

“Trust & Wait”

Psalm 37:1-40 8/13/17

Today, we'd like to see the title of “Trust & Wait” in the book of Psalm 37:1-40

To Online Word's people on the earth, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions.

Q1. In verse 1, “Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity,” what's its resolution in this chapter?

Q2. In verse 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 brings wicked schemes to pass,” what does it mean?

Q3. In verse 16, “A little that a righteous man has /s better than the riches of many wicked,” why is it so?

(Background)

David is encouraging us to trust in the Lord and wait patiently on the Lord to work, in contrasting godly people with ungodly people. Godly people are those who trust in God (37:40)

(1-11) Exhortation to the godly people.

(12-40) Contrast between the godly people and the ungodly people

(Text)

¹Do not fret because of evildoers,
Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

(1-11) Exhortation to the godly people.

1= Q1 not fret because of evildoers (annoyed or worry about evil – don't involve in a radical group to strike evil, but because of spiritual warfare, you as a godly person should pray ¹*Phil 4:6*); Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity (because of their prosperity, verse 7 “prosper in his way” e.g. Asaph ²*Psalm 73:1-3;27-28*)

¹ *Phil 4:6* Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

² *Psalm 73:1-3;27-28* Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart. ² But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped. ³ For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

²⁷ For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.

²⁸ But *it is* good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

<p>² For they shall soon be <u>cut down like the grass,</u> And wither as the green herb.</p> <p>³ <u>Trust in the LORD, and do good;</u> <u>Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.</u></p> <p>⁴ <u>Delight yourself also in the LORD,</u> And He shall give you <u>the desires of your heart.</u></p> <p>⁵ <u>Commit your way to the LORD,</u> <u>Trust also in Him,</u> <u>And He shall bring it to pass.</u></p> <p>⁶ He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice[judgment] as the noonday.</p> <p>⁷ <u>Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him;</u> Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings <u>wicked schemes to pass.</u></p>	<p>2= cut down like the grass (the work for the Lord during our life on this earth is remembered & rewarded by the Lord. All the other things will be burnt out – i.e. only the works of the spirit of God remembered & rewarded ³ <i>1 Cor 3:12-15</i>)</p> <p>3= Trust in the Lord (the answer of verse 1 ⁴ <i>Mat 6:31-33</i>); do good (do for Christ's sake according to God's word); Dwell in the Land (Don't breach peace but just live); feed on His faithfulness (feed on provisions which faithful God provides)</p> <p>4= Delight yourself also in the Lord (Delight the Lord Himself; It is available only in our close fellowship with the Lord, in consciousness of His presence, e.g. ⁵ <i>Hab 3:18</i>); And He shall give you the desires of your heart (His desires become your desires –He is better to take care of us than we take care of ourselves ⁶ <i>Psalm 40:8</i>; <i>2 Cor 3:3</i>; <i>Phil 2:13</i>; <i>Mark 14:36</i>)</p> <p>5= Commit your way to the Lord (entrust everything – our lives, works, errands, families, possessions, whatever, etc – to His control and guidance ⁷ <i>Prov. 16:3</i>); Trust also in Him (Trust in Him again); And He shall bring it to pass (the Lord shall bring your way to pass; He'll bring His will to pass in whatever situation. So, whatever comes is what God wants, and that's what I want too! ⁸ <i>Mat 6:33</i>; <i>Phil 1:21</i>)</p> <p>7=Q2 Rest in the Lord (it is the natural result to commit your way to the Lord – how about your entrusting anything to Him? Nothing to worry about is left to you); and wait patiently for Him (to act His will through you ⁹ <i>1 Peter 5:6</i>); not fret... prospers in his way (the evil doer's prosperity – whatever prosperity should be discerned by God's word – either from God or from others – flesh, world, or devil ¹⁰ <i>Heb 4:12</i>); wicked schemes to pass (or to succeed)</p>
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³ *1 Cor 3:12-15* Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

⁴ *Mat 6:31-33* "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

⁵ *Hab 3:18* Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

⁶ *Psalm 40:8* I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."; *2 Cor 3:3* clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, *that is*, of the heart.; *Phil 2:13* for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure. *Mark 14:36* And He said, "Abba, Father, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You *will*."

