

SERMON OUTLINE | Psalm 37

The Wicked, The Righteous and The Lord | Kyle Puelston

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INTRODUCTION

THE CIRCUMSTANCES: SETTING THE TABLE OF PSALM 37

THE COMMANDS

PROMISES AGAINST THE WICKED AND PROMISES FOR THE RIGHTEOUS

CONCLUSION

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

Evildoers plot wicked deeds against the righteous. The righteous are to respond by setting their heart on the instructions of God so that they think, feel and do what is true. The wicked flourish for a while, but the Lord will punish the wicked and give an internal inheritance to the righteous.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What does Psalm 37 teach you about the Lord (about his character, his conduct, his concerns)?
3. What does Psalm 37 teach you about people?
4. Have you previously considered that God commands you to have certain emotions? Does this feel discouraging or encouraging to you?
5. In what ways have you personally experienced evil done to you, or struggled with evil that you've seen go unpunished in the world? How can Psalm 37 help you interpret these circumstances in light of the truth in it?
6. Do you tend to focus on evil in news headlines or evil you see around more so than the struggles in your own heart that you have with sin? How can the gospel help you with this?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

7. Psalm 37 is filled with commands to feel certain ways and not feel other ways. Which ones would you like the Holy Spirit to help you grow in the most?
8. How specifically can you set your heart on the instructions of the Lord to help you in your answer to question six?
9. What promise stood out to you the most as one you need to fix your heart on in delight? Pray that God would help you in this endeavor.
10. Was there any specific way God convicted you that you could be doing more good in your life? Where can you be thankful to God for the good you have been doing?

PRAYER POINTS

11. Adoration. Praise God for truths and promises of Psalm 37. Pray through this psalm.
12. Confession. Confess ways you have failed to obey the commands to feel in godly ways and do godly commands. Confess where you've been more focused on the evil outside of you more so than the evil inside your heart.
13. Thanksgiving. Thank God for the faithfulness he shows towards his saints. He will not abandon his people!
14. Supplication. Pray that you would have increasingly God-exalting feelings that find their roots in powerful, God-revealed truths that would lead you to greater God-glorifying obedience.