



Songs from the heart

Psalm 37: A Song of Blessing and Commitment

I. God's promise of blessing

⁴Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

1. God will give you the desires of your heart

⁵Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:

⁶He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.

2. God will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn and God will publicly vindicate you

¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy peace and prosperity.

3. You will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity

The LORD makes firm the steps
of the one who delights in him
²⁴ though he may stumble, he will not fall,
for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

4. God will make your steps firm, if you stumble you won't fall, the Lord
Himself will uphold you

²⁵ I was young and now I am old,
yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken
or their children begging bread.
²⁶ They are always generous and lend freely;
their children will be a blessing.

5. You will not be forsaken, you will have resources to be generous and
your children will be a blessing

³⁴ Hope in the LORD
and keep his way.
He will exalt you to inherit the land;
when the wicked are destroyed, you will see it.
Consider the blameless, observe the upright;
a future awaits those who seek peace.

6. You will inherit the land and experience God's plan for your future

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and delivers them;
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in him

7. You will experience the salvation and deliverance of the Lord, He will
be your stronghold in trouble

II. God's strategy for success

Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;

1. Don't fret or be envious of the wicked

³ Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

2. Trust in the Lord and do good

⁴ Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

3. Take delight in the Lord

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:

4. Commit your way to the Lord

⁷ Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him;

5. Be still before the Lord and wait for Him

⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.

6. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath

²⁷ Turn from evil and do good;
then you will dwell in the land forever.

7. Turn from evil and do good

³⁴ Hope in the LORD
and keep his way.

He will exalt you to inherit the land;
when the wicked are destroyed, you will see it

8. Hope in the Lord and keep His way