

# Christ in the Psalms

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# Psalm 37 – The Heritage of the Righteous

## Wisdom for responding to the success of the wicked

**Psalm 37** offers wisdom for responding to the success of the wicked by encouraging patience, trust in God, and commitment to righteousness.

Key Verses:

***Psalm 37:1-3*** Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

***Psalm 37:34*** Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

Key Themes:

- This psalm advises patience, trust, and commitment to God's ways as responses to societal wickedness. Highlights the intimate connection between God and individuals.
- Believers are encouraged to maintain their focus on God's word, avoid the path of the wicked, and find hope in God's steadfast love and justice.

# Origins (Where do we come from?)

## Acknowledging God as Creator

**Psalm 8:3-4** *When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?*

**Psalm 19:1-2** *The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.*

**Psalm 24:1-2** *The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.*

**Psalm 33:6-9** *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.*

**Psalm 90:2** *Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.*

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**Mark 10:6-8** *But from the beginning of the creation, God 'MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.' 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.*

**John 5:17-18** *But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." ...*

**John 1:1-3** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

**Acts 17:24-26** *God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.*

**Colossians 1:16-17** *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.*

# Meaning (Why are we here?)

## Revealing Human Life as Purposeful and Precious

**Psalm 8:4-6** *What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet...*

**Psalm 16:11** *You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

**Psalm 139:13-16** *For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.*

**Psalm 73:23-26** *Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

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**Matthew 5:13-16** *You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

**John 10:10** *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

**Ephesians 2:10** *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

**John 15:4-5** *Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ... By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

**Philippians 1:21** *For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

# Morality (How should we live?)

## Upholding Divine Law as the Moral Guide

**Psalm 1:1-3** *Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.*

**Psalm 15:1-5** *LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; ... He who does these things shall never be moved.*

**Psalm 19:11** *Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.*

**Psalm 24:3-4** *Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.*

**Psalm 51:10** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

**Psalm 119:105** *Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.*

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**Matthew 5-7** (Sermon on the Mount : Jesus' most comprehensive moral instruction; teaching on humility, righteousness, love for enemies, purity, integrity, and trusting God – provides an ethical framework that goes beyond conformity to internal transformation.)

**Mark 12:30-31** And the second, like it, is this: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

**Luke 10:25-37** (Parable of the Good Samaritan : Jesus uses this parable to redefine who our "neighbor" is and exhorts compassionate, sacrificial love as the highest moral responsibility.)

**John 13:34-35** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

**Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.



# Destiny (Where are we going?)

Faithfulness to GOD Leads to a Hopeful Eternal Future

**Psalm 16:9-11** *Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

**Psalm 23:6** *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.*

**Psalm 37:37-38** *Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; For the future of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off.*

**Psalm 49:15** *But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, For He shall receive me.*

**Psalm 73:24** *You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory.*

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**Matthew 25:31-46** (*Parable of the Sheep and the Goats* : Jesus teaches about a future judgement where people's eternal destinies are determined by their response to Him and how they treated others.)

**Luke 23:43** And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

**John 14:1-3** Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

**1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 51-58** (Paul discusses the resurrection of the dead the imperishable body believers will inherit, affirming eternal life beyond death.)

**Philippians 3:20-21** For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

**Revelation 21-22** (Foresees a new heaven and new earth for God's people.)