

# Gospel - Light

"Send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me." Ps. 43:3

«For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation...» (Romans 1:16)

## "This Year Thou Shalt Die"

The Old Testament prophet Jeremiah was accustomed to making bold statements. In these words he addresses Hananiah. **"This Year Thou Shalt Die"** (Jeremiah 28:16). They prove to be true as in sixty days Hananiah departed from this life.

The text will probably prove true of some of us: 'This year thou shalt die.' The probability is augmented by the fact that all of us who are over thirty-five have gone beyond the average of human life. The note is more than due. It is only by sufferance that it is not collected. We are like a debtor who is taking the "three days' grace" of the banks. Our race started with 900 years for a lifetime.

Now a man who has come to 100 years of age is a curiosity, and we go miles to see him. The vast majority of the race pass off twenty years before.

To every apple there are five blossoms that never get to be apples. **There is something in all our occupations which predisposes to disease...**

Printers rarely reach their full years. Chemists breathe death in their laboratories, and potters absorb paralysis. Overdriven merchants measure off their own lives with the yardstick. Masons dig their graves with the trowel. And in



all our occupations and professions there are the elements of peril.

Rapid catastrophic weather changes may threaten our lives. By reason of the violent fits of the thermometer, within two days we can live both in the arctic and the tropic. The warm south wind finds us with our furs on. The wintry blast cuts through our thin apparel. The accident, the automobile, the airplane, the assassin, all with their chance to put us in the grave to face eternity. And then what?

**I announce it as an impossibility that 365 days should pass and leave us all as we now are.** In what direction to shoot the arrow I know not, and so I shoot it at a venture: **"This year thou shalt die."**

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## Do You Talk to GOD?

What a wonderful privilege, the ability to speak directly to God! So often we forget the seriousness of prayer! Prayer is entering into the majestic throne room of Heaven where the King of kings is seated at the right hand of the Father.

In the Old Testament, when Esther went to see King Ahasuerus, she entered into the throne room with fear in her heart. **"...Whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live..."** (Esther 4:11).

Thank God, we can come boldly to the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16) because Christ has shed His own blood and applied it to the mercy seat! Yes, we are allowed to enter the throne room into the presence of our King Jesus. Remind yourself when you pray, that you are speaking to God Almighty!

### Place for Prayer

The Lord Jesus had a place for prayer. "And Judas also, which betrayed Him, **knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither** with his disciples" (John 18:2). He had a place apart from the crowd. Christ often went off alone to pray; Jesus went to pray alone when he sent His disciples into a storm.

Daniel was known for his place of prayer, **"...he went into his house;** and his windows be-



ing open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, **as he did aforetime**" (Daniel 6:10).

You and I must have a special time and place of prayer! Yes it is true that you can pray anywhere because God is omnipresent and hears us always. "But thou, when thou prayest, **enter into thy closet,** and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:6).

As creatures of habit we go to sleep at a certain time, we wake up at a certain time and we eat meals at a certain time. I submit to you that we should pray at a particular time every day.

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## GOD HAS PROMISED TO DELIVER US



Psalm 34 In this 34th Psalm, we find 3 things from which the Lord will deliver His people. God says that He will deliver them from all **FEARS**, and will deliver them out of all **TROUBLES**, also out of all **AFFLICTIONS**.

Now, let's examine these three things from which God has promised to deliver us First, the Word says in Psalm 34, verse 4, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from ALL my fears." The

first thing the Psalmist did was to seek the Lord and we find that there were two direct results.

First, the Lord heard; second, the Lord delivered from **ALL fears**. We have never seen a time in all of history when men are so fearful as today. Daily, as we read our local news papers, we see where many people, are dying from heart attacks. Whether you realize it or not, there is but one cause for the great increase in deaths from heart attacks and that is because of continual **FEAR** in the hearts and minds of people. In Luke 21, 26; the Word says, **"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."**

There is but one way to remove that fear from our hearts and that way is to seek the Lord and realize that He has promised to hear and to deliver us from ALL our fears.

