

"In A Little While"

- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

Q: Does the current situation in the world, this country, your family, the culture, ever make you "FRET"?

Q: How do you feel when it doesn't seem like those who do "evil" or "wrong" never seem to get punished or justice?

Table Time....

READ: Psalm 37:1-9 "Fret not yourself because of evildoers; **be not envious** of wrongdoers! ² For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. 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. 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. ⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land."

Q: According to these verses, WHAT does this text tell us to "DO"? Discuss....

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NOTE: probably several different ways you could "list" the commands above! What's YOUR list?

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Q: IF you did these, how do you think it would affect your life? Relationship with God?
Relationship with others?

Q: What's hard about the "list"?

Q: What's encouraging about the list?

READ: Psalm 37: 10-11 "In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. ¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace."

Q: What's the promise of verse 10?

Q: What's the promise of verse 11?

Q: When you think about the "meek", what comes to mind?

Q: Why is "humility" such an important contrast between the "evildoers" and those that live by the "list" (i.e. faith)?

SIDE NOTE:

Q: When you think about this "list" or these verses, where do we get the ability to do it?

Q: Because of sin, how does that define us prior to faith?

Q: Since we are born as "evildoers", WHO then, can "keep" this list?

READ: Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Q: What do these verses tell us we are "saved"?

Q: "Who's work" IS this?

READ: Ephesians 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Q: What does THIS verse teach us about "WHO" we "are" and God's desire for our life?

Q: How might the Psalm 37 passages above help us "define" what the good works "are"?