

LESSONS FROM PSALMS THIRTY-SEVEN

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-40

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Introduction:

- A. This is a Psalm written by David. The occasion we do not know. The time was in his old age. v.25
 - B. We will not be able to look into the full meaning of all these verses. We will look at the major practical lessons set forth by David and note some choice verses as proof.
- I. LEARN NEVER TO BE SURPRISED AT TWO THINGS CONCERNING THE WICKED OF THIS WORLD.
 - A. Some of the most wicked shall prosper in this life. v.7 And in their prosperity shall exert great power. v.35
 - B. Many of the wicked shall treat God's people very badly. vs. 12, 14, 32
 - II. LEARN WHAT ARE SOME HOLY NEGATIVES THAT WILL KEEP GOD'S PEOPLE FROM GETTING INTO TROUBLE WITH GOD.
 - A. It is very easy for God's people to lose sight of God's purpose in our lives when we see the wicked prospering feel the sting of their persecution.
 - B. David warns us not to let this happen to us. He says:
 1. Fret not because of evildoers. Three times he warns us not to fret.
 - a. The word fret means: "to get heated" "to burn with vexation" "to be enraged."
 - b. Excessive anger against an evil work or worker can cause a child of God to do evil.
 - c. Two cases in fact are the two men who fretted so long over abortions that they killed.
 2. Be not envious of the workers of iniquity.
 - a. God's people can look at the possessions of the evil and come to desire what they have.
 - b. This too can get the people of God into deep trouble with God.
 - III. LEARN WHAT ARE SOME HOLY POSITIVES THAT WILL HELP GOD'S PEOPLE DEAL WITH THE UNFAIR EVENTS OF THIS EARTHLY LIFE.
 - A. Trust in the Lord. Know that God is good. Know that He loves His people. Know that He is in control and that He cares for His people. Know that He will bring His people through to victory. Trust Him to do so. v.3
 - B. Delight thyself in the Lord. v.4
 1. Find your pleasures in pleasing God...Delight in that.
 2. He will give you the desires of your HEART..not your mind.
 3. The inner man finds his pleasures in the things of God.
 - C. Commit thy way to the Lord. v.5
 1. Know that God will never steer you wrong.
 2. Seek God's will in all the decisions of life.
 3. Then act... and God shall bring it to pass.
 - D. Rest in the Lord. v.7
 1. God didn't promise us a life without troubles.
 2. He did promise to be there when trouble comes.
 - E. Wait patiently for the Lord. v.7
 1. God's people are thus warned not to get ahead of God.
 2. Much hurt has come to God's people who went ahead of God.

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IV. LEARN THAT IN GOD'S OWN GOOD TIME HE WILL RIGHT ALL WRONGS AND GIVE HIS PEOPLE THE VICTORY OVER ALL EVIL.

- A. Many verses point out how God will deal with the wicked.
- v.2 "they shall soon be cut down like grass"
 - v.9 "evildoers shall be cut off"
 - v.13 "the Lord shall laugh at the wicked who plot against God's people.
 - v.17 "the arms of the wicked shall be broken" their power shall be gone.
 - v.20 "the wicked shall perish"...they shall consume away"
 - vs.35,36 "the wicked passes away and could not be found."
 - v.38 "the transgressors shall be destroyed together...the end of the wicked shall be cut off."
- B. Also, many verses speak of the victory God shall give His people.
- v.9 "those that wait upon the Lord shall inherit the earth."
 - v.11 "The meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in abundance of peace."
 - vs. 18,19 The Lord knoweth 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."
 - v.29 "The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell therein forever."
 - v.34 "God shall exalt you to inherit the earth."
 - v.37 "the end of that man is peace"
 - v.39 "The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: He is their strength in THE time of trouble."
 - v.37 God shall let His People see when the wicked are cut off."
 - v.40 "And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him."