

Trust in Yahweh's Providence
Psalm 37:27-40 (Page 407 in the BPB)
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Introduction:

A Psalm of David

Verse 25: "I have been young now I am old..."

The Setting:

The prosperity of the wicked and the temptation for God's people to be anxious, to be envious and to be angry.

(To fret - vv. 1, 7, 8; to envy – v. 1; to be angry – v. 8)

See also Psalm 73

The focus of the concluding verses in Psalm 37 are on the faithfulness of God in bringing about justice by caring for the righteous and judging the wicked.

Verses 27-29

Instruction for the righteous as they wait for Yahweh. (27)

27) Depart from evil and do good,

So you will abide forever.

The motive for the righteous is focused on Yahweh's nature. (28)

28) For Yahweh loves justice

And does not forsake His godly ones;

They are preserved forever

But the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.

The righteous are wise because God's Law is in their hearts. (30-31)

30) The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,

And his tongue speaks justice.

31) The Law of his God is in his heart;

His steps do not slip.

Verses 32-38

Trust in Yahweh to vindicate the righteous.

32) The wicked spies upon the righteous

And seeks to kill him.

33) Yahweh will not leave him in his hand

Or let him be condemned when he is judged.

34) Wait for Yahweh and keep His way,

And He will exalt you to inherit the land;

When the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

35) I have seen a wicked, violent man

Spreading himself like a luxuriant tree in its native soil.

36) Then he passed away, and lo, he was no more;

I sought for him, but he could not be found.

37) Mark the blameless man, and behold the upright;

For the man of peace will have a posterity (future).

38) But transgressors will be altogether destroyed;

The posterity (future) of the wicked will be cut off.

Yahweh's justice is displayed in the salvation of the righteous. (39-40)

39) But the salvation of the righteous is from Yahweh;

He is their strength in time of trouble.

40) Yahweh helps them and delivers them;

He delivers them from the wicked and saves them,

Because they take refuge in Him.

Application:

Don't let the prosperity of wicked and advancement of evil in the world cause you to be anxious or to be envious of the wicked or to become angry but trust in the Lord, do good, as you wait for Him and keep His ways because He is faithful and loves justice.