

The Snare of Own Hands

Psalm 9:16

The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

Examples from the Bible:

Haman – hung on own gallows (Esther 5:14, 7:1-10) Absalom – caught by the hair of his head (2 Sam. 14:25-26, 18:9) Samson – captured by object of his desire (Judges 16)

Warning Labels

The sin you are about to commit is known to God God can use your own actions against you The gain of sin is an illusion The pleasure of sin will not last The guilt of sin cannot be ignored

"Like cunning hunters they prepared a pitfall for the godly and fell into it themselves: the foot of the victim escaped their crafty snares, but the toils surrounded themselves: the cruel snare was laboriously manufactured, and it proved its efficacy by snaring its own maker. Persecutors and oppressors are often ruined by their own malicious projects. "Drunkards kill themselves; prodigals beggar themselves;" the contentious are involved in ruinous costs; the vicious are devoured with fierce diseases; the envious eat their own hearts; and blasphemers curse their own souls. Thus, men may read their sin in their punishment. They sowed the seed of sin, and the ripe fruit of damnation is the natural result." - Spurgeon

"The wages that sin bargains with the sinner are life, pleasure, and profit; but the wages it pays him with are death, torment, and destruction. He that would understand the falsehood and deceit of sin, must compare its promises and its payment together." Robert South