I want you to especially notice that little three letter word **ALL**. God means just that. No doubt, today, there are mother's whose hearts are filled with fear for their sons in the military service; many wives are worried about that husband; oh, let me invite you to seek the Lord and claim the promise that He will hear and will deliver from all your fears. You may say, "but I cannot help but fear for the safety of my boy or my husband..." How true that is! It is only natural that we worry about them; and until you turn them over to the Lord, you "will" worry about them. But why not just turn them over to the Lord knowing that He is able to keep and to protect. When you commit them into the hands of Jesus then you can pray, sincerely, **"Not my will but thine be done."**

There is a second thing that God has promised to deliver us from. He says in verse 17, "The righteous cry and the Lord heareth (aren't those words just wonderful to realize that God hears our feeble cry, but

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### IN VIEW OF PROBABILITIES, GET READY FOR ETERNITY

In view of the probabilities mentioned, I advise all the men and women not ready for eternity to get ready! If the text be true, you have no time to talk about nonessentials, asking why God let sin come into the world; or whether the book of Jonah is inspired; or who Melchizedek was, or what about this and that.... If you are as near eternity as some of you seem to be, there is no time for anything but the question, “**What must I do to be saved?**”

**The drowning man, when a plank is thrown him, stops not to ask what saw-mill made it or whether it is oak or cedar or who threw it. The moment it is thrown, he clutches it.**

If this year you are to die, there is no time for anything but immediately laying hold on God. It is high time to get forgiveness for your sins.

You say, “I have committed no great transgressions.” But are you not aware that your life has been sinful? The snow comes down on the Alps flake by flake, and it is so light that you may hold it on the tip of your finger without feeling any weight; but the flakes gather; they compact until someday a traveler’s foot starts to slide, and it goes down in an avalanche, crushing to death the villagers.

So the sins of your youth, the sins of your manhood, the sins of your womanhood may have seemed only slight inaccuracies or trifling divergences from the right-so slight that they are hardly worth mentioning, but they have been piling up and piling up, packing together and packing together, until they make a mountain of sin, and one more step of your foot in the wrong direction may slide down upon you an avalanche of ruin and condemnation.

Oh, the unpardoned, clamoring, ravaging, all-devouring sins of thy lifetime! No time to lose if you want to escape your sins, for “this year thou shalt die.”

### CHRIST STANDS READY TO SAVE

**Let me announce that Christ the Lord stands ready to save any man who wants to be saved.** He waited for you all last year and all the year before, and He has waited all your life. He has waited for you with blood on His brow, tears in His eyes and two outstretched, mangled hands of love. You come from your store and find your house has been on fire and your neighbor put it out. You thank him. You say, “I shall never forget this. When you want anything, come to me”.

But when the Lord makes an attempt to put out the eternal consuming of your soul, you give Him no thanks and wish Him off the premises.

I wish you might know what a task Jesus undertook when He carried your case to

Calvary. **They crowded Him to the wall. They struck Him. They spat on Him. They kicked Him. They cuffed Him. They scoffed at Him. They scourged Him. They murdered Him. Blood! blood! As Christ stoops down to lift you up, the crimson blood drops upon you from His brow, from His side, from His hands.**

Do you not feel the warm current on your face? For thee the hunger, the thirst, the thorn-sting, the suffocation, the darkness, the groan, the sweat, the struggle, the death! Today, right now, bow before the Saviour in a private word of prayer and ask Jesus to save your soul. **“For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold NOW is the day of salvation.”** (2 Cor. 6:2)

— T. DeWitt Talmage



## The Trinity: 3 Persons yet but 1 GOD

“There are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are One” (1 John 5:7).

God is but one, yet there are three distinct persons subsisting in one Godhead. This is a sacred mystery, which the light within man could never have discovered. As the two natures in Christ (God-man), yet but one person, is a wonder; so are the three persons, yet but one Godhead. Here is a deep truth, the Father God, the Son God, the Holy Ghost God; yet not three Gods, but one God. The three persons in the blessed Trinity are distinguished, but not divided; three substances, but one essence.

This is a divine riddle, where one makes three, and three make one. Our narrow thoughts can no more comprehend the Trinity in Unity, than a nut-shell will hold all the water in the sea. Let me shadow it out by a similitude. In the body of the sun, there are the substance of the sun, the beams, and the heat. The beams are begotten of the sun, the heat proceeds both from the sun and the beams; but these three, though different, are not divided. They all three make but one sun: so in the blessed Trinity, the Son is begotten of the Father, the Holy Ghost proceeds from both; yet though they are three distinct persons, they are but one God.

**I. OF THE UNITY IN TRINITY:** The Unity of the persons in the Godhead consists of two things.

The identity of essence. In the Trinity there is a oneness in essence. The three persons are of the same divine nature and substance; so that in «there are no degrees in the Godhead»; one person is not God more than another.

The Unity of the Persons in the Godhead consists in the mutual inbeing of them, or their being in one together. The three persons are so united that one person is in another, and with another. “**Thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee**” (John 17:21).

