

Studying the Psalms Security Of Those Who Trust In The Lord ...

Psalms 37:9ff

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Summary ... Let God take care of it.

- Psalms 37:8, “*Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: Fret not thyself, (it tendeth) only to evil-doing.*” (cf. James 1:20; 3:16)
- Fret: “Burn ... with vexation” (Rotherham)
- Proverbs 29:11, “*A fool uttereth all his anger; But a wise man keepeth it back and stilleth it.*”

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- Anger will not help us at times of turmoil and uncertainty.
- Peace is not achieved by exalting and extolling sin.
- No comfort in anger. Proverbs 13:15
- Bad-tempered, angry leaders do great harm and are not great in God’s sight. Ecclesiastes 10:16-17

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Psalms 37:9, “*For evil-doers shall be cut off; but those that wait for Jehovah, they shall inherit the land.*”

- If we become angry and do evil (verse 8), we ourselves have become evildoers and subject to the consequences.

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Psalms 37:10-11, “*For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and he shall not be.*”

Note: The suffering is for “*a little season*” (Revelation 6:11); and when the wicked man prospers (verse 7), it is also only for a little while.

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Psalms 37:11, “*But the meek shall inherit the land, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.*”

- “*Peace*” (cf. Matthew 5:5; Psalms 119:165)
- The spiritual descendants of Abraham today are promised an even greater inheritance (Galatians 3:29; 4:7, 28; Romans 4:13-17) and an even greater peace (Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:14-17).

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Psalms 37:12-13, *“The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord will laugh at him; for he seeth that his day is coming.”*

- The righteous suffer at the plotting of the wicked. (John 16:33; Psalms 31:13)
- However, the wicked person is no serious threat; the Lord will merely laugh at him. (cf. Psalms 2:4; Matthew 10:28; Ezekiel 21:25, 29; 18:32; 33:11)
- Good question: *“Who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die?”* (Isaiah 51:7-13; 1 Peter 3:14; Philippians 1:28).

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Psalms 37:14-15, *“The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, to slay such as are upright in the way. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.”*

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It is acknowledged the harm that the evildoer accomplishes ...

“He that is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked” (Proverbs 29:27, 10).

- Cain killed his brother because of envy. Genesis 4:6; 1 John 3:11-12
- Saul repeatedly tried to kill David, although he admitted that David was more righteous than himself (1 Samuel 24:11, 17).
- Haman sought to kill ALL the Jews because Mordecai refused to bow before him. Esther 3:6
- The people of Jesus’ day became *“betrayers and murderers”* of the Righteous One (Acts 7:52).

However, the evildoer is punished.

- *“Cain said unto Jehovah, My punishment is greater than I can bear.”* (Genesis 4:13)
- Saul suffered death in battle against the Philistines (1 Samuel 18:25; 31:1-4).
- Haman hanged on his own gallows. (Esther 7:10; 8:7)
 - His sons also. (Esther 9:13, 25)
- Those who crucified the Righteous One incurred a greater punishment themselves than they could possibly inflict on Him – the punishment of unquenchable fire (Matthew 3:12; Luke 19:27).

cf. Hosea 8:7, *“For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: he hath no standing grain; the blade shall yield no meal; if so be it yield, strangers shall swallow it up.”*

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Psalms 37:16-17, *“Better is a little that the righteous hath than the abundance of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken; but Jehovah upholdeth the righteous.”*

- The only treasure that can be carried with us is spiritual treasure! (Luke 12:20-21; 1 Timothy 6:5-10)
- Note: Proverbs 28:6; 16:8; 15:16-17
- Psalms 84:10, *“For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.”*
 - cf. Hebrews 11:24-26

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Psalms 37:18-19, *“Jehovah knoweth the days of the perfect; and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be put to shame in the time of evil; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.”*

- Their inheritance is forever. (1 Peter 1:3-5)
- Evil/famine, cannot rob them of their inheritance.
- They shall be satisfied (verse 3; Psalms 63:1-5; 65:1-4).

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