

Psalms Chapter 037 Verses 01-11; The Abundance Of Peace

A Psalm of David.

Ps 37:1 "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb."

This Psalm is identified as a teaching Psalm and is titled "*The True State Of The Wicked*" in my study bible. David, in this Psalm, is teaching Israel to not be envious of the wicked, but to have full confidence in the Lord. He is telling them that though the wicked prosper on the earth, they will not inherit the kingdom of God in eternity. David is telling Israel, even if the wicked grow old in years upon the earth, they shall die and then they are faced with eternity. Wherefore, life is but a short span in comparison to eternity.

Today, God's ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ preach this same message. We have an advantage over David and Israel because they did not have the New Testament. We know what the outcome will be, as we are told in New Testament scripture. However, they had the faith of God instilled in them, as God's continual deliverances were made manifest in their lives. Likewise, we have strengthened faith, because of God's daily deliverances in our lives as children of God. We know, from the scriptures, our time on earth is short. We know that our salvation in God is secure, and in the death of our mortality, our spirits shall immediately go to be with Jesus. We know, at the return of Jesus, that the sheep, God's people, shall be separated from the goats, the devil's people, and the sheep shall go upward to eternal life with Christ, while the goats go downward to an eternity in the eternal lake of fire prepared for the devil and all that follow him.

3 "Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

David tells Israel to trust in the LORD, and attend to "*thus saith the LORD*." Reminding them that if you do this, you shall continue to dwell in the land of promise, and there you shall be fed from the fruit of the land flowing with milk and honey.

The message of the gospel of Jesus Christ is the same to us today. We are given a land of promise, the New Testament Church, and if we attend, to "*thus saith the LORD*," as the New Testament scriptures command us to do; we shall dwell in that land of promise with the abundance of God's blessings, and we will be satisfied with the fruits thereof. We are commanded to love God with all our hearts, minds, and souls, and our neighbors as ourselves, which if we do, we shall continue in the land of promise, and we shall be nourished with the Word of God, the bread of life, and the water of life. We shall feed from the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

4 "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

David tells Israel to delight in the LORD; and he shall give you the desires of your heart. New Testament scripture tells us to forsake our inherited sin nature, to purge ourselves of it daily, and embrace the new nature of Christ in us, whereby we will be given the desires of our hearts. What are the desires of the heart? If we are following the inherited sin nature, they are evil things. If we are following the new nature of Christ in us, our desires will be to bring glory and honor to the name of our God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our desires will not be things of the earth, which God has promised to provide, if we are obedient to him, and his Word of truth.

5 "Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

David is telling Israel: commit yourself wholly to the LORD. Trust completely in the LORD, and he shall bring it to pass. What is it He shall bring to pass? His will for your life, which is to bless you with all blessings.

We have this same commandment in the New Testament. I will ask you these questions which God has already asked me: Have you read and studied the bible thoroughly to know what God would have you to do? Have you truly committed yourself to following the path that Jesus laid out for his people to walk in? Do you really trust fully in the LORD, or are you still trying to do it your own way? Are you a child of God only, or are you a child of God and a disciple of Jesus Christ? If you have joined the New Testament Church, and you are walking in fellowship with God's people, then you are doing these things, and you have the same promise of God, that David is telling Israel of; He will bring to pass in your life his perfect will for you.

6 "And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday."

David is preaching to Israel: If you truly obey God in all things, God shall make the righteousness He has put in you to shine forth as light. We are told in the New Testament in **Isa 64:6 "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;"** However, we are also told that in the new birth, we are indwelt with Christ in us by the Holy Spirit; therefore, we have the righteousness of Christ in us, which is also the light of Christ in us, which is why we are commanded to be light in the world, seen in **Mt 5:14 "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."**

Well, what about? "**and thy judgment as the noonday.**" Judgement as it is used here means *a verdict pronounced judicially, or divine law, for an individual or collectively*. Noonday means *a light, a dual or double light*. Wherefore, we understand; having been born again, God has judged us to be saved by the finished work of Jesus Christ. When we are committed to the way of the LORD, He will pronounce the verdict that we are his children, and that we have the light of Christ in us. What is meant by a double or a dual light? It means that not only are we to live clean spiritual lives, demonstrating the light of Christ shining through us, we are also to live morally pure lives, which also demonstrates that we are children of God to the world around us.

7 ¶ "Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass."

David is telling Israel: do not fret about the prosperity of the wicked in their wicked ways. You rest in the LORD and wait patiently for him. The time will come when God judges the ungodly, and all their prosperity here on earth will be burned up, and it will come to nothing when they are cast into the eternal lake of fire.

What does it mean to "**rest in the LORD?**" We are told in **Heb 4:1-3; 1 ¶ "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world."** Herein we see: the unbelieving are the wicked, that prospereth in his own way, not believing in the finished work of Jesus Christ, and they shall **not** enter into the eternal rest of Jesus Christ. But we, who do believe in the finished work of Jesus Christ, shall enter into that eternal rest, for we shall be in that number, in the eternal resurrection of the dead in Christ, along with those that will be changed. Hallelujah! Praise, ye the LORD!

8 "Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. 9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."

David is telling Israel: do not be angry, do not worry, about those evil doers, because they shall soon be removed from the land of promise. Wait upon the LORD and inherit the land of promise. Those, who are meekly serving the great God of heaven and earth, shall inherit the possession that God has given them, and they shall have it with an abundance of peace. This was fulfilled on earth at the zenith of king David's reign, when God gave Israel peace all around.

It is a prophetic picture for us today. How? Jesus Christ, who gave his life on the cross, which redeemed us from our sins eternally, has gone to prepare a new heaven and a new earth for God's beloved to dwell in. This prophesy will come to fruition when Jesus returns as "**KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**" and carries God's people to their eternal rest on the new earth. There will be no sin there, wherefore, we shall inherit perfect peace, and we will have that perfect peace forever. Praise, ye the LORD! Hallelujah!