

Trust in the LORD, and Do Good
Psalm 37:3

Psalm 37:1-9 reads, “Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against 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; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.”

The purpose of **Psalm 37** is to exhort and encourage God’s faithful servants concerning the prosperity of the wicked, which certainly appears at first to be an unfair and unrighteous reality of this life. Indeed, it can be a great frustration unto the hearts of the faithful to see “the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.” (Psalm 37:35) In fact, if we dwell on this frustration, it can easily and quickly turn us back from our walk with the Lord and lead us down into the pit of sinful iniquity. (See **Psalm 73:2-3**) So then, how does Psalm 37 exhort us and encourage us concerning this matter? Over all, the psalm presents a prohibition concerning our attitude at the prosperity of the wicked, a proclamation concerning the judgment of the Lord against the wicked, precept concerning our walk with the Lord, promise concerning the favor of the Lord upon the righteous, the practice of the wicked and of the righteous, and the principle concerning righteousness as the better way. In this message, let us focus our attention upon the precepts concerning our walk with the Lord.

I. Depend Wholly on the Lord.

A. Concerning the judgment of the wicked: **Psalm 37:3** – “Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.”

B. Concerning the way of our own life: **Psalm 37:5** – “Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.”

II. Do the Good Will of the Lord.

Psalm 37:3 – “Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.”

III. Delight Thyself in the Lord.

Psalm 37:4 – “Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”

IV. Commit Thy Way to the Lord.

Psalm 37:5-6 – “Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.”

V. Rest Contentedly in the Lord.

Psalm 37:7-8 – “Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.”

VI. Wait Patiently for the Lord.

Psalm 37:7-8 – “Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.”

VII. Depart Diligently from all evil.

Psalm 37:27 – “Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.”

VIII. Wait Expectantly on the Lord.

Psalm 37:34 – “Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.”

IX. Remain Faithful to the Lord.

Psalm 37:34 – “Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.”

Conclusion: **Psalm 37:35-40** – “I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off. But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.”