible to obey those in authority over them even when they are froward or perverse.

- *1 Peter 2:18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward [perverse].*