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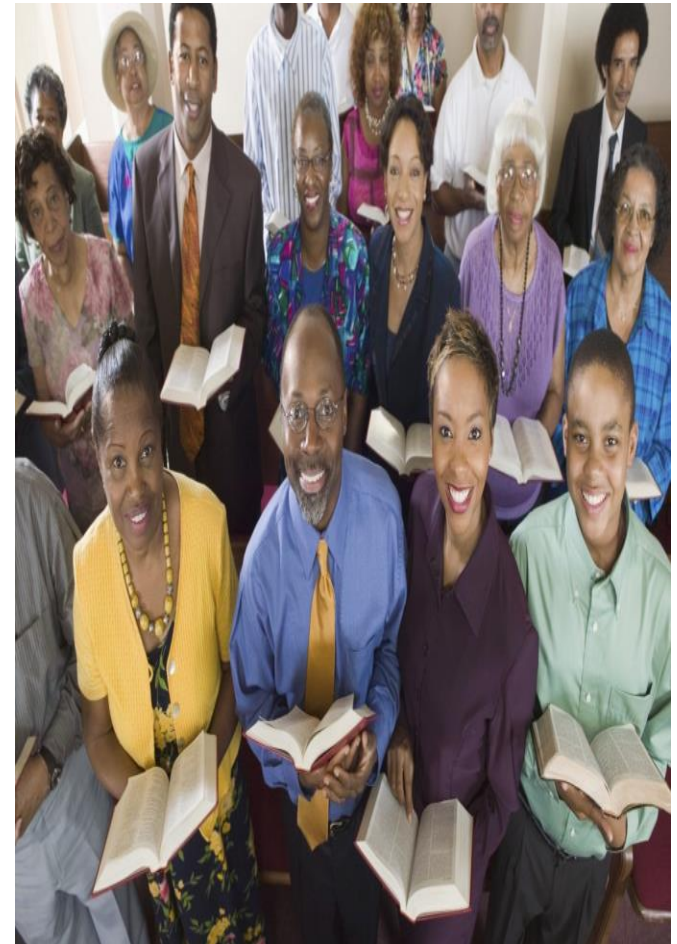
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By the Word  
of God***



# **LESSONS FROM THE WISDOM PSALMS**

**PSALMS 37:1-11**

# **Peace of mind in Troubled Times**

## **Part 1**

- **Sermon Lesson:** The godly man or woman can have peace of mind in spite of the seeming (apparent) success of the wicked.



# RECOMMENDATION #1

- **DO NOT FRET NOR BE ENVIOUS BECAUSE OF THE SEEMING SUCCESS OF THE WICKED**
  - **THE TWOFOLD ADMONITION (PSALM 37:1)**
    - **Do not Fret:** Do not allow yourself to worry yourself sick about what evildoers seem to be getting away with.
    - **Do not be Envious:** Do not allow yourself to become jealous or frustrated over the seeming success of the wicked.

# Do not Fret nor be Envious



## – **THE ENCOURAGEMENT (PSALM 37:2)**

- Evildoers will soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
- This action will be done by God Himself on His timing, and it will be speedy, sudden, sure, complete, and irretrievable.

– **THE APPLICATION:** God will deal with wickedness in His own way and in His own timing--realizing this will give us peace of mind (e.g., you don't get rid of evil by worrying about it or being mad about it).



Evildoers will be cut down



# RECOMMENDATION #2

- **TRUST IN THE LORD AND DO GOOD IN SPITE OF THE SEEMING SUCCESS OF THE WICKED**
  - **THE THREEFOLD ADMONITIONS (PSALM 37:3-4a)**
    - Trust in the Lord and do good, i.e., let your confidence be in the faithfulness of the Lord regardless of the success of the wicked.
    - Dwell in the Land and feed on His faithfulness, i.e., live your life before God without murmuring, whining, and complaining about what the wicked are doing.
    - Delight yourself also in the Lord (i.e., find your happiness, joy, and contentment in the Lord, in spite of what wicked people are doing)

## – **THE ENCOURAGEMENT (PSALM 37:4b)**

- **Promise:** God will give you the desires of your heart (i.e., your prayers will be answered).
- **Note carefully:** This promise is the result of all four admonitions: trust, doing good, contentment, and delight in the Lord.

– **THE APPLICATION:** Focus on the trustworthiness and faithfulness of God and He will bless your life, in spite of the seeming success of the wicked.

