## Psalm 37 Outline by H. L. Willmington, The Outline Bible:

- 1. **The Godly** (37:3–9, 11, 16–19, 21–31, 34, 37, 39–40)
  - A. What they sow (37:3–5, 7–8, 16, 21, 30–31, 37)
    - 1. They trust in God (37:3).
    - 2. They do good (37:3).
    - 3. They delight in the Lord (37:4).
    - 4. They commit their way to God (37:5).
    - 5. They rest in God (37:7): The godly wait patiently for the Lord to act.
    - 6. They refrain from anger (37:8).
    - 7. They are satisfied with little (37:16).
    - 8. They give generously (37:21).
    - 9. They speak wisely (37:30): They know right from wrong.
    - 10. They fill their hearts with God's law (37:31).
    - 11. They are honest and love peace (37:37).
  - B. What they reap (37:3–5, 6, 9, 11, 17–19, 22–29, 34, 37, 39–40)
    - 1. They live safely in the land (37:3, 11, 27).
    - 2. They prosper (37:3, 11).
    - 3. They receive the desires of their hearts (37:4).
    - 4. They will be seen as innocent and just (37:6).
    - 5. They will inherit the land (37:9, 11, 22, 29).
    - 6. They are upheld by the Lord (37:17, 24).
    - 7. They are cared for (37:17–19).
    - 8. They will receive an eternal reward (37:18).
    - 9. They are directed by the Lord (37:23).
    - 10. They will never be forsaken (37:25-28).
    - 11. Their children are a blessing (37:26).
    - 12. They are protected (37:28, 39–40).
    - 13. They will be honored (37:34).
    - 14. They have a wonderful future (37:37)
- 2. **The Godless** (37:1–2, 9–10, 12–15, 17, 20–22, 28, 32–33, 35–36, 38)

## A. What they Sow

- 1. They plot against the godly (37:12, 14, 32).
- 2. They borrow and do not repay (37:21).

## B. What they Reap

- 1. They will disappear (37:1–2, 10, 35–36).
- 2. They will be destroyed (37:9, 20, 22, 28).
- 3. They are laughed at by the Lord (37:13): The Lord laughs because he knows their judgment is coming.
- 4. Their strength will be shattered (37:17).
- 5. They will not succeed (37:33).
- 6. They have no future (37:38).

## **Psalm 37:1-8 – Chiasm:**

- A.) (vs. 1) Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!
  - **B.)** (vs. 2) For they will **soon fade like the grass** and **wither like the green herb**.
    - C.) (vs. 3) Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
      - D.) (vs. 4) Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
    - 'C) (vs. 5) Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.
  - 'B) (vs. 6-7a) He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
- 'A) (7b-8) fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

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