

Psalm 37:1-40 **Encouraging the Righteous / Warning the Wicked**

The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked

A Psalm of David.

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1. Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.
- 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.

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- 3 Trust in Yahweh (the LORD), and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
- 4 Delight yourself also in Yahweh (the LORD), And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

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- 5 Commit your way to Yahweh (the LORD), Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass.
- 6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

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- 7 Rest in the LORD , and wait patiently for Him;
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

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- 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret – *it* only *causes* harm.
- 9 For evildoers shall be cut off;
But those who wait on Yahweh (the LORD), They shall inherit the earth.

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- 10 For yet a little while and the wicked *shall be* no *more*; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it *shall be* no *more*.
- 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

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- 12 The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth.
- 13 Adonay (The Lord) laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.

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- 14 The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct.
- 15 Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be broken.

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- 16 A little that a righteous man has *is* better than the riches of many wicked.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But Yahweh (the LORD) upholds the righteous.

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- 18 Yahweh (the LORD) knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever.
- 19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

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20 But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of Yahweh (the LORD), Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.

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21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

22 For *those* blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, But *those* cursed by Him shall be cut off.

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23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by Yahweh (the LORD), And He delights in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For Yahweh (the LORD) upholds *him with* His hand.

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25 I have been young, and *now* am old;

Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

26 *He is* ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants *are* blessed.

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27 Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore.

28 For Yahweh (the LORD) loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever,
But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

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29 The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever.

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30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice.

31 The law of Elohayw (his God) *is* in his heart; None of his steps shall slide.

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32 The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him.

33 Yahweh (the LORD) will not leave him in his hand, Nor condemn him when he is judged.

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34 Wait on Yahweh (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*.

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35 I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree.

36 Yet he passed away, * and behold, he *was* no *more*; Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.

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37 Mark the blameless *man*, and observe the upright; For the future of *that* man *is* peace.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

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39 But the salvation of the righteous *is* from Yahweh (the LORD); *He is* their strength in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰ And Yahweh (the LORD) shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ 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. [Psalm 37:1-2]
 - ✧ David advised the Saint of God not to fret over or envy the wicked.
 - ✧ They will be judged on the Day of Judgment.
- ✧ Trust in Yahweh (the Lord), and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in Yahweh (the LORD), And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to Yahweh (the LORD), Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. Rest in Yahweh (the LORD), and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret — *it* only *causes* harm. For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on Yahweh (the LORD), They shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while and the wicked *shall be no more*; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it *shall be no more*. But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. [Psalm 37:3-11]
 - ✧ David advised the Saints of God to place all their hope in Yahweh and receive the blessings that accompany holy righteous living.
 - ✧ Trust in Yahweh and do good, Delight yourself in Yahweh, Commit your way to Yahweh trusting Him to grant you a full reward.
 - ✧ The reward is well worth our relationship with God.
 - ✧ Rest in Yahweh waiting patiently for Him, He will bring it to pass in the proper time.
 - ✧ As we wait on Yahweh we are advised not to fret over the prosperity of the wicked, They will be punished in due time.
 - ✧ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret — it only causes harm.
 - ✧ Those who wait on Yahweh will inherit the earth.
 - ✧ The meek shall inherit the earth and enjoy abundant universal peace. [Hosea 2:18, Isaiah 2:4, 11:6-9, 65:18-25]
- ✧ The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth. Adonay (The Lord) laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct. Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be broken. [Psalm 37:12-15]
 - ✧ The wicked attack the righteous by their plots, by their mouths, and by violence.
 - ✧ Adonay laughs at the wicked because He knows that their day of judgment is coming and they themselves will be destroyed.

- ✧ It is foolishness to oppress those more righteous than oneself.
- ✧ A little that a righteous man has *is* better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But Yahweh (the LORD) upholds the righteous.
Yahweh (the LORD) knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever.
They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. [Psalm 37:16-19]
- ✧ It is good for the righteous to be content with whatever he has, his reward is eternal.
- ✧ The righteous will not be ashamed through the time of the Great Tribulation.
- ✧ The great wealth of the wicked is temporary at best and his reward will be destruction.
- ✧ Yahweh weighs everything in light of eternity.
- ✧ But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of Yahweh (the LORD), Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away. The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives. For *those* blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, But *those* cursed by Him shall be cut off. [Psalm 37:20-22]
- ✧ The wicked borrows and does not repay, they shall be cursed and perish.
- ✧ The righteous shows mercy and gives, they will be blessed and inherit the earth.
- ✧ The steps of a *good* man are ordered by Yahweh (the LORD), And He delights in his way.
Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For Yahweh (the LORD) upholds *him with* His hand. [Psalm 37:23-24]
- ✧ Yahweh delights in those who follow His guidance and will uphold them when they fall.
- ✧ I have been young, and *now* am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. *He is* ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants *are* blessed. [Psalm 37:25-26]
- ✧ David's testimony shows his observation regarding the righteous.
- ✧ It encourages the righteous to persevere in righteousness with hope in Yahweh.
- ✧ Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore.
For Yahweh (the LORD) loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever,
But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.
The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever. [Psalm 37:27-29]
- ✧ Good advise and encouragement with motivation for true repentance.
- ✧ The end reward will make it all worthwhile.
- ✧ The wicked will be cut off.
- ✧ The righteous will inherit the land and dwell forever.
- ✧ Yahweh loves justice and will not forsake His Saints.
- ✧ The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice. The law of Elohayw (his God) *is* in his heart; None of his steps shall slide. [Psalm 37:30-31]
- ✧ David described the righteous and builds his confidence in Elohayw.
- ✧ The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him.
Yahweh (the LORD) will not leave him in his hand, Nor condemn him when he is judged. [Psalm 37:32-33]

- ✧ It seems that human nature indicates that those given to wickedness envy and seek to destroy the righteous rather than to repent for their own security.
- ✧ Yahweh will not leave the righteous in the hand of the wicked nor condemn him on the day of judgment.
- ✧ Yahweh's advise is: "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. [Matthew 10:28]"
- ✧ Wait on Yahweh (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*.
I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree.
Yet he passed away, * and behold, he *was* no *more*; Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found. [Psalm 37:34-36]
- ✧ The command is to "wait on Yahweh and keep His way".
- ✧ The promise is that "He will exalt you to inherit the land."
- ✧ The timing is the Judgment Seat of Christ before entering the Kingdom Age when the righteous will see the reward of the wicked. [Matthew 25:31-46]
- ✧ David's testimony is that he has seen the wicked in great power yet he passed away and could not be found.
- ✧ 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 37:37-38]
- ✧ David advised us to specifically notice the upright man, because his destiny is Peace.
- ✧ The wicked will be destroyed and cut off.
- ✧ But the salvation of the righteous *is* from Yahweh (the LORD); *He is* their strength in the time of trouble.
And Yahweh (the LORD) shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him. [Psalm 37:39-40]
- ✧ David expressed his confidence in the salvation of Yahweh for the righteous because they trust in Him.