

The Family of Esau

Genesis 36:1-37:1

Main Point:

Instead of envying the wicked for their prosperity, wait patiently for your good things to come.

1. The wicked are alive and well today.
2. The wicked are usually prosperous in this life.
3. Because of their prosperity, it can be easy to envy the wicked.
4. But it's foolish to envy the wicked because they will one day be judged by God.
5. And it's also foolish to envy the wicked because your good things will come eventually.

Cross-References and Quotations

Hebrews 12:16¹⁶ lest there *be* any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. (NKJV)

John Currid "The genealogy ... serves to demonstrate that the seed of the serpent, the non-covenanted people, are alive and well on the planet earth."

Deuteronomy 2:12¹² The Horites formerly dwelt in Seir, but the descendants of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession which the LORD gave them.) (NKJV)

Allen Ross "Thus far a picture of Esau as a powerful overlord is emerging. Not only did his own sons become chiefs of clans, but the clans in the land were subjugated to him."

Psalm 73:3-5, 7³ For I *was* envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.⁴ For *there are* no pangs in their death, But their strength *is* firm.⁵ They *are* not in trouble *as other* men, Nor are they plagued like *other* men ...⁷ Their eyes bulge with abundance; They have more than heart could wish. (NKJV)

Numbers 20:18¹⁸ Then Edom said to him, "You shall not pass through my *land*, lest I come out against you with the sword." (NKJV)

Psalm 137:7⁷ Remember, O LORD, against the sons of Edom The day of Jerusalem, Who said, "Raze *it*, raze *it*, To its very foundation!" (NKJV)

Obadiah 1:1-4¹ The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom ...² "Behold, I will make you small among the nations; You shall be greatly despised ...⁴ Though you ascend *as high* as the eagle, And though you set your nest among the stars, From there I will bring you down," says the LORD. (NKJV)

Psalm 73:16-18¹⁶ When I thought *how* to understand this, It *was* too painful for me--¹⁷ Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *Then* I understood their end.¹⁸ Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. (NKJV)

Luke 16:24-25²⁴ "Then he cried and said, `Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'²⁵ "But Abraham said, `Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. (NKJV)

Matthew Henry "The children of this world have their all in hand, and nothing in hope ... while the children of God have their all in hope, and next to nothing in hand ... All things considered, it is better to have Canaan in promise than Mount Seir in possession."