**II. LET ME SPEAK OF THE TRINITY IN UNITY:** The first Person in the Trinity is God the Father. He is called the first person, in respect of order, not dignity: for God the Father has no essential perfection which the other persons have not; he is not more wise, more holy, more powerful than the other persons are. There is a priority, not a superiority.

The second Person in the Trinity is Jesus Christ, who is begotten of the Father before all time. “**I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, was I brought forth**” (Proverbs 8:23-25). This Scripture declares the eternal generation of the Son of God. This second person in the Trinity, who is Jehovah, is become our Jesus. The Scripture calls him the branch of David, (Jer. 23:5), and I may call him the flower of our nature. “**By him all that believe are justified**” (Acts 13:39).

The third Person in the Trinity is the Holy Ghost, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, whose work is to illuminate the mind, and enkindle sacred motions. The essence of the Spirit is in Heaven, and everywhere; but the influence of Him is in the hearts of believers. This is that blessed Spirit who gives us the holy unction (I

John 2:20). Though Christ merits grace for us, it is the Holy Ghost that works it in us. Though Christ makes the purchase, it is the Holy Ghost that makes the assurance, and seals us to the day of redemption. Thus I have spoken of all the three persons. The Trinity of persons may be proved out of Matt 3:16. “**Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son**”. Here are three names given to the three persons. He who spake with a voice from Heaven was God the Father; He who was baptized in Jordan was God the Son; He who descended in the likeness of a dove was God the Holy Ghost. Thus I have shown you the Unity of essence, and the Trinity of persons.

Take away the distinction of the persons in the Trinity, and you overthrow man’s redemption; for God the Father being offended with man for sin, how shall he be pacified without a mediator? This mediator is Christ, who makes our peace. Christ having died, and shed his blood, how shall this blood be applied but by the Holy Ghost? Therefore, if there be not three persons in the Godhead, man’s salvation cannot be wrought out; if there be no second person in the Trinity, there is no redeemer; if no third person, there is no comforter. Thus the plank is taken away by which we get to Heaven.

**For exhortation:** Believe this doctrine of the Trinity of persons in the unity of essence.

The Trinity is purely an object of faith; the plumblineline of reason is too short to fathom this mystery; but where reason cannot wade, there faith may swim. There are some truths in religion that may be demonstrated by reason, as that there is a God: but the Trinity of persons in the Unity of essence is wholly supernatural, and must be believed by faith. This sacred doctrine is not against reason, but above it. Those illuminated philosophers, that could find out the causes of things, and discourse of the magnitude and influence of the stars, the nature of minerals, could never, by their deepest search, find out the mystery of the Trinity. This is of divine revelation, and must be adored with humble believing. We can be no good Christians, without the firm belief of the Trinity. How can we pray to God the Father but in the name of Christ, and through the help of the Spirit? How can we believe the glorious Trinity?

If there be one God subsisting in three persons, then let us give equal reverence to all the persons in the Trinity. There is not more or less in the Trinity; the Father is not more God than the Son and Holy Ghost. There is an order in the Godhead, but no degrees; one person has not a majority or supereminence above another, therefore we must give equal worship to all the persons. “**That all men should honour the Son even as they honour the Father**” (John 5:23). Adore Unity in Trinity.

Obey all the persons in the blessed Trinity; for all of them are God! Pray to the Father, in the name of the Son and receive the Holy Spirit. “**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved**” (Romans 10:14). Call on Jesus today, right now!

— Thomas Watson



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# Do You Talk to GOD?

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## Procedure for Prayer

Be careful NOT to quote memorized chants over and over again. "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking" (Matthew 6:7). Even "good Christians" often find themselves repeating the same words and phrases in their prayers from day to day.

The procedure is to speak honestly from your heart! Be honest with God, He knows everything anyway... Be fresh, speak thoughts as they come to your mind. Be thorough, ask God to search your heart and He will search it. He will give you something to pray about! Communicate with the Lord. As we speak to Him and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to our inner being, we receive insight and enlightenment.

## Purpose of God from Prayer

God has a plan for your life and for my life! When our Lord Jesus taught His disciples to pray He gave them what we refer to as the model prayer. We too should pray, "... Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven" (Matthew 6:10). God's purpose, His will is often not even considered. The battle that all men face is the matter of the will. Nobody wants to be told what to do, it is difficult to surrender your will, your ambition, your supposed purpose in life, into the hands of an unseen God. But when we pray we need to seek the guidance of the Great Shepherd, and submit ourselves to Him, His will is always best! "... according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" (Ephesians 1:11).

