

Delighting in HIM

Psalm 37:4; 23-34

For Our Consideration

A Timeless Truth (Verse 4)

- The Psalmist declares that when we delight in the LORD, He will in turn give us the desires of hearts.
 - GOD is the Source of dreams and visions. It is only when we prioritize His Presence and place in our lives, that He empowers and informs our journey to makes such dreams and visions come true.
 - *In this season of your life, what are the desires of your heart?*
 - Commit yourself to GOD and your works will be established.

Ordered Steps, Solid Foundation (Verses 23-24)

- Further along in this 37th Psalm, the Psalmist continues that those who delight in the LORD will have firm steps and that they stumble, they will not fall.
 - The LORD undergirds them; hold them, with His Hand.
- This is IMPORTANT! WHY?
 - You can be blessed and be challenged at the same time. BUT,
 - Those who delight in the LORD not have their steps ordered and supported by GOD, but the Hand of GOD itself, undergirds us and keeps us falling.

A Believer's Testimony (Verses 25-26)

- A well-beloved passage that serves as a part of the testimony of the royal psalmist:
 - Suggested David is now in *his seasoned days*, he declares that he has never seen the righteous forsaken (GOD has never abandoned those who are His) nor their seed (the descendants of righteous folk), begging bread.
- NOW, we generally stop there! But there's an additional part of that thought we must give attention to you concerning testimony of the righteous:
 - Righteous people are also GENEROUS, GIVING people!
 - And, their children *WILL BE* a blessing.
 - Generosity is not just a character trait of the righteous and those who truly delight in the LORD, BUT it is also
 - Something they instill in those who come after them.

- *Look at your house...your family...your church? Do the righteous abide there?*
- *Are you teaching (sharing), the love of the LORD by the way you LIVE?*

The Way of the Righteous (Verses 27-33)

- “*Turn from evil and do good*” = REPENTANCE unto SANTIFICATION.
- WHY?
 - The LORD loves those who are just and He won’t forsake those who are faithful to HIM. AND, those who continually do wrong will (ultimately), be destroyed and their offspring will perish.
 - Whether RIGHTEOUS or WICKED, none shall go unnoticed.
- The Word of GOD is in the hearts of those who love the LORD.
 - Their speech includes words of WISDOM and JUSTICE
 - *What comes out of your mouth?*
 - *And, what do people receive from us based on what comes out of our mouth?*
- To the contrary, the wicked are plotting (constantly), to do wrong by the believers.
 - This includes putting to death their happiness, families, fortune, ministries, etc.
 - But, GOD won’t allow this to happen.
 - The Psalmist declares, that those who delight in the LORD won’t even be brought to trial by the wicked.
 - Lies and deceit can only tape down the truth, they can never seal it shut.

Hope in the LORD (Verse 34)

- Those who delight in the LORD, have learned to place their hope in HIM.
 - They are also learning (day by day), to keep “in step” with GOD’s Word.
 - It takes practice!!!
 - Can’t just get it on Sunday at church or even simply at Bible study. It’s a day to day journey and requires us to “show up” every day.
 - Whatever GOD has promised you, you will inherit it, if you keep His Word and His will prioritized as first in your life.