

Text: Psalm 37

Title: "The LORD upholds the righteous"      Psalm 37:6, 16, 17, 25, 29

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Two Groups of people are highlighted in Psalm 37
  - a) The Upright
  - b) The Wicked
2. The Psalmist sought to outline the characteristics of both Groups
3. He also sought to offer a Contrast between the Two Groups
4. It is also correct to say that there was a Third Party  
That was the LORD Himself

## **REFERENCES TO THE LORD IN PSALM 37**

1. Trust in **the LORD**, and do good;  
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.      (Psalm 37:3)
2. Delight yourself also in **the LORD**,  
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.      (Psalm 37:4)
3. Commit your way to **the LORD**,  
Trust also in Him,  
And He shall bring *it* to pass.      (Psalm 37:5)
4. **He** shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
And your justice as the noonday.      (Psalm 37:6)
5. Rest in **the LORD**, and wait patiently for **Him**;      (Psalm 37:7)
6. For evildoers shall be cut off;  
But those who wait on **the LORD**,  
They shall inherit the earth.      (Psalm 37:9)
7. **The Lord** laughs at him,  
For He sees that his day is coming.      (Psalm 37:13)

8. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,  
But **the LORD** upholds the righteous. (Psalm 37:17)
9. **The LORD** knows the days of the upright,  
And their inheritance shall be forever. (Psalm 37:18)
10. But the wicked shall perish;  
And the enemies of **the LORD**,  
Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish.  
Into smoke they shall vanish away. (Psalm 37:20)
11. The steps of a *good* man are ordered by **the LORD**,  
And He delights in his way. (Psalm 37:23)
12. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;  
For **the LORD** upholds *him with* His hand. (Psalm 37:24)
13. For **the LORD** loves justice,  
And does not forsake His saints;  
They are preserved forever,  
But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off. (Psalm 37:28)
14. The law of his **God** *is* in his heart;  
None of his steps shall slide. (Psalm 37:31)
15. **The LORD** will not leave him in his hand,  
Nor condemn him when he is judged. (Psalm 37:33)
16. Wait on **the LORD**,  
And keep His way,  
And **He** shall exalt you to inherit the land;  
When the wicked are cut off, you shall see *it*. (Psalm 37:34)
17. But the salvation of the righteous *is* from **the LORD**;  
**He** *is* their strength in the time of trouble. (Psalm 37:39)
18. And **the LORD** shall help them and deliver them;  
He shall deliver them from the wicked,  
And save them,  
Because they trust **in Him**. (Psalm 37:40)

## THE LORD AND THE WICKED

### 1. What He will do against the Wicked

a) They will be cut off (Psalm 37:34)

b) He will laugh at them

The Lord laughs at him,  
For He sees that his day is coming (Psalm 37:13)

c) He breaks the power of the wicked

For the arms of the wicked shall be broken (Psalm 37:17)

d) He will cause the wicked to perish

But the wicked shall perish (Psalm 37: 20)

### 2. The Road of the Wicked

a) A hard road

b) Resisted by the Lord

c) Wickedness must be abandoned

## THE LORD AND THE UPRIGHT

### 1. God will provide for the Upright

a) And **He** shall give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4)

b) They shall inherit the earth (Psalm 37:9)

### 2. God will protect the Righteous

a) But **the LORD** upholds the righteous. (Psalm 37:17, 24)

b) And does not forsake His saints;  
They are preserved forever (Psalm 37:28)

c) **The LORD** will not leave him in his hand,  
Nor condemn him when he is judged (Psalm 37:33)

d) And **the LORD** shall help them and deliver them;  
He shall deliver them from the wicked,  
And save them,  
Because they trust **in Him**. (Psalm 37:40)

### 3. God will exalt the righteous

a) **He** shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
And your justice as the noonday. (Psalm 37:6)

b) And **He** shall exalt you to inherit the land;  
When the wicked are cut off, you shall see *it*. (Psalm 37:34)

## CONCLUSION

### 1. Let us be challenged to draw closer to the LORD

a) Trust in the LORD (Psalm 37:1)

b) Delight in the LORD (Psalm 37:4)

c) Wait on the LORD (Psalm 37:7)

### 2. Let us believe that God would

a) Fulfil His promises

b) Hear and answer our prayers

c) Give us the strength we need