### Psalms

## Chapter 37

A Psalm by David.  
  
  
  
  
1Never be jealous of the wicked,  
 Nor envy those who break laws.  
 2For like grass, they’ll quickly be dried,  
 And they’ll wilt away like young shoots.  
 3Rather, put your hope in Jehovah,  
 And always act in kind ways.  
  
Its wealth will serve those who live off the ground,  
 4And they’ll find delight in Jehovah.  
 For He will give you all that your hearts may desire.  
  
5Open your ways to Jehovah;  
 Yes, trust in Him, and He will act.  
 6He will shine a light on your righteous deeds,  
 And brighten them as though it were noon.  
  
7Yes, put your trust in Jehovah,  
 And to Him, you must always keep praying.  
 Don’t envy those who prosper from crime,  
 8And never be angry… Abandon your rage!  
  
Don’t let jealousy move you to do what’s wicked,  
 9For the wicked will soon be destroyed,  
 As those who wait on Jehovah  
 Will thereafter inherit the land.  
  
10Soon the sinners will no longer be here…  
 You’ll look where he was and not find him.  
 11But, the meek will inherit the land,  
 And find great delight in the abundance of peace.  
  
12For, sinners keep their eyes on the righteous  
 And grind their teeth when they see them.  
 13But, at them, Jehovah is laughing,  
 For He sees what He will do to them in His Day.  
  
14Sinners have unsheathed their swords  
 And stretched their bows very tight  
 To attack the needy and poor,  
 And to kill all those with straight hearts.  
 15But, may their swords strike their own hearts,  
 And may their bows be broken to bits.  
  
16A little is better to the righteous  
 Than an abundance of wealth is to sinners.  
 17For the arms of sinners will be broken,  
 And the Lord will support all the just.  
  
18He knows the ways of the flawless,  
 And their inheritance will last throughout the ages.  
 19They won’t be disgraced in hard times,  
 And when famine arrives, they’ll be filled.  
  
20But the sinners will all be destroyed.  
 And then, those enemies of God  
 Who think they’re glorious and exalted,  
 Will be blown away just like smoke.  
  
21The sinners borrow and don’t repay,  
 But the righteous feel mercy and lend.  
 22So, those praising them will inherit the land,  
 While those who curse them will be wiped away.  
  
23Jehovah straightens the footsteps of men,  
 And all should [walk in] His ways.  
 24Then, if you should fall, you won’t break;  
 For the Lord will be holding your hand.  
  
25I was once young, and now I’ve grown old;  
 Yet I’ve never seen the righteous abandoned,  
 Or his offspring ever begging for bread.  
 26Because, each day, he shows mercy and lends;  
 His offspring will always be blest.  
  
27So, turn from evil… Do what’s good,  
 And live throughout ages of ages!  
 28For Jehovah is a lover of justice,  
 And throughout the ages, He won’t abandon the holy…  
 So the righteous will always be guarded,  
 As the lawless are driven away.  
  
The offspring of the Godless will perish;  
 29But the righteous will inherit [the] land,  
 And throughout ages of ages, they’ll camp there.  
  
30Mouths of the righteous think first and then speak…  
 They talk of fairness and justice.  
 31And because they have God’s Law in their hearts,  
 They won’t stumble and fall.  
  
32But, when the sinner thinks of the righteous,  
 He searches for ways to destroy them.  
 33Yet, [God] won’t abandon them into their hands,  
 Nor in the judgment, will they be condemned.  
  
34Wait on Jehovah and follow His ways,  
 And you’ll inherit the land.  
 Then, you’ll see the sinners destroyed,  
 35While they’ll see you lifted high…  
 As high as Lebanon’s cedars.  
  
36Yes, I went to see… And look, he was not!  
 I searched in his place and he’s gone!  
  
37So, guard your innocence and honest ways;  
 For those who love peace are the ones who’ll survive,  
 38While the lawless will all be destroyed,  
 Along with any godless who still might remain.  
  
39For Jehovah will save all the righteous  
 And He will be their defender when they’re oppressed.  
 40Yes, the Lord will help them and save them…  
 He will snatch them away from the sinners…  
 He will deliver and save them,  
 Because they’ve put faith in Him.