

Lesson 6 • Psalm 37:1-11

New International Version Psalms 37 Of David.

- 1 Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong;
- 2 for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.
- 3 Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
- 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 do this:
- 6 He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.
- 7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.
- 8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.
- 9 For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.
- 10 A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.
- 11 But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.

New Living Translation

- 1 Don't worry about the wicked. Don't envy those who do wrong.
- 2 For like grass, they soon fade away. Like springtime flowers, they soon wither.
- 37:3 Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires.
- 5 Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you.
- 6 He will make your innocence as clear as the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.
- 7 Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.
- 8 Stop your anger! Turn from your rage! Do not envy others—it only leads to harm.
- 9 For the wicked will be destroyed, but those who trust in the LORD will possess the land.
- 10 In a little while, the wicked will disappear. Though you look for them, they will be gone.
- 11 Those who are gentle and lowly will possess the land; they will live in prosperous security.

The Amplified Bible – Psalm 37

- 1 FRET NOT yourself because of evildoers, neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness (that which is not upright or in right standing with God).
- 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
- 3 Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, *and* truly you shall be fed.
- 4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires *and* secret petitions of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord [roll and repose each care of your load on Him]; trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) also in Him and He will bring it to pass.
- 6 And He will make your uprightness *and* right standing with God go forth as the light, and your justice *and* right as [the shining sun of] the noonday.
- 7 Be still *and* rest in the Lord; wait for Him *and* patiently lean yourself upon Him; fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass.
- 8 Cease from anger and forsake wrath; fret not yourself—it tends only to evildoing.
- 9 For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait *and* hope *and* look for the Lord [in the end] shall inherit the earth
- 10 For yet a little while, and the evildoers will be no more; though you look with care where they used to be, they will not be found.
- 11 But the meek [in the end] shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

The Message

- 1 Don't bother your head with braggarts or wish you could succeed like the wicked.
- 2 In no time they'll shrivel like grass clippings and wilt like cut flowers in the sun.
- 3 Get insurance with GOD and do a good deed, settle down and stick to your last.
- 4 Keep company with GOD, get in on the best.
- 5 Open up before GOD, keep nothing back; he'll do whatever needs to be done:
- 6 He'll validate your life in the clear light of day and stamp you with approval at high noon.
- 7 Quiet down before GOD, be prayerful before him. Don't bother with those who climb the ladder, who elbow their way to the top.
- 8 Bridle your anger, trash your wrath, cool your pipes—it only makes things worse.
- 9 Before long the crooks will be bankrupt; GOD investors will soon own the store.
- 10 Before you know it, the wicked will have had it; you'll stare at his once famous place and—nothing!
- 11 Down-to-earth people will move in and take over, relishing a huge bonanza.