

Psalms 37

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Silently dependent, not unhappy; Wait patiently on Him

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In his old age, David used his years of wisdom to teach young people, and David used many proverbs and proverbs to exhort the righteous to trust Jehovah. The LORD will make them inherit the earth, and they will not be angry with the wicked, for the wicked will be cut off from the earth

Though the wicked and unrighteous are outwardly prosperous, the psalmist tells us that they will be cut down like grass; Let not those who suffer for the Lord and do righteousness with grievances in their hearts, nor envy them, but do good works in the LORD, feeding on his faithfulness; Rejoice in God, and commit and trust in things. The glory of the wicked is fast to pass away, and God sees the injustice we see more clearly than we do, and our duty is to rely on and entrust us, not to be swayed by the richness of our lives, but to rejoice in the Lord. The first Corinthians 3 mention that no matter how big the cause is and how big the applause is for success, in the end, it will become nothing in a fire! On the other hand, verses 3-6 God will give me the desire of our hearts! And life will be of great brilliance, glory, and joy in righteousness, justice, and righteousness!

Twice mentioned in 7-8 - Do not be upset, for these will lead to evil with the wicked! Here is the punishment for the wicked - to be cut off and to nothing, to be unable to inherit the earth! When our hearts are unhappy, we will lose our heart of relying on and waiting for God, and when our prayers do not get the expected answer, we will lose faith in God and rely on those false gods, which God is not pleased

with. When we rely on God, He will steadfastly shepherd and care for us. The psalmist teaches us not to be bitter about evil, not to be jealous of the wicked, to delight in the Lord, and to focus on God. Anger leads people to sin, and anger and anxiety also show that we don't believe that God loves us, that God is in control of everything, that we are to surrender our sovereignty to the Lord and live forever in God's promises. and humbly and patiently wait for God's work. The humble inherit the earth, and humility enables us to obey God's guidance and stop us from insisting on our own opinions. The psalmist tells us not to be discouraged by the momentary prosperity of the wicked, and that when we are in a difficult situation, we should not only look forward, but also look upward, and never let these difficulties and external circumstances fill our hearts.

vs 12-15 The wicked draw their sword against the righteous, but God is at work, the wicked grit his teeth, God laughs, the wicked draw his bow and draw his sword, but the sword pierces into his heart, and the bow is broken! Verses 16-19 are the reward of the righteous—even though they may not seem to have much, they are sustained and protected by God, and they are satisfied! vs 20-22 The End of the Wicked - Withering Like Weeds, Immediately Destroyed! vs 23-33 The reward for the righteous - the right walk is safe, God loves the way of the righteous, even if he stumbles, but is protected by God, God sustains him with his hand, and his descendants will be greatly blessed, God will care for and bless us in all aspects of life, so that we will have abundant food and clothing, and we will not lack any good, and when we rely on God, we will be secure. Even in times of crisis, they will not be ashamed; In the day of famine we will be satisfied. but the wicked shall perish, withering up like grass and destroying them.

Verses 34-36 again speak of the end of the wicked—verse 34 sees with his own eyes the retribution of the wicked, who seems to be powerful, terrifying, and towering, like a verdant tree, and someone passes by but cannot find it! Verses 37-40 return to the reward of the righteous - there will be a good ending, salvation, God as a refuge in times of trouble, and deliverance! Section 37; Look closely at the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the peaceful man has a good end

The psalm concludes with sober observation, answering the question of irritation, grievance, and injustice in verse 7, Our life on earth is like a preparation for eternal life, God has given us 'tribulation' in this school (v.39), and even the 'wicked' (v.40) to temporarily gain the upper hand in this school, so that we can practice 'trusting in silence and waiting patiently', and 'come to Him' by faith alone, so that we can experience God in this life, Make faith the assurance of what we hope for and what we do not see.

Let's pray:

Thank you, dear Heavenly Father, for letting us know today that in the midst of all the injustices and injustices in the world, every one who comes to you, every cry and prayer, you know and remember. You will respond to our prayers at your best time. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us approach everything that happens around us with gentleness and humility, so that we may learn to rely on God silently, so that we can commit all things to you.

Prayer is in the victorious name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Psalm 37

Psalm 37 is a wisdom psalm written by David, focusing on the theme of trusting in God's justice, even when it seems that the wicked are prospering. This psalm encourages the righteous to rely on

God, to be patient, and to live with integrity while waiting for God's ultimate judgment on the wicked. It contrasts the fate of the righteous and the wicked, urging believers to focus on godliness and faithfulness rather than being envious of the success of the wicked.

