

Devotional: The Wicked May Prosper - But Not For Long

Christian Devotion about Delighting Ourselves in the Lord

Read: [Psalm 37:1-20](#) (NKJV)

"Fret not yourself because of evildoers, neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness (that which is not upright or in right standing with God)." (v.1 AMPC).

We may look around and see the wicked prospering and wonder 'Why'? The many that go against God's standards may mock and ridicule you (v: 12). They may have everything in the material and look down on you (v: 16). But they will meet their fate in the end. The Lord laughs at their wickedness, because He knows the day will come when they will be cast down and the righteous will live forever.

What the Lord tells us to do is to trust in Him, delight ourselves in Him and commit our way to Him. He will then bring it to pass and give us the desires of our hearts. God doesn't want us to focus on what the wicked are doing, or what they may have. But rather to focus on Him, and what He will do in our lives. We need to lean on Him, rely on Him and to commit everything to Him. He will make us as light shining forth (v: 16). As verses 7-8 (AMPC) say, "Be still and rest in the Lord; wait for Him and patiently lean yourself upon Him; fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger and forsake wrath; fret not yourself - it tends only to evildoing."

Let our hope be in the Lord. He will vindicate us in the end. If you are having a hard time right now, give it over to the Lord. Continually come to Him and delight yourself in Him. Don't let anger get a hold, for the wicked 'know not what they're doing'. Trust in God—He won't let you down. He knows what's going on, and He will have the last word!

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) delivers from death. - Proverbs 10: 2(AMPC).

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world [wealth, fame, success], but forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? - Matthew 16:26(AMPC).

The wicked may prosper in this world,
But it soon will come to an end
The righteous shall abide forever
When the Lord comes to avenge.

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