

Faith's Response II

How to Respond to a Corrupt World

Psalms 37:3-6 (NASB 2020) *Trust in the LORD and do good; Live in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it. He will bring out your righteousness as the light, And your judgment as the noonday.*

I. Trusting & Do Good

Trust: firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone

Hebrew, (bā-ṭāḥ): trust, rely on, put confidence in, i.e., believe in a person or object to the point of reliance upon.

Hebrews 11:1 (AMP) *NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].*

Faith: belief and trust in and loyalty to God; complete trust.

Psalm 31:24 (AMP) *Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for and hope for and expect the Lord!*

Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV) *You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.*

Doing Good

****Galatians 6:9 (NASB 2020)** *Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary.*

Galatians 6:10 (NASB 2020) *So then, while we have opportunity, let's do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.*

Matthew 6:33 (AMP) *But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.*

II. Feed on His Faithfulness

Psalms 37:3 (TPT) *...Fix your heart on the promises of God, and you will dwell in the land, feasting on His faithfulness.*

1 Corinthians 1:9 (NLT) *God will do this, **for He is faithful to do what He says**, and He has invited you into partnership with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT) *The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. **And God is faithful**. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.*

2 Thessalonians 3:3 (NLT) ***But the Lord is faithful**; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.*

Psalms 36:5 (NASB 2020) *Your mercy, LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.*

III. Take Delight in Him

Psalms 37:4 (NASB 2020) *Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.*

This means to find your deepest joy, satisfaction, and fulfillment in God Himself, His presence, His Word, His will. It's not just enjoying blessings from Him, but genuinely treasuring Him above all else.

Many make the mistake and flip this verse to say, because God will give me the desire of my heart, I will delight ... When this is done, you move the true meaning from love to selfishness!

Mark 12:30 (NASB95) *AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'*

Psalms 37:4 (NASB 2020) *...And He will give you the desires of your heart.*

Psalm 37:23 (NLT) *The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.*

Psalms 18:19 (NASB 2020) *He also brought me out into an open place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me.*

John 15:7-8 (NLT) *But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.*

IV. Help and Injustice

Psalms 37:5-6 (ESV) Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

Psalm 37:18 (NLT) Day by day the LORD takes care of the innocent, and they will receive an inheritance that lasts forever. They will not be disgraced in hard times; even in famine, they will have more than enough.

When there is an injustice, not treated right, lied about...

Psalms 37:6 (ESV) He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

Psalm 37:37 (NLT) Look at those who are honest and good, for a wonderful future awaits those who love peace.

Our response in injustice

Psalms 37:7 (NLT) Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

Psalms 37:8 (NLT) Stop being angry! Turn from your rage! Do not lose your temper—it only leads to harm.

Read the Godly verses...