Full Description of Psalm 37

Psalm 37 can be divided into several thematic sections:

Do not fret because of the wicked (1-2): David begins by advising the righteous not to be anxious or envious of the wicked, who may appear to be thriving. He states that their prosperity is fleeting, like grass that withers quickly.

"Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away" (Psalm 37:1-2).

Trust in the Lord and do good (3-7): Here, David exhorts the righteous to trust in God, do good, and delight in the Lord. He emphasizes that God will reward those who are faithful. The key is to commit one's way to God and wait patiently for His actions.

"Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:3-4).

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him" (Psalm 37:7).

The fate of the wicked versus the righteous (8-22): David contrasts the fleeting prosperity of the wicked with the enduring security and reward of the righteous. He notes that while the wicked may appear strong and powerful, they will ultimately be destroyed, while the righteous will inherit the land and be blessed by God.

"But the wicked will perish; the Lord's enemies will be like the beauty of the fields, they will vanish—vanish like smoke" (Psalm 37:20).

"The meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity" (Psalm 37:11).

The righteous are upheld by God (23-29): David highlights how the Lord orders the steps of the righteous and upholds them. Though they may stumble, God will not let them fall. The righteous will inherit the land, and God's justice will ultimately prevail.

"The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand" (Psalm 37:23-24).

"The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever" (Psalm 37:29).

The end of the wicked (30-40): The psalm concludes by reiterating the eventual judgment of the wicked and the ultimate victory of the righteous. David assures the faithful that God is their refuge and salvation, and that He will deliver them from the wicked.

"The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, intent on putting them to death; but the Lord will not leave them in the power of the wicked or let them be condemned when brought to trial" (Psalm 37:32-33).

"The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble" (Psalm 37:39).

Important Verses from Psalm 37

Psalm 37:4 – "Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."

This verse highlights the importance of delighting in God and aligning one's desires with His will. When we find our joy in God, He shapes our desires according to His purposes.

Psalm 37:5 – "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this."

This verse emphasizes the importance of surrendering our plans and actions to God, trusting in His timing and sovereignty.

Psalm 37:7 – "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."

Patience is a central theme of the psalm. This verse encourages believers to trust God's timing and to remain calm, even in the face of injustice.

Psalm 37:23-24 – "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand."

This speaks to God's faithful support of the righteous. Even when they face difficulties or stumble, God will sustain and protect them.

Psalm 37:39-40 – "The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him."

This verse concludes with a message of hope and assurance that God will deliver the righteous from all harm and that He is a stronghold in times of trouble.

Spiritual Influence of Psalm 37

Trust in God's Timing and Sovereignty: Psalm 37 teaches believers to trust that God will act at the right time, even when evil appears to prevail. It encourages patience, faith, and reliance on God's justice. The psalm assures that though the wicked may flourish temporarily, they will not ultimately triumph over God's people.

Delighting in God: The psalm emphasizes that delighting in the Lord brings a deep satisfaction that transforms our desires. As we seek God first, our desires are shaped to reflect His will, and He fulfills them in a way that brings lasting joy and peace.

Endurance in Faith: Psalm 37 encourages the faithful to endure, even when faced with hardship or injustice. The righteous may experience struggles, but God will not forsake them. The psalm calls believers to remain steadfast in faith, knowing that God will uphold them and reward them in the end.

The Contrast Between the Righteous and the Wicked: The psalm highlights the ultimate difference between the fate of the righteous and the wicked. The righteous, who trust in God and live according to His ways, will experience God's protection, provision, and eternal blessings. In contrast, the wicked will face judgment and destruction. This serves as a reminder for believers to live lives that honor God, knowing that their eternal reward is secure.

Encouragement in Times of Trouble: Psalm 37 serves as a powerful reminder that God is a refuge for His people, especially in times of trouble. It assures believers that they are not alone and that God's protection and deliverance are certain, even in the midst of trials.

Living with Integrity: The psalm encourages the righteous to live with integrity and trust in God, rather than seeking revenge or resorting to deceitful means to succeed. It reminds believers that God's righteousness will prevail, and His judgment will be just and fair.

Conclusion

Psalm 37 is a timeless psalm that offers deep spiritual wisdom for those struggling with the apparent success of the wicked or facing personal hardship. It teaches that trusting in God's sovereignty, waiting patiently for His justice, and living with integrity will ultimately lead to God's blessings and protection. The contrast between the wicked and the righteous offers both a warning and encouragement, urging believers to remain faithful and committed to God, knowing that He is their ultimate refuge and reward.