⁷ *Prov. 16:3* Commit your works to the LORD, And your thoughts will be established

⁸ *Mat 6:33* But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you; *Phil 1:21* For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

⁹ *1 Peter 5:6* Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

¹⁰ *Heb 4:12* For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

<p>⁸ <u>Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;</u> <u>Do not fret—it only causes harm.</u></p> <p>⁹ For <u>evildoers shall be cut off;</u> But <u>those who wait on the LORD,</u> They shall inherit the earth.</p> <p>¹⁰ For yet <u>a little while</u> and the wicked <i>shall be no more;</i> Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it <i>shall be no more.</i></p> <p>¹¹ But <u>the meek shall inherit the earth,</u> And shall delight themselves in the <u>abundance of peace.</u></p> <p>¹² The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth.</p> <p>¹³ The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.</p> <p>¹⁴ The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct.</p> <p>¹⁵ Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be broken.</p> <p>¹⁶ <u>A little that a righteous man has</u> <u>Is better than the riches of many wicked.</u></p> <p>¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds the righteous.</p>	<p>8= cease from anger (don't be angry); forsake wrath (stop wrath – the work of flesh); Do not fret (Do not be annoyed; Don't worry); it only causes harm (e.g. bomb upon abortion clinics, like ISIS, and you find yourself on the same boat ¹¹Phil 2:14 – complaining and disputing are a favorite food for Satan, while encouraging is a good tool to edify the body of Christ.)</p> <p>9= evildoers shall be cut off (life is like a smoke; all life not in Christ will be vanished away); those who wait on the Lord (to work His will in this situation ¹²Isaiah 40:31)</p> <p>11= the meek (the meek people unlikely resolving this evil situation, but those who trust in the Lord, and commit everything to the Lord to handle are meek. Actually spiritual battle, not against GIHAD, or ISIS, or flesh. Finally the Lord will resolve it.); inherit the earth (as Jesus says in ¹³Mat 5:5)</p> <p>(12-40) Contrast between the godly people and the ungodly people</p> <p>16=Q3 A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked (Why? contentment of whatever given by the Lord ¹⁴1 Tim 6:6; the rich wicked are still trying to possess more until death, being exhausted)</p>
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¹¹ Phil 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,

¹² Isaiah 40:31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

¹³ Mat 5:5 Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

¹⁴ 1 Tim 6:6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

¹⁸The LORD knows the days of the upright,
And their inheritance shall be forever.

¹⁹They shall not be ashamed in the evil
time,
And in the days of famine they shall be
satisfied.

²⁰But the wicked shall perish;
And the enemies of the LORD,
Like the splendor of the meadows, shall
vanish.

Into smoke they shall vanish away.

²¹The wicked borrows and does not repay,
But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

²²**For those blessed by Him shall inherit the
earth,**

But those cursed by Him shall be cut off.

²³The steps of a good man are ordered by
the LORD,

And He delights in his way.

²⁴Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast
down;

For the LORD upholds *him with* His hand.

²⁵I have been young, and *now* am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his descendants begging bread.

²⁶*He is* ever merciful, and lends;
And his descendants *are* blessed.

²⁷Depart from evil, and do good;
And dwell forevermore.

²⁸For the LORD loves justice,
And does not forsake His saints;

21= The wicked borrows ... not repay (because the wicked focuses on himself, being selfish); the righteous ... mercy and gives (it shows his love of neighbors)

22= (thesis verse of this chapter can be considered.)

23= The steps of a good man... ordered by the Lord (God orders the steps of godly person); And He delights in his way (God rejoices in his way --- so, we should ask Him before putting our steps)

24= Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down (even believers mistake, fail or sin, but he shall not be forsaken ¹⁵1 John 1:8-9; 2 Cor 4:8-9)

26= lends (Owe no one anything to love one another, e.g. use a credit card limited to an actual payable amount ¹⁶Rom 13:18; Luke 14:28-30)

¹⁵ 1 John 1:8-9 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.: 2 Cor 4:8-9 *We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—

¹⁶ Rom 13:18 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. Luke 14:28-30 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish it— ²⁹ lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'?

They are preserved forever,
But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

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

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

³¹The law of his God is in his heart;
None of his steps shall slide.

³²The wicked watches the righteous,
And seeks to slay him.

³³The LORD will not leave him in his hand,
Nor condemn him when he is judged.

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

³⁵I have seen the wicked in great power,
And spreading himself like a native green tree.

³⁶Yet he passed away, and behold,
he *was no more*;
Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.

³⁷Mark the blameless [perfect] *man*, and observe the upright;
For the future[end] of *that man is peace*.

³⁸But the transgressors shall be destroyed together;
The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

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

31= The law of his God is in his heart (not in stone, but in heart 2 Cor 3:3, *supra*)

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.

40= they trust in Him (because of that, they are godly people)

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