

## Psalm 37

- A. Heritage righteous vs Calamity wicked
  - 1. Def. Fret - to be grieved, trouble, displeased, cease from anger & forsaken wrath
  - 2. Workers iniquity NKJV
    - a. Pr. 24:19-20 No future, lamp wicked stuffed out
    - b. Ish. 8:21 Wicked Distresses & famished
      - i. Enraged - Curse God
      - ii. Like today - many curse God, truth is false - attaches churchs & christians
      - iii. Senate, Congress & wicked judges
      - iv. Wicked completely wither like grass perish
  - 3. Vs. 3 Rely - complete abandonment,
    - a. Do good def. Heb - pleasing, desirable, quality & moral goodness.
      - I. Live life pleasing, acceptable & desirable God
      - i. Live moral, upright & have confidence in Lord
    - b. Feed securely Jesus faithfulness
    - c. Truly be fed
    - d. Pasture rule care concern
- B. Delight & Commit Lord Vs. 4-5
  - 1.Vs. 4 Desires & secret petitions heart
  - 2. Ps. 21:2 "You have granted his heart's desire and not withheld the requests of his lips"
    - a. Ps. 145:19 "He fulfill the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them"
  - 3. Vs. 5 Commit your way of life & journey Lord
    - a. Pr. 16:3 Establish plans
      - i. "Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to hlm; he will cause your thoughts to become agreeable with his will, and] so shall your plans be established and success" Pr. 16:3
    - b. Pr 3:5-6

- c. 1Thess. 5:24 When commit Lord "...Will do it...".
- 4. Vs. 6 Commit God give righteous Reward & vindication
  - a. Faithful reliance on him
  - b. Righteous reward & vindication both refer manifestation God's favor on those he choose to bless/deliver: these terms linked light

- c. "He will make your righteousness like the light, and your judgment like [ the shining of] the noonday sun." AMPC
- 5. Vs. 7 Rest Lord
  - a. Ex. 14:14 "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still"
  - b. Wait patiently - wholly lean on Lord
  - c. Do not worry when wicked succeed/prosper schemes

- 6. Vs. 8 Refrain anger, wrath, rage, jealousy prosperity wicked
- C. Vs. 9-10 Evil destroyed & gone righteous reward
  - 1. Wicked Gone, cut off
  - 2. Those who trust, wait & hope Lord given life & its blessing, we inherit land
  - 3 Vs 11 Ma tt 5:5 Humble dependence goodness & grace God
    - a. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

- D. Vs. 12-15 The wicked
  - 1. Maliciously mock, gnash teeth, try destroy righteous
  - 2. Vs. 13 Lord laughs wicked day destruction coming
  - 3. Vs. 14-15 Draw sword, bend bow destroy poor, needy, righteous
    - a. Pr. 30:14
  - 4. Wicked pierce own hearts

- E. Vs. 16-17 Better righteous have little than abundance possessions wicked
  - 1. 1Tim 6:6-10 Righteous w/ content great gain, prosper - Desire rich leads temptation & destruction. Love money leads evil
  - 2. Arm wicked broken - God Upholds (Heb. def.) sustain, strengthened & refreshed - righteous

- F. Vs. 18-19 Blameless under God's care & inheritance endure forever

1. Vs. 18 "The Lord knows the days of the upright and blameless, and their heritage will abide forever." AMPC
2. Vs. 19 Disaster righteous don't sink back, wither, shamed
  - a. Famine have plenty, be satisfied
- G. Vs. 20-24 Righteous inherit land - Wicked destroyed/perish
  1. Vs. 20 Enemies like field flower - burned up/consumed
    - a. Vanish like smoke
  2. Vs. 21 Righteous generous - wicked stingy - Have borrow, can repay
  3. Vs. 22 Righteous Inherit land verses 3, 9, 11, 22, 27, 29, & 34
    - a. David psalmist emphasizes - those faithful, good, righteous receive land, earth
  4. Vs. 23-24 Delight Lord firm steps
    - a. But we stumble - pride, selfishness, envy, being judgemental & angry.
    - b. When sin, confess God's doesn't let us fall
    - c. I stumble & fall especially when depression
      - i. Consumed with self & self pity
      - ii. Vs. 24 Though fallen I was never " ... utterly cast down..." AMPC. God always picks always up
- H. Vs. 25 Young now old righteous never forsaken (abandon, desert, rejected - children seeking or lacking provisions
  1. Vs. 26 Righteous generous, lend freely - children blessed
  2. Vs. 27 Turn evil do good dwell Securely in land
  3. Vs. 28 Faithful saints not abandon: wrongdoers - wicked destroyed/perish
- I. Vs 30-31 Wisdom, law God heart
  1. Vs. 30 Righteous & just speak true
  2. God's law heart - feet/step steady, not slip
- J. Vs. 32-33 Wicked intent put death righteous
  1. Society intent silencing Christian trues & values
  2. Politicians, professors, teachers & judges Lie about Truth state our nation
- K.. Vs. 34 Read Amp. destroy, cut off wicked
- L. Vs. 35-38 Ruthless flourish tree (cedar Lebanon) - Wicked gone

1. Vs. 35-36 Tree gone wicked not found
2. Vs. 37 Blameless, upright promising future awaits seek peace
3. Vs. 38 All sinners destroyed - no hope wicked
  - a. We must proclaim gospel so don't rot hell

M. Vs. 39-40 God saves, delivers, righteous

1. God stronghold (fortress, protection) time trouble
  - a. Ps. 46:1 AMP mighty, impenetrable
2. Deliverer from wicked - keeps harm
3. Our Refuge

N. Conclusion

1. If God Savior, redeemer, deliver, righteousness, stronghold, fortress, refuge & given promise eternal life heaven should we not proclaim the good news of the gospel to wicked, broken-hearted, weak, immoral, arrogant, proud & those consumed with power & money?