People make decisions in life without even consulting the Master. They select marriage partners, take job offers, move to a new location, buy houses, etc., and neglect to seek the Lord's will in prayer. The Word of God teaches us, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6). Praying for God's will and purpose helps us to avoid self inflicted troubles and trials. We should pray with a submissive and yearning heart as the Apostle Paul, "And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6). Again, I tell you, "... men ought



always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

## Provision of God from Prayer

"... Yet ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2). Unfortunately, many Christians don't believe that their Father in Heaven will supply all of their needs according to His riches in glory. But it is a promise of God. Jesus said when you pray, ask for daily provision; "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). This is a divine principle in the Bible. In the Old Testament, although God's people were wandering in the wilderness without out food, they were provided with Manna from Heaven by God every day.

I am reminded of the great man of God, George Mueller. He operated an orphanage and never asked any human for material assistance, He prayed to God for provision. He raised over 5,000 orphans and all by faith in God through prayer. One evening, Brother George Mueller sat at the table with the children and NO food before them. It was a difficult time... But He bowed His head in prayer giving thanks, trusting God and while he prayed a local baker came to the door with loaves of bread! A wonderful provision of God from Prayer!

The skeptics ask the question, "... Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" (Psalm 78:19). I tell you, He can and He will provide for His children!

## Praise God When in Prayer

If you are a true born-again Christian you must praise your Father which is in Heaven! In John 8 we are taught there are two distinct categories of people, those whose father is the Devil and those whose Father is in Heaven. Consider the sacrifice the Lord made for you and you will praise Him! Consider His love, "But

God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8), and you will praise Him! Remind yourself daily how longsuffering and merciful the Father is, "It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not" (Lamentations 3:22); and you will have to praise Him!

We need to tell God regularly in our prayers how wonderful He is, how thankful we are for His love and how much we love Him! I tell you, "... men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

## People in Our Prayers to God

Too often when we pray we neglect to pray for others. We all have family and friends with needs. There are people we know who we should be concerned about. People with physical problems, spiritual problems, financial problems, family problems, etc. But most important of all, people without Christ. Others that are going to Hell. Even the rich man when he lifted up his eyes in the torments of Hell he prayed for others! "Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: FOR I HAVE FIVE BRETHREN; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment" (Luke 16:27). When you consider the eternal destiny of those in your sphere of life, remember to pray for them!

## Peace With God through Prayer

This subject of prayer to the Father is based on the acceptance of Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour! There must be a point time when you prayed the "sinner's prayer", and asked Jesus to forgive you of your sin and received Him into your heart! "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). No person can have true peace in their heart unless they have forgiveness from the Father, because we are all sinners by birth.

The honest person knows that they have sinned against God. For this reason Christ came into the world, to save sinners! "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). "... and Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

— Tom Meador

# Who Are You Looking At?

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

Most religions do not teach that a person is saved by looking unto Jesus or trusting Jesus. That teach that the person is put into a position to be saved provided he does certain other things. But the text says, "Look unto ME, and be ye saved." It does not say, "Look unto Me, and I will put you in a position to be saved provided you endure to the end, provided you don't sin again, provided you get baptized, provided you join the church, and provided you keep the Ten Commandments." The text plainly says, "Look unto ME, and be ye saved..". A man is not saved as long as he is in danger of being lost.

"Look unto ME, and be ye saved..". Saved from what? Saved from Hell! If I trust Jesus as my Saviour, I won't have to go to Hell when I die. I'll go to Heaven and be there forever and ever and ever and ever. To look to Christ means to have faith in Christ, to depend on Christ, to rely on Christ the same way you rely on your family doctor, the same way you rely on your dentist, the same way you rely on an airplane pilot. It means you have confidence in Him that He is all He offers Himself to be.

Your doctor says, "I have studied medicine. I can diagnose your case. I can tell you what is wrong. I can prescribe something that will cure you." So you take him at his word. You trust him.

It is the same way with Jesus. You take Him at His word. He says, "I'm your Saviour. I am the only way to get to Heaven. I am life. He that hath the Son hath life. He that believes on Me has everlasting life. If you will trust Me, you will never go to Hell, but you will live in Heaven forever." We must accept what He says, believe that He is all He offers Himself to be and trust Him completely for salvation.

I am not asking you to change religions. I am not asking you to join a church. I am simply asking you to make dead sure you are trusting Christ and nothing else for salvation, that you are looking unto Him. Anybody in the world who looks unto Him is saved. "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." — Curtis Hutson



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let's go on) and delivereth them out of all their troubles." Once more we see that little word "all". Surely, today, man's troubles are many but again we have the promise that if we will ask, seek, and knock the Lord will deliver. I do not know what the troubles may be, maybe domestic troubles, or physical troubles or even spiritual troubles but whatever the case might be, the promise is still good, that the Lord will deliver.

