

Psalms: Wisdom

PSALM 1

Happy is the man who has not followed
the counsel of the wicked,
or taken the path of sinners,
or joined the company of the insolent;
rather, the teaching of the LORD is his delight,
and he studies that teaching day and night.
He is like a tree planted beside streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season,
whose foliage never fades,
and whatever it produces thrives.

Not so the wicked;
rather, they are like chaff that wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not survive judgment,
nor will sinners, in the assembly of the righteous.
For the LORD cherishes the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

PSALM 14

The benighted man thinks,
“God does not care.”
Man’s deeds are corrupt and loathsome;
no one does good.
The LORD looks down from heaven on mankind
to find a man of understanding,
a man mindful of God.
All have turned bad,
altogether foul;
there is none who does good,
not even one.
Are they so witless, all those evildoers,
who devour my people as they devour food,
and do not invoke the LORD?
There they will be seized with fright,
for God is present in the circle of the righteous.
You may set at naught the counsel of the lowly,
but the LORD is his refuge.

PSALM 37

Trust in the LORD and do good,
abide in the land and remain loyal.
Seek the favor of the LORD,
and He will grant you the desires of your heart.
Leave all to the LORD;
trust in Him; He will do it.
He will cause your vindication

to shine forth like the light,
the justice of your case,
like the noonday sun.
Be patient and wait for the LORD,
do not be vexed by the prospering man
who carries out his schemes.
Give up anger, abandon fury, do not be vexed;
It can only do harm.
Better the little that the righteous man has
than the great abundance of the wicked.
For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
but the LORD is the support of the righteous.
The wicked man borrows and does not repay;
the righteous is generous and keeps giving.
Those blessed by Him shall inherit the land,
but those cursed by Him shall be cut off.
The steps of a man are made firm by the LORD,
when He delights in his way.
Though he stumbles, he does not fall down,
for the LORD gives him support.
[A righteous man] is always generous, and lends,
and his children are held blessed.
Shun evil and do good,
and you shall abide forever.
For the LORD loves what is right,
He does not abandon His faithful ones.
They are preserved forever,
while the children of the wicked will be cut off.

The righteous shall inherit the land,
and abide forever in it.

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks what is right.

The teaching of his God is in his heart;
his feet do not slip.

I saw a wicked man, powerful,
well-rooted like a robust native tree.

Suddenly he vanished and was gone;

I sought him, but he was not to be found.

Mark the blameless, note the upright,
for there is a future for the man of integrity.

But transgressors shall be utterly destroyed,
the future of the wicked shall be cut off.

The deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD,
their stronghold in time of trouble.

The LORD helps them and rescues them,
rescues them from the wicked and delivers them,
for they seek refuge in Him.

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