

Studying the Psalms

Security Of Those Who Trust In The Lord ...

Psalms 37:18ff

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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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Psalms 37:20, “*But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of Jehovah shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; in smoke shall they consume away.*”

- Contrast the upright (verses 18-19) with the wicked.
 - The upright, even though they die in the body, receive an eternal inheritance.
 - The wicked perish “*at the presence of God*” (cf. 68:2) like a puff of smoke.
 - Proverbs 14:32, “*The wicked is thrust down in his evil-doing; But the righteous hath a refuge in his death.*”

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Psalms 37:21-22, “*The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again; but the righteous dealeth graciously, and giveth. For such as are blessed of him shall inherit the land; and they that are cursed of him shall be cut off.*”

- The wicked is cursed by the Lord and shall be cut off (verses 9, 28, 34, 38).
- The righteous shall be satisfied even in days of famine (verse 19) and is able to give generously to others (verse 26). (verses 9, 11, 18, 29, 34).
- NOTE: Matthew 25:31-46

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Psalms 37:23-24, “*A man’s goings are established of Jehovah; and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for Jehovah upholdeth him with his hand.”* 23 “*The steps of a [good KJV] man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way*” (ESV)

Asaph likewise says to the Lord, “*Thou hast holden me by my right hand*” (Psalms 73:23). Thus the sense is NOT “*the Lord upholds him with His hand*” (NKJV) but “*the Lord is the One who holds his hand*” (NASB).

- NOTE: Jeremiah 10:23
- NOTE: Proverbs 16:9; 19:21; Psalms 127:1; 34:19;
- The righteous will not be destroyed. cf. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

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Psalms 37:25-26, “*I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. All the day long he dealeth graciously, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.*”

- The Lord gives generously to those who use his gifts generously. (Psalms 112:5, 9; 2 Corinthians 9:9-10; cf. Matthew 13:12; Mark 10:29-30)
- And the promise given to the righteous is repeated to his seed (Proverbs 20:7)
- Conditionally, if they walk in His ways (Ezekiel 18:10-13).

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Psalms 37:27-29, “*Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. For Jehovah loveth justice, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.*”

- Note: Psalms. 34:14 and 1 Peter 3:11
- The Lord will never forsake his saints (Psalms 94:14; Isaiah 41:17; 42:16; Hebrews 13:5).
- However, the seed of the wicked will be cut off (if they walk in the ways of their fathers: Amos 2:4; Jeremiah. 9:13-16; Ezekiel 18:14-17).
- cf. Warnings of Moses. (Deuteronomy 4:25; 8; 28-30; cf. Joshua 23:14-16

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