

PSALM

# 37 Do not fret on account of the wicked

Em B<sup>7</sup> Em

1 Do not fret on ac - count of the wick - ed,  
 2 Put your trust in the LORD and be up - right;  
 3 To the LORD let your way be com - mit - ted;

Bm C Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G

do not en - vy the ones who do wrong;  
 then se - cure in the land you will live.  
 trust in him - he will do what is right.

G C Am Em B<sup>7</sup> Em Am Bm<sup>7</sup> Am

for like grass they will ver - y soon with - er,  
 Take de - light in the LORD a - bove all things -  
 Then your jus - tice will shine like the morn - ing,

Em Bm<sup>7</sup> Em

like green plants they will not flour - ish long.  
 the de - sires of your heart he will give.  
 your just cause like the sun in its might.

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 CONTENTMENT

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- 4 So be silent and seek the LORD's presence,  
and be patient until he replies;  
do not fret when you see the successful,  
if their schemes are promoted through lies.
- 5 Do not fret – it leads only to evil;  
keep your temper and stay far from wrath,  
for the wicked will certainly perish,  
while the godly inherit the earth.
- 6 Yet a while, and the wicked will vanish;  
though you search, they will never be found.  
But the land will belong to the humble,  
and their welfare and peace will abound.
- 7 Though the wicked may strike at the righteous,  
and may gnash their teeth wildly in hate;  
yet the Lord simply laughs at the wicked,  
for he sees the approach of their fate.
- 8 Though the wicked take aim at the righteous  
and attempt to bring down the oppressed,  
yet their bow will be broken in pieces,  
and their sword will but pierce their own breast.
- 9 Though the righteous have little, it's better  
than the riches of many unjust;  
for the wicked's great strength will be broken,  
but the LORD is the righteous one's trust.
- 10 Day by day the LORD cares for the blameless,  
so their heritage stands ever sure.  
When a famine comes, they will have plenty;  
and in drought they will always endure.
- 11 But the wicked will certainly perish;  
they will vanish, as smoke blows away.  
And the foes of the LORD will be scattered,  
like the flower of the field in a day.

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*Psalm 37 continued*

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12 The un - god - ly re - tain what they bor - row,  
13 If the LORD takes de - light in a per - son,  
14 All my life I have not seen the right - eous

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but the just give with gen - er - ous hand.  
he will ren - der his steps firm and sure.  
left for - sak - en, or beg - ging for food.

G C Am Em B<sup>7</sup> Em Am Bm<sup>7</sup> Am

For those blest by the LORD will in - her - it,  
Though he stum - ble he will not fall head - long,  
They are al - ways pre - pared to lend free - ly,

Em Bm<sup>7</sup> Em

while the cursed are cut off from the land.  
for the LORD's hand will keep him se - cure.  
and their chil - dren will share what is good.

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- 15 If you turn back from sin and act rightly,  
you'll continue forever secure;  
for the LORD shows his love to the righteous;  
those who trust him he'll keep safe and sure.
- 16 The obedient will not be forsaken,  
but the line of the wicked will fail.  
To the righteous the land will be given,  
and forever in it they will dwell.
- 17 From the mouth of the righteous comes wisdom;  
words of justice proceed from their lips.  
For the law of their God is within them  
and ensures that their foot never slips.
- 18 The unjust lie in wait for the righteous;  
to destroy them is always their thought.  
But the LORD will not let them be mastered,  
or condemned when to court they are brought.
- 19 Put your trust in the LORD, I exhort you;  
in his ways you should always remain.  
To inherit the land he'll exalt you;  
you will see when the wicked are slain.
- 20 I have witnessed a ruthless man standing  
like a flourishing tree in its ground;  
but he soon passed away and was nothing;  
though I searched, he was not to be found.
- 21 Watch the blameless, consider the upright;  
there's a future for those who make peace.  
But destruction awaits the rebellious,  
and their future will suddenly cease.
- 22 From the LORD comes the hope of the righteous,  
and in trouble defence for the meek;  
so the LORD saves them all from the wicked,  
for in him their protection they seek.