

## WHEN LIFE ISN'T FAIR

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Psalm 37:1-11

### Three characteristics of people to whom this Psalm is written:

- 1) This is a believer (Christian) who is choosing to \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord.
- 2) This Christian is living with \_\_\_\_\_ desires.
- 3) This Christian sees evil people doing \_\_\_\_\_.

### Three tempting responses we're warned about:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
*vv. 1&7 Do not fret v. 8b Do not fret – it leads only to evil.*  
To fret is to not only see what is wrong, it's to \_\_\_\_\_ on it, to be obsessed with it.  
The person who frets has darkness and evil as the focus of their thoughts.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
*v. 8a refrain from anger and turn from wrath*
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
This is to become a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v. 1b Don't "be envious of those who do wrong"*  
Why?  
*vv. 2&10*

### So what should we do? Two things:

**First:** \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ **v.3**  
Trust is believing God, not \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 3:5 (NIV)*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;*

*2 Corinthians 5:7 (NASB)*

*for we walk by faith, not by sight*

To trust the Lord means doing three things:

- 1) *v.7 "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him."*  
God wants us to learn something towards Him that He has toward us: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) *v.5 "Commit your way to the Lord"*  
This means to commit yourself to doing things \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) *v.3 (NASB)*  
*Trust in the Lord, and do good;*  
*Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.*  
*"But I'm not perfect!"*

Two ways to cultivate faithfulness:

- \_\_\_\_\_ your fault (take responsibility for where you do wrong).
- Do those things that help you \_\_\_\_\_ in faithfulness.

Promise:

**Psalm 37:6 (NIV)**

*He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,  
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.*

### Second: **v.4a** "\_\_\_\_\_ yourself in the Lord"

The key to fulfillment isn't getting what I want. It's wanting and seeking the \_\_\_\_\_ thing.

*Isaiah 55:1-2*

Promise: *v.4b "he will give you the desires of your heart"*

God will \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts so we want \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.  
Then He will \_\_\_\_\_ that desire.

"Lord, I set my heart on You, being close to You, serving You.  
Please change me in the process, so I want what's best.  
Then I trust You to fulfill the desires of my changed heart."