

Psalm 37

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Delight Yourself in the LORD

(1 Kings 2:1–9)

¹[A Psalm] of David. Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, Neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness.

²For they shall soon wither like the grass, And fade as the green herb.

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³Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and cherish faithfulness.

⁴So shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; And He shall give thee the petitions of thy heart.

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⁵Commit thy way unto the LORD; Trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass.

6And He will make thy righteousness to go forth as the light, And thy right as the noonday.

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7Resign thyself unto the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

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8Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Fret not thyself, it tendeth only to evil-doing.

9For evil-doers shall be cut off; But those that wait for the LORD, they shall inherit the land.

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10And yet a little while, and the wicked is no more; Yea, thou shalt look well at his place, and he is not.

11But the humble shall inherit the land, And delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

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12The wicked plotteth against the righteous, And gnasheth at him with his teeth.

13The Lord doth laugh at him; For He seeth that his day is coming.

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14The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow; To cast down the poor and needy, To slay such as are upright in the way;

15Their sword shall enter into their own heart, And their bows shall be broken.

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16Better is a little that the righteous hath Than the abundance of many wicked.

17For the arms of the wicked shall be broken; But the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

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18The LORD knoweth the days of them that are wholehearted; And their inheritance shall be for ever.

19They shall not be ashamed in the time of evil; And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

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20For the wicked shall perish, And the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs—They shall pass away in smoke, they shall pass away.

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21The wicked borroweth, and payeth not; But the righteous dealeth graciously, and giveth.

22For such as are blessed of Him shall inherit the land; And they that are cursed of Him shall be cut off.

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23It is of the LORD that a man's goings are established; And He delighted in his way.

24Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholdeth his hand.

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25I have been young, and now am old; Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his seed begging bread.

26All the day long he dealeth graciously, and lendeth; And his seed is blessed.

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27Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell for evermore.

28For the LORD loveth justice, And forsaketh not His saints; They are preserved for ever; But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell therein for ever.

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30The mouth of the righteous uttereth wisdom, And his tongue speaketh justice.

31The law of his God is in his heart; None of his steps slide.

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32The wicked watcheth the righteous, And seeketh to slay him.

33The LORD will not leave him in his hand, Nor suffer him to be condemned when he is judged.

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34Wait for the LORD, and keep His way, And He will exalt thee to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

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35I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a leafy tree in its native soil.

36But one passed by, and, lo, he was not; Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

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37Mark the man of integrity, and behold the upright; For there is a future for the man of peace.

38But transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

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39But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD; He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

40And the LORD helpeth them, and delivereth them; He delivereth them from the wicked, and saveth them, Because they have taken refuge in Him.