

Psalm 37 | Trust in God's Plan | Triumph of Faith & Patience

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¹ By David. Don't fret because of evildoers, neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness. ² For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither like the green herb. ³ Trust in the LORD, and do good. Dwell in the land, and enjoy safe pasture. ⁴ Also delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD. Trust also in him, and he will do this: ⁶ he will make your righteousness shine out like light, and your justice as the noon day sun. ⁷ Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him. Don't fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who makes wicked plots happen. ⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath. Don't fret; it leads only to evildoing. ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. ¹⁰ For yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more. Yes, though you look for his place, he isn't there. ¹¹ But the humble shall inherit the land, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. ¹² The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes at him with his teeth. ¹³ The Lord will laugh at him, for he sees that his day is coming. ¹⁴ The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, to kill those who are upright on the path. ¹⁵ Their sword shall enter into their own heart. Their bows shall be broken. ¹⁶ Better is a little that the righteous has, than the abundance of many wicked. ¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous. ¹⁸ The LORD knows the days of the perfect. Their inheritance shall be forever. ¹⁹ They shall not be disappointed in the time of evil. In the days of famine they shall be satisfied. ²⁰ But the wicked shall perish. The enemies of the LORD shall be like the beauty of the fields. They will vanish—vanish like smoke. ²¹ The wicked borrow, and don't pay back, but the righteous give generously. ²² For such as are blessed by him shall inherit the land. Those who are cursed by him shall be cut off. ²³ A man's steps are established by the LORD. He delights in his way. ²⁴ Though he stumble, he shall not fall, for the LORD holds him up with his hand. ²⁵ I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his children begging for bread. ²⁶ All day long he deals graciously, and lends. His offspring is blessed. ²⁷ Depart from evil, and do good. Live securely forever. ²⁸ For the LORD loves justice, and doesn't forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off. ²⁹ The righteous shall inherit the land, and live in it forever. ³⁰ The mouth of the righteous talks of wisdom. His tongue speaks justice. ³¹ The law of his God is in his heart. None of his steps shall slide. ³² The wicked watch the righteous, and seek to kill him. ³³ The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. ³⁴ Wait for the LORD, and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land. When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. ³⁵ I have seen the wicked in great power, spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil. ³⁶ But he passed away, and behold, he was not. Yes, I sought him, but he could not be found. ³⁷ Mark the perfect man, and see the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace. ³⁸ As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together. The future of the wicked shall be cut off. ³⁹ But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD. He is their stronghold in the time of trouble. ⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and rescues them. He rescues them from the wicked and saves them, because they have taken refuge in him.