



**SECURE LIVING IN  
AN INSECURE WORLD**

Psalm 37

A Davidic Psalm

# A COMMAND

Trust in the LORD amidst the short-lived prosperity of the wicked (v. 1-11)

Evildoers:

- They will soon wither , fade (v. 1-2)
- They will be cut off (v 9)
- Yet a little while and the wicked man will be no more (v10)

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3 Trust! in the Lord and  
do! good;

Dwell! in the land and  
(Nourish / Revive / Cultivate)! faithfulness.

4 Delight! yourself in the Lord;

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The LORD charges the faithful to:

- Do not be agitated (v.1)
- Do not be envious (v.1)
- Trust! in the LORD (v.3)
- Do! good (v.3)
- Dwell! in the land (v.3)
- Cultivate! faithfulness (v.3)
- Delight! in the LORD (v.4)
- Commit! your way (v.5)
- Rest! in the LORD (v.7)
- Wait! patiently (v.7)
- Cease! from anger (v.8)
- Forsake! wrath (v.8)

# A COMMAND

Trust in the LORD amidst the short-lived prosperity of the wicked (v. 1-11)

- Living securely in the land (v. 3)

Those who feed on His faithfulness

(i.e., trust the LORD; that is, nourish their own faithfulness knowing He does not change; they have safe pasture)

have security (v. 3-6, 11, also Psalm 62)

Trust in Him at all times, O people;  
Pour out your heart before Him;  
God is a refuge for us. - Psalm 62:8, NASB

# A CALAMITY

Certain judgment of the wicked vs. secure future of the righteous (v. 12-22)

Of the wicked, see: v. 12-13, 14-15, 20, 21-22

- The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ laughs at [them] \_\_\_\_\_ (v.13)
- For He sees \_\_\_\_\_ his end is coming \_\_\_\_\_ (v.13, 18, 20)
- They will be \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed and cut off \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15, 17, 20, 22, 38)

# A CALAMITY

Certain judgment of the wicked vs. secure future of the righteous (v. 12-22)

## The Righteous:

- The little that the righteous person has is better than the abundance of many wicked people (v.16)
- The LORD supports the righteous (v. 17)
- The LORD watches over the righteous all their days; the wealth and power of the wicked will not help them in the end (v. 18)

# CARE AND COUNSEL

The LORD sustains the righteous (v. 23-29)

- The steps of a man are established by the LORD (v. 23)
- The LORD holds his hand (v. 24)
- The righteous will not be forsaken (v. 25)
- He will not go without provision (v. 25)
- They are preserved forever (v. 28)



# CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE

Righteous versus the wicked (v. 30-38)

The evildoer:

- Will not live forever (v.36); will be destroyed (v.38)

The righteous:

- Will not be left behind (v.33); will have a future (v.37)

# CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

Righteous versus the wicked (v. 30-38)

- The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD
- The LORD is their strength in time of trouble
- The LORD helps and delivers them from the wicked because they take refuge in Him

# APPLICATIONS FOR GODLY LIVING

## Secure living in an insecure world

1.) When God seems distant, absent, or unconcerned, avoid the temptation to join the wicked. Sometimes bad things happen to blameless people, it does not always mean a test, or a failure.

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2.) Acknowledge the fallen, corrupt, and twisted nature of the sin-filled insecure world in which we live. Guard against anxiety, jealousy, or cynical unbiblical attitudes. You will have difficulty. There is no “easy-button,” but God is with us. See 1 Pet. 1:10-16; Our Hope is Jesus Christ!

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## Secure living in an insecure world

3.) Secure living begins with heeding the call to trust the LORD despite the chaos around you. Let Him deal with the wicked; He helps the faithful, so rest in Him.