

**He Will Not Forsake His Saints (c. 971t BC)**

## Psalm 37

**A Psalm of David.**

- 1 Do not fret because of evildoers,  
Be not envious toward wrongdoers.
- 2 For they will wither quickly like the grass  
And fade like the green herb.
- 3 Trust in the LORD and do good;  
Dwell in the land and cultivate 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 also in Him, and He will do it.
- 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light  
And your judgment as the noonday.
- 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 carries out wicked schemes.
- 8 Cease from anger and forsake wrath;  
Do not fret; *it leads* only to evildoing.
- 9 For evildoers will be cut off,  
But those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land.
- 10 Yet a little while and the wicked man will be no more;  
And you will look carefully for his place and he will not be *there*.
- 11 But the humble will inherit the land  
And will delight themselves in abundant prosperity.
- 12 The wicked plots against the righteous  
And gnashes at him with his teeth.
- 13 The Lord laughs at him,  
For He sees his day is coming.
- 14 The wicked have drawn the sword and bent their bow  
To cast down the afflicted and the needy,  
To slay those who are upright in conduct.
- 15 Their sword will enter their own heart,  
And their bows will be broken.
- 16 Better is the little of the righteous  
Than the abundance of many wicked.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked will be broken,  
But the LORD sustains the righteous.
- 18 The LORD knows the days of the blameless,  
And their inheritance will be forever.
- 19 They will not be ashamed in the time of evil,  
And in the days of famine they will have abundance.
- 20 But the wicked will perish;  
And the enemies of the LORD will be like the glory of the pastures,  
They vanish—like smoke they vanish away.
- 21 The wicked borrows and does not pay back,  
But the righteous is gracious and gives.

22 For those blessed by Him will inherit the land,  
But those cursed by Him will be cut off.

23 The steps of a man are established by the LORD,  
And He delights in his way.

24 When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong,  
Because the LORD is the One who holds his hand.

25 I have been young and now I am old,  
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken  
Or his descendants begging bread.

26 All day long he is gracious and lends,  
And his descendants are a blessing.

27 Depart from evil and do good,  
So you will abide forever.

28 For the LORD loves justice  
And does not forsake His godly ones;  
They are preserved forever,  
But the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.

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

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

31 The law of his God is in his heart;  
His steps do not slip.

32 The wicked spies upon the righteous  
And seeks to kill him.

33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand  
Or let him be condemned when he is judged.

34 Wait for the LORD and keep His way,  
And He will exalt you to inherit the land;  
When the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

35 I have seen a wicked, violent man  
Spreading himself like a luxuriant tree in its native soil.

36 Then he passed away, and lo, he was no more;  
I sought for him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the blameless man, and behold the upright;  
For the man of peace will have a posterity.

38 But transgressors will be altogether destroyed;  
The posterity of the wicked will be cut off.

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

40 The LORD helps them and delivers them;  
He delivers them from the wicked and saves them,  
Because they take refuge in Him.

### God Is My Strength and Portion Forever (c. 971t BC)

Psalm 73

#### A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Surely God is good to Israel,

To those who are pure in heart!  
2 But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling,  
My steps had almost slipped.  
3 For I was envious of the arrogant  
As I saw the prosperity of the wicked. [cf. [Ps 37:1–2, 7–11; 92:6–7; Pro 24:19–20; Jer 12:1–6](#)]  
4 For there are no pains in their death,  
And their body is fat.  
5 They are not in trouble *as other* men,  
Nor are they plagued like mankind.  
6 Therefore pride is their necklace;  
The garment of violence covers them.  
7 Their eye bulges from fatness;  
The imaginations of *their* heart run riot.  
8 They mock and wickedly speak of oppression;  
They speak from on high.  
9 They have set their mouth against the heavens,  
And their tongue parades through the earth.  
10 Therefore his people return to this place,  
And waters of abundance are drunk by them.  
11 They say, “How does God know?  
And is there knowledge with the Most High?”  
12 Behold, these are the wicked;  
And always at ease, they have increased *in* wealth.  
13 Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure  
And washed my hands in innocence;  
14 For I have been stricken all day long  
And chastened every morning.  
15 If I had said, “I will speak thus,”  
Behold, I would have betrayed the generation of Your children.  
16 When I pondered to understand this,  
It was troublesome in my sight  
17 Until I came into the sanctuary of God;  
*Then* I perceived their end.  
18 Surely You set them in slippery places;  
You cast them down to destruction.  
19 How they are destroyed in a moment!  
They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors!  
20 Like a dream when one awakes,  
O Lord, when aroused, You will despise their form.  
21 When my heart was embittered  
And I was pierced within,  
22 Then I was senseless and ignorant;  
I was *like* a beast before You.  
23 Nevertheless I am continually with You;  
You have taken hold of my right hand.  
24 With Your counsel You will guide me,  
And afterward receive me to glory.  
25 Whom have I in heaven *but* You?  
And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.

- 26 My flesh and my heart may fail,  
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
- 27 For, behold, those who are far from You will perish;  
You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to You.
- 28 But as for me, the nearness of God is my good;  
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,  
That I may tell of all Your works.

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