

Core Commitments - Vision

Text: Psalm 37:1-11

Topics: The World, Success, Joy

Supplemental Text: See below:

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As You commit your way to the Lord...

1. Do not be _____ by evildoers (vs. 1-3)
 - A. Meditate on their end. (Study Asaph and Psalm 73)
 - B. Meditate on your end.

2. _____ in Him (vs. 4)
 - A. Psalm 16:11 You reveal the path of life to me; in Your presence is abundant joy; in Your right hand are eternal pleasures.
 - B. Nehemiah 8:10 ...the joy of the Lord is your strength.
 - C. John 15:11 I have spoken these things to you so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

3. Depend on Him for _____ (vs. 5)
 - A. To commit your way means to “give it all over” to the Lord.
 - B. We are to commit all of our affairs and business to God.
 - C. “He will act” (HCSB) “He will do this” (NIV) “He will help you” (NLT) “He shall bring it to pass” (KJV)

Where is Jesus in Psalm 37?

- 1. Jesus referred to this Psalm at the beginning of His sermon on the Mount where he says, “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5 ESV)**
- 2. Jesus is the path out of judgment and destruction. In the consummation ultimate blessing will come to God’s people and ultimate overthrow to his enemies (Rev. 20:11–21:8). The first stage of this goal occurs in Christ’s resurrection, where he as our representative inherits the earth (Matt. 28:18) and triumphs over his enemies (Col. 2:15). (*The ESV Study Bible* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2008), 2649.)**
- 3. Jesus is the source of joy and delight. (John 15:11; John 10:10)**

The 2020 Vision South Orlando Baptist Church

We are depending on God for success in reaching the following goals by the end of 2020:

- 1) The Debt Goal - To have the current debt completely paid off.**
- 2) The World Goal – To plant 1 church, adopt an unreached people group, finance a Jesus film, and to involve more people in mission trips.**
- 3) The First Impressions Goal - Improve our buildings, grounds, and website.**
- 4) The Worship Goal – To establish 3 worship services weekly. To equip members with tools for improvement in corporate worship and private worship.**
- 5) The Discipleship Goal – To begin 12 new small groups. Annual training for group leaders. Focus on equipping families for discipling their children and equipping marriages.**
- 6) The Leadership Goal – To provide a simplified church structure and to define a clarity of roles for each ministry team. To focus on a proper staff to member ratio.**
- 7) The School Goal - To seek a unified vision between the church and school.**

Application Questions

- 1. What advice does this psalm give concerning evil people? (37:1-2)**
- 2. Why should the righteous not envy the wicked? (37:1-2)**
- 3. What comparison is the dominant theme of this psalm? (37:1-40)**
- 4. What did David expect to happen to the wicked? (37:1-40)**
- 5. What did David say people should do instead of worrying about the success of evildoers? (37:3-7)**
- 6. What specific list of actions did David advise God's people to take? (37:3-8, 27, 30-31, 34)**
- 7. What are the consequences of worrying? (37:8)**
- 8. What will be the results of trusting in the Lord? (37:3-40)**
- 9. What can God's people expect? (37:10, 20, 35-36)**
- 10. What does the psalm say about the meek? (37:11)**
- 11. How are the wicked described? (37:12, 14)**
- 12. What can we learn from David's observations of the wicked and the righteous?**
- 13. What does this passage teach us about envy of others?**
- 14. What does this psalm teach us about worry?**
- 15. What blessings from the Lord do you enjoy?**
- 16. What advice in this psalm about trusting God would you like to work on following?**
- 17. What concern of yours can you entrust to the Lord in prayer?**