

## **Faith When the Wicked Prosper**

### **Ps 37:1-11**

- 1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers;  
be not envious of wrongdoers!*
- 2 For they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.*
- 3 Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.*
- 4 Delight yourself in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.*
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.*
- 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
and your justice as the noonday.*
- 7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,  
over the man who carries out evil devices!*
- 8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!  
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.*
- 9 For the evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.*
- 10 In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;  
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.*
- 11 But the meek shall inherit the land  
and delight themselves in abundant peace.*

## **1. Do Not Fret with Envy for Wrongdoers 1-7a**

### **A. Resist Envyng the World 1-2**

- 1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers; // be not envious of wrongdoers!*  
*2 For they will soon fade like the grass // and wither like the green herb.*

### **B. Fight Envy with Faith 3-5**

- B1. 3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; // dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.*  
*B2. 4 Delight yourself in the Lord, // and he will give you the desires of your heart.*  
*B3. 5 Commit your way to the Lord; // trust in him, and he will act.*

### **C. Wait for the Lord 6-7a**

- 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, // and your justice as the noonday.*  
*7a Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;*

## **2. Do Not Fret with Wrath over Evildoers 7b-11**

### **A. Forsake Anger over Schemes 7b-8**

- 7b // fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, // over the man who carries out evil devices!*  
*8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! // Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.*

**B. Fight Anger with Trust 9-10**

*9 For the evildoers shall be cut off, // but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.*

*10 In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; // though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.*

**C. Trust in His Promise 11**

*11 But the meek shall inherit the land // and delight themselves in abundant peace.*