Now for the third thing, in this Psalm, that the Lord has promised to deliver us from. In verse 19, the Word says, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them ALL." Once again, notice that little word "ALL". Let me say just a word to our "Shut-in friends" (sick at home), Today, many of you are afflicted, you are sick and many times you wonder

why God has sent this thing to you. Maybe you love God and you have served Him for many years! Well, there are some things that we cannot understand; but, thank God, whether I understand it or not, I believe God's Word, don't you? Please remember that He has promised to deliver you from ALL your afflictions. **Trust the Lord, He is able to do it in His own time and manner.**

In closing; let me urge each one of you, in these dark days of the end time when men are filled with fear and when our troubles and afflictions are pressing down upon us; to trust in the Lord, knowing that He loves us and He is able to keep and to protect all of us. **"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you"** (1 Peter 5:7). "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

— Harold B Sighler

## "New World Order"

"New World Order" is a term that has become familiar in political rhetoric over the past two decades. It was coined and popularized by our 41st U.S. President George H. W. Bush in the early 1990's. It started our country on a goal of a world without national, monetary or religious differences; literally a world without borders of any kind. The whole world is attempting to build a 21st Century Tower of Babel and do not realize the biblical prophecies being fulfilled in the daily news stories of each passing day.

Our current President has plans to restore America's national identity. The proposals he makes and the plans that he is introducing are nothing new but simply a return to the "America first" philosophy we held before the "New World Order" became the goal. I pray that he will be able to succeed but the Word of God tells us that eventually our great country will follow the Anti-Christ in his bid for world



domination. Revelation 13:7-8 **"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."**

The Lord Jesus Christ gave a solemn warning concerning these days in which we find ourselves, Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. Even with the best of intentions, the politicians don't have the answer; many of them don't even know what the question is. Pray for our leaders and our country but **the answer is not in the White House it is in the Church House.** When God's people return to the Bible and realize that the "last days" are upon us, the time is short until the return of Christ, and the need of the hour is to get back to reaching the world with the Gospel, only then will we see America "great again"

— Fred Barton

## Our Ever Pursuing God

**"And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house"** (Luke 19:5)

A heard a Church Pastor in Manhattan, New York rightly state that Christianity is unique among all religions for it is about God's pursuit of us to draw us to Himself.

In every other religious system, people pursue their god, hoping that through good behavior, keeping of rituals, good works, or other efforts they will be accepted by the god they pursue.

The British poet Francis Thompson catches the profound nature of this reality when he writes of the relentless pursuit of God in his life. In his work titled "The Hound of Heaven," he writes that as he fled



from God he couldn't outrun "those strong feet that followed... with unhurrying chase and unperturbed pace." But God's untiring pursuit of the wayward is not just Thompson's story. At the heart of the Christmas message is the wonderful truth of God's pursuit of every one of us. As Paul affirms, "God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law" (Gal. 4:4-5).

And it's not just the Christmas story. It's the story of God's pursuit of Adam and Eve after the fall. His pursuit of me! His pursuit of you! Jesus Himself proclaimed, **"For the Son of man is come TO SEEK AND TO SAVE that which was lost"** (Luke 19:10). God's undying desire for you will never cease.

*Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*  
—Wesley

## Fret-Free Living

Does it bother you to see how much attention is paid in today's culture to people who stand for all the wrong things? Perhaps it is entertainment stars who get the headlines while espousing immoral philosophies in their music, movies, or programs. Or it could be leaders who openly thumb their noses at right-living standards.

It would be easy to fret about this and wring our hands in despair, but Psalm 37 suggests a better way. Listen to David's wise advice: **"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity"** (v.1).

While it is right to be "salt and light" (Matt. 5:13-14) in this tasteless, dark world—we cannot let negative forces cause us to live in anger



and wrath (Ps. 37:8). We should attempt to counter sin by reflecting Jesus' light wherever possible... **In fact, we must rely on God to have the ultimate say about evildoers:** "They shall soon be cut down like the grass" (v.2). Beyond that, we should take David's approach: (1) "Trust in the LORD, and do good." (2) "Feed on His faithfulness." (3) "Delight yourself also in the LORD." (4) "Commit your way to the Lord." (5) "Rest in the Lord" (vv.3-7).

We may not like what we see and hear from some aspects of society, but remember this: God is in control. Trust Him to do what is right. And don't fret. Don't despair because of evil; God will have the last word.

— D. De Haan

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