Psalm 37

4. *Be still therefore and steadfastly on God see thou wait, then. Not shrinking for the prosperous state, or lewd and wicked men.*

8*Shake off despite,* envy and hate: at least in any wise, Their wicked steps avoid and flee, and follow not their guise.

5. *For every wicked man will God, destroy both more and less: but such as trust in him, are sure the land for so to possess.*

10*Watch but a while, and thou shalt see, no more the wicked’s train: No, not so much as house or place, where once he did remain.*

6. *But merciful and humble men, enjoy shall sea and land: In rest and peace they shall rejoice: for nought shall them withstand.*

12*The lewd men and malicious, against the just conspire: They gnash their teeth at him as men which do his bane desire.*

7. *But while that lewd men thus do think, the Lord laugheth them to scorn. For why? He seeth their term approach when they shall sigh and mourn.*

14*The wicked have their sword out drawn, their bow eke have they bent, To overthrow and kill the poor, as they the right way went.*

8. *but the same sword shall pierce their hearts which was to kill the just: Likewise the bow shall break to shivers* wherein they put their trust.

16*Doubtless the just man’s poor estate, is better a great deal more, Than all these lewd and worldly men’s, rich pomp and heaped store.

9. 17*For be their power never so strong, Go will it overthrow: Where contrary he doth preserve, the humble men and low.*

18*He seeth by his great providence, the good men’s trade and way, And will give them inheritance, which never shall decay.*

10. 19*They shall not be discouraged, when some are hard bested: When other shall be hunger-bit, they shall be clad and fed:* 20*For whosoever wicked is, and enemy to the Lord, Shall quail, yea, melt even as lamb’s grease or smoke that flyeth abroad.*

11. 22*Behold the wicked borroweth much, and never payeth again: Whereas the just by liberal gifts, maketh many glad and fain:* 23*For they whom God doth bless, shall have the land for heritage: And they whom he doth curse, likewise shall perish in his rage.*

12. 23*The Lord the just man’s ways doth guide and giveth him good success: To everything he taketh in hand, he sendeth good address.* 24*Though that he fall, yet is he sure, not utterly to quail, Because the Lord stretcheth out his hand at need, and doth not fail:* 25*(I have been young and now am old, yet did I never see, The just man left, or else his seed to beg for misery)* 26*But giveth always most liberally, and lendeth whereas is need: His children and posterity receive of God their mead.*

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8 Animosity, ill feeling, spite, hatred or strong dislike.
9 A fragment; splinter.
10 Famished, starved.
11 To lose heart or courage in difficulty or danger; shrink with fear.
12 Glad, pleased.
14. 

27Flee vice therefore and wickedness, and virtue do embrace:
So God shall grant thee long to have, in earth a dwelling place.
28For God so loveth equity, and showeth to his such grace,
That he preserveth them alway, but stroyeth13 the wicked race.

15. 

29Whereas the good and godly men, inherit shall the land,
Having as Lords all things therein in their own power and hand.
30The just man’s mouth doth ever speak of matters wise and high:
His tongue doth talk to edify with truth and equity.

16. 

31For in his heart the law of God, his Lord doth still abide:
So that wherever he goeth or walketh, his foot can never slide.
32The wicked like a ravening wolf the just man doth beset.
By all means seeking him to kill, if he falls in his net.

17. 

33Though he should fall into his hands, yet God would succour send:
Though men against him sentence give, God would him yet defend.
34Wait thou on God and keep his way, he shall preserve thee then,
The earth to rule: and thou shalt see destroyed these wicked men,

18. 

35The wicked have I seen most strong, and placed in high degree,
Flourishing in all wealth and store, as doth the laurel tree.
36But suddenly be passed away, and lo, he was quite gone:
Then I him sought, but could scares find the place where dwelt such one.

19. 

37Mark and behold the perfect man, how God doth him increase:
For the just man shall have at length great joy with rest and peace.
38As for transgressors, woe to them, destroyed they shall all be:
God will cut off their budding race, and rich posterity.

20. 

39But the salvation of the just doth come from God above:
Who in their trouble sendeth them aid, of his mere grace and love.
40God doth them help, save and deliver, from lewd men and unjust,
And still will save them while that they in him do put their trust.

13 Destroyeth.