

*(7b) - ...do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.*

*(8a) - ...do not fret - it only causes harm.*

*(8b) - Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;*

II. \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE LORD (vs. 3a)

*(3a) - "Trust in the Lord..."*

III. \_\_\_\_\_ THE LORD (vs. 3b)

*(3b) - ...do good...*

IV. \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE LORD (vs. 4)

*(4) - Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.*

V. COMMIT YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE LORD  
(vs. 5a)

*(5a) - Commit your way to the Lord,*

VI. \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE LORD (7a)

*(7a) - Rest in the Lord...*

VII. \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE LORD (7b)

*(7b) - ...wait patiently for Him;*

Heavenly Father, help us to trust in you and live above the circumstances of life.



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**MESSAGE: How to Live Above the Circumstances**

**TEXT: Psalm 37**

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How do we handle the times of life when our circumstances are so difficult that we feel as if we are going to be crushed beneath them?

We're going to talk about it this morning BUT FIRST ...we need to do a little Bible Study about Psalm 37 itself.

There are 6 truths we need to know about Psalm 37...

(1) Its \_\_\_\_\_

Is King \_\_\_\_\_!

*(37:25) - I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread.*

(2) Its \_\_\_\_\_

There are 5 kinds (styles) of Psalms:

- 1) PRAISE Psalms
- 2) WISDOM Psalms
- 3) PRAYER Psalms
- 4) GIVING Psalms
- 5) LAMENT Psalms

This is a ' \_\_\_\_\_ psalm.'

(3) Its \_\_\_\_\_

The theme of Psalm 37 is *'The Inheritance of the Righteous'* (Kedoshim).

(Psalm 37:11) - *But the meek shall inherit the earth (eretz-the land), and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.*

Compare it with the third beatitude in Matthew 5...

(Matthew 5:5) - *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

The context is *'the land'* (of Israel), however the theme goes beyond just inheriting the land of Israel...

(vs. 18) - *The Lord knows the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever.*

(4) Its \_\_\_\_\_

We know the righteous are those who are *'rightly related'* to God

Through the New Testament we know that man can only be righteous (*rightly-related*) to God through Jesus the Messiah-Savior!

LIKEWISE - the *'wicked'*...are not rightly related to God.

They reject His Son-Jesus!

(5) Its \_\_\_\_\_

We can't see this in the English translation but David writes Psalm 37 using the Hebrew aleph-bet just as he did when he wrote Psalm 119.

The Hebrew aleph-bet has 22 letters but David only uses 21 of the letters.

He leaves out the 16th letter of the Hebrew aleph-bet...the letter *'aylin'*

This was a literary device used to grab attention and proclaim truth.

The letter *'Aylin'* means *'to see.'*

It means to see with your eyes...then with your mind...and finally with your heart!

By leaving this 16th letter out David was saying, *"If you will see, and understand, and apply these truths, it will change your life."*

(6) Its \_\_\_\_\_

I want our focus to be on vs. 1-8 this morning as we learn how to live ABOVE the circumstances and difficulties of life.

Here are 7 principles we should live by if we want to soar above the circumstances:

I. DO NOT ALLOW JEALOUS \_\_\_\_\_ TO CONTROL YOU (vs. 1-2, 7b, 8)

(1-2) - *Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. <sup>2</sup>For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.*