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AN EVENING WITH DAVID L. COOK



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WISE WORDS FROM A
SEASONED KING
PART 1, MASTER THE
BASICS

PSALM 37:1-7



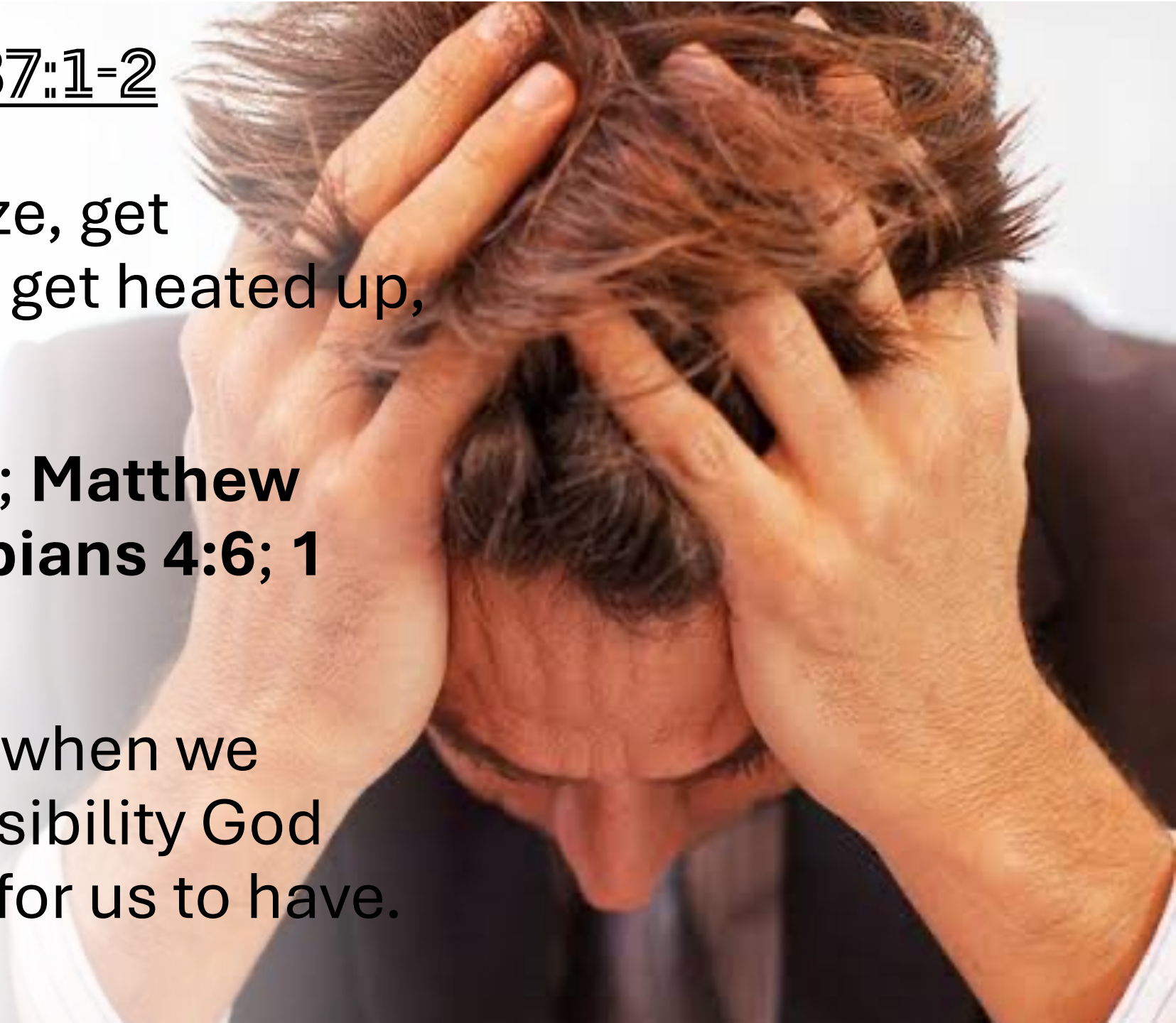
INTRODUCTION

- ‘OF DAVID’
- In **Psalm 37**, David urges the *righteous* to not let the prosperity of the *wicked* upset them but to continue to trust in God’s sovereignty, justice, and mercy.
- V. **25** - David’s personal history abundantly illustrates this Psalm!

*“I have been young and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous abandoned or his children begging for bread.” – v. **25***

DON'T... = PSALM 37:1-2

- ...worry (fret, agonize, get agitated, to burn or get heated up, etc.).
 - **Proverbs 24:19; Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:6; 1 Peter 5:6-7.**
 - Worry happens when we **assume** responsibility God never intended for us to have.



DON'T... = PSALM 37:1-2

- ...be envious

- **Proverbs 14:30;
Galatians 5:19-21,
26; 1 Peter 2:1.**

- Envy is the **weak link** in the chain of success that might have been.



DON'T... - PSALM 37:1-2

- ...see what's ahead, the wicked do not. The success of the wicked is only temporary!



DO... PSALM 37:3-7A

- **Trust** in the LORD

- Do good – Do the right thing because it's the **right** thing to do!
- Dwell in the land – for the Jew, this meant staying in the Promised Land rather than leaving it for *greener pastures* elsewhere. See also vv. **9, 11, 18, 22, 29, & 34**.
- Befriend faithfulness – Stay faithful to a **faithful** God! See also **2 Timothy 2:11-13**.



DO... PSALM 37:3-7A

- **Delight** in the LORD
 - How??? – Reading / meditating on His word, prayer, time, talents, & treasures.
 - Then, and only then, He will give you the desires of your heart, not “things.”
- **Commit** your way to the LORD
 - Trust in Him, i.e., “roll off your burden” (**1 Peter 5:7**), then He will act.
 - He will reveal the truth of the matter / vindication / and justice will prevail!



DO... PSALM 37:3-7A

- Be still before the LORD
 - “*Be silent, be still*” i.e., a calm surrender to the Lord.
– **Psalm 62:5**
 - The “*Christian* four-letter word” we hate: **‘WAIT’**
 - That other word we don’t like: **‘Patience’**

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DON'T... = PSALM 37: 7B

- ...worry (fret, agonize, get agitated, to burn or get heated up, etc.).



“Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.”

– Corrie Ten Boom .



- ...about others. God is control of **ALL** things!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What do you do when you are blatantly wronged? What is your initial reaction? How do you handle others who seem to “get away with murder?”
- What is your “greener pasture,” something that looks better than the situation you’re in? Why does it appeal to you so?
- Think about God’s characteristics talked about today: sovereignty, justice, and mercy, etc. How have you experienced each of these in your life? Why is knowing God’s character so important?
- Talk about a time when God has led you astray? (HA! Trick question) Actually, talk about a time when you *feel* like God lead you astray but instead led you to something soooooo much better.
- Does knowing that David was a man after God’s own heart yet struggle like us bring you comfort, confusion, or clarity...or all three?
- How many Aggies does it take to win a game against LSU? (*Kidding. Gig’em!*)