

PSALM 37 – WISELY NOT BEING ENVIOUS!

Read the Psalm

Translational Notes

אֶל־תִּתְחַחַר - burn, be kindled, of anger (fret = be constantly or visibly worried or anxious)

מִשְׁאֵלָת - request, petition (translated as desire/desires in almost every translation)

יַעֲנִיִּים - poor, humble, meek

Psalm Notes:

Written by David.

“In a moving way, the psalmist deals with the issues of life and death, wisdom and folly, and reward and punishment. He is most sensitive to the question of the future and its rewards and sufferings... At issue is the power, greed, and prosperity of the wicked and the suffering of the righteous.” *The Expositor’s Bible Commentary*

Theme – Wisely Not Being Envious!

What is the main comparison David is making in this Psalm?

What are some of the key differences between the righteous and the evildoers?

What are some of the key metaphors used to show the difference between the rewards of the righteous and the punishments of the wicked?

What does the psalmist mean when he says, “Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart?” (verse 4)

How is the first line of verse 7 the opposite of “fretting”?

Read verse 16 again!

How do you understand verses 23-24?

How does verse 25 play out in the life of David?

Where else do we see this in the Bible: Psalm 84:10

Proverbs 24:1-22

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

James 3:13-18

Matthew 6:25-34

Philippians 2:1-11

Real Life Application

Do you struggle with being envious of the wrongdoer?

What areas of life tempt you the most to be like them?

Why do you think this is such a temptation for us?

Is this really that big of an issue in God's eyes?

What can we do in those weak moments?

What is the different between thinking temporally and eternally?

What is one thing this week you can do to wisely not be envious?