# He shall give you the desires of your heart

- TRUST IN THE LORD
- DO GOOD
- DWELL IN THE LAND  
(without whining and complaining)
- FEED ON HIS FAITHFULNESS  
(be content with what you have)
- DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD
- PROVISIONS FOR YOUR PHYSICAL NEEDS
- PROTECTION FROM HURT, HARM, AND DANGER
- HEALING FOR YOUR BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT
- REST, RELAXATION, AND LEISURE FROM A HARD DAY'S WORK
- MEANINGFUL AND LOVING RELATIONSHIPS
- CONTENTMENT IN YOUR JOB, FAMILY, MARRIAGE, LIFE

# RECOMMENDATION #3

- **COMMIT YOUR WAY TO THE LORD IN SPITE OF THE SEEMING SUCCESS OF THE WICKED**
  - **THE ADMONITION (PSALM 37:5a)**
    - Commit your way to the Lord (cf., Phil.4:6)
    - Trust also in Him (cf. Phil.4:7)
  - **THE ENCOURAGEMENT (PSALM 37:5b-6)**
    - **He shall bring it to pass**
    - Bring what to pass? He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.
    - Point: A time is coming when God will vindicate the character (I.e., your righteousness) and the reputation (your justice) of the godly in the sight of those who do evil.
  - **THE APPLICATION:** God will vindicate and glorify His people, in spite of the seeming success of the wicked. Let that encourage trust in the faithfulness of God.

# RECOMMENDATION #4

- **REST IN THE LORD AND WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM IN SPITE OF THE SEEMING SUCCESS OF THE WICKED**
  - **THE POSITIVE/NEGATIVE ADMONITIONS**
    - **Positively:** Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him
    - **Negatively:** Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass
  - **THE ENCOURAGEMENT: Evildoers shall be cut off (I.e. destroyed); but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.**
  - **THE APPLICATION:** No matter how bad may look for the godly, their destiny is reward from God--no so with the wicked.

Those who wait on the Lord shall  
inherit the earth



*Daniel B. Holeman*

# **CHALLENGE:**

**Do not allow the  
wickedness that you see  
in the world rob you of  
the joy and peace of the  
Lord.**



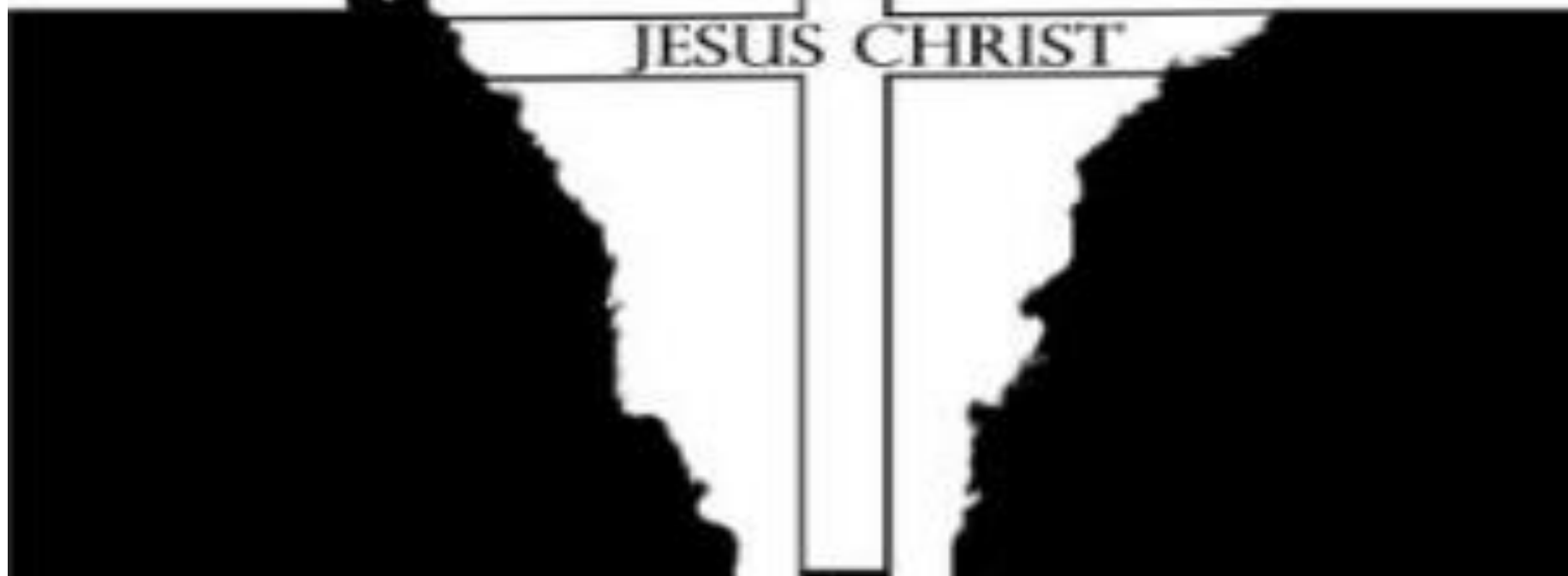
RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR  
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



GOD HAS PROVIDED THE  
ONLY WAY...WE MUST MAKE  
THE CHOICE



JESUS CHRIST



1. **Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sin, and that He arose again from the dead on the third day.
2. **Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
3. **Affirm** that the Lord Jesus Christ is your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.