

Slide Notes for Sermon on Psalm 37
Fret not, follow courageously
Series: Studies in the Psalms

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Psa. 37:25 *I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.*

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Psa. 37:12 *The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him...*

Psa. 37:14 *The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose way is upright;*

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Psalm 37

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1. Following the Lord looks like not fretting the present

Psa. 37:1 *Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!*

“Fret” = *charah*, “to glow warm”

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Lev. 19:15 “You shall do no **injustice** in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great...”

Lev. 19:35 “You shall do no **wrong** in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity.”

Is. 61:8 *For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and **wrong**...*

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Psa. 37:2 *For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.*

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Psa. 37:3 *Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and **befriend faithfulness**. 4 Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.*

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Psa. 37:7 *Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; **fret not** yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices.*

8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! **Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.**

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Ps. 37:9 *For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. 10 In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.*

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2. Following the Lord looks like living in light of your true future

Psa. 37:9 *For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.*

Psa. 37:11 *But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.*

Psa. 37:22 *for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off.*

Psa. 37:29 *The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.*

Psa. 37:34 *Wait for the LORD and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off.*

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Matt. 5:5 *"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."*

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Numbers 12:3: *"Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth."*

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Psa. 37:12 *The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him, 13 but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming. We can be sensitive to verses 14-15 that seem to celebrate violent justice. **Psa. 37:14** *The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose way is upright; 15 their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.**

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A. Contentment

Psa. 37:16 *Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked*

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B. Generosity

Psa. 37:21 *The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives; 22 for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off...*

... 23 *The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way; 24 though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand.*

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Psa. 37:25 *I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. 26 He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing.*

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C. Witness

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.*

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