

Deliverance and Inheritance

Psa 37:7-40

In last week's study, two words we spent a lot of time describing were "fret not" and "delight thyself", in our attempt to see how we learn to trust and grow in faith while in the midst of enemies and evildoers in our land within and without. This week we will expound on that process of growth through the many details and battles of the wicked and righteous, the transgressor and the perfect man we are coming into as we die daily.

Psa 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret **H2734 not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.**

How can we rest in the Lord, if the Lord himself "hath not where to lay his head" to rest?

Luk 9:58 And Jesus said unto him, **Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.**

This verse is talking about the spiritual rest that we are coming into by the grace of God and not the inheriting of the earth in the negative sense that Satan tempted Christ to inherit the earth and rest in it (Mat 4:9).

Mat 4:9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Christ's resistance of the devil which came on the heel of forty days of fasting is the example set for us of how we are to come to learn to "wait patiently for Him" today, as Christ waited on the Father to deliver him from all the fiery darts of the devil (Jas 4:7 , Eph 6:16).

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench **all** the fiery darts of the wicked.

God allows the trials to manifest, severe trials that are symbolized by the forty days of fasting, and prepares our hearts for our wilderness experience of temptation that we all must experience (Eph 6:13).

We must "Rest in the LORD" as Christ did in the midst of his temptation and trials (Isa 14:3-7) and "wait patiently for him"(Luk 21:19) in order to see Christ made manifest in the midst of our trials as he alone is the only one who can enable us to stand (Eph 6:13 , Joh 15:5), as we possess our souls in that patience. God willing we will do this.

Christ as our example did not fret **H2734** when being confronted by Satan, and neither will we if we are resting in the Lord who is our hope of glory (obedience) (Col 1:27). Christ in us can bring us to this place over time (1Pe 5:10), as it is a process to come to no longer be angry at or be blasphemous (railing accusations of Jud 1:9) with our accusers, as they are allowed to prosper in their way, and bring "wicked devices to pass". Those accusers can be within or without!

H2734 (fret) chârâh khaw-raw'

A primitive root (compare H2787); to *glow* or grow warm; figuratively (usually) to *blaze up*, of anger, zeal, jealousy: - be angry, burn, be displeased, X earnestly, fret self, grieve, be (wax) hot, be incensed, kindle, X very, be wroth. See H8474.

Psa 37:8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

Psa 37:9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

When we "cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil", the evildoers within us and without "shall be cut off". But like all things, we are shown time and again that this is not done all at once in our lives. The promise is there that they **shall** be cut off, but in the same breath we're told to wait upon the Lord

before we are told that those who do **shall** inherit the earth.

Waiting on "the Lord" as the Lord waited on the Father for judgement and discernment in all situations ([Joh 5:30](#)) will enable us to "inherit the earth" not in the manner that Satan impatiently wanted Christ to inherit the earth, and at the expense of losing his soul ([Mar 8:36](#)), but rather by being given dominion over our thoughts in our heavens ([2Co 10:5](#)) so that the earth (our flesh) is subject to the will of God and not that of the devil ([Pro 3:5-8](#)). It is a live long process that we are not to fret about or succumb to and it is that process which the Lord works in us as we can bear it.

[Psa 37:10](#) For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall not be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be*.

Consider it all joy when you fall into diverse temptation ([Jas 1:2-5](#)), knowing that the trying of your faith works patience, and we are promised that these diverse temptations are "For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall not be*:" This as always is primarily within as we see Christ increase over time and our first man Adam decrease ([Joh 3:30](#)).

[Jas 1:2](#) My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

[Jas 1:3](#) Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

[Jas 1:4](#) But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

[Jas 1:5](#) If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

The "yet a little while" from God's perspective is our life ([Rev 2:10](#)), the mist that this life is ([Jas 4:14](#)), and it is in fact a quick work that the Lord is doing on the earth within His elect. It just feels like it's taking a long time when you are in the midst of the trials and a life of much tribulation ([Act 14:22](#)).

Eventually we come to the point where we, "diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be*." which is symbolized by John looking back in the temple beholding the "seven golden candlesticks." which tells us that John was viewing this from the vantage point of the holy of holies ([Rev 1:11-12](#)).

What it will take for us to have this same clear vision of where we've come from and where we are going, is to have the "the seven plagues of the seven angels" "fulfilled" upon our own temples ([Rev 15:8](#) , [Col 1:24](#) , [Mat 24:13](#) , [1Co 6:19](#)).

[Psa 37:11](#) But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Christ is our abundance of peace in this life ([Joh 14:27](#)), as we receive a peace that passes all human understanding ([Gal 5:22](#) , [Php 4:7](#)). This is a peace that the world outside of us cannot manufacture no matter how hard they try ([Isa 59:8](#)). As we see in this verse of Isaiah there is "no judgement in their goings" which is the cause for there being no lasting peace, and it is by God's judgement upon the elect today ([1Pe 4:17](#)) that our "crooked paths" can be made straight so that we can shine in this world to His glory ([Php 2:15-16](#)).

God resists the proud but gives grace to us ([Jas 4:6](#)) so that we can be those few meek in this age who will "inherit the earth" today, and remembering that to inherit the earth simply means to have dominion over our fleshly lives through Christ as He gives us the power to keep His commandments ([Rom 8:9](#) , [Rom 8:14](#) , [Psa 119:165](#)).

Over time we treasure this peace of mind, the mind of Christ ([1Co 2:16](#)), more and more in a world that is full of unrest. It is through this contrast of a crooked generation waxing worse and worse and one that is being straightened in the midst of it ([Php 2:15-16](#)) that God will witness both to us and the world of His great power and ability to still the waters of any life, at anytime in the history of man, demonstrating that nothing is

impossible for our great God ([Luk 1:37](#) , [Rom 8:31](#)).

Psa 37:12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

Psa 37:13 The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

Psa 37:14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and* to slay such as be of upright conversation.

Psa 37:15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

We naturally plot against the just, and gnash our teeth upon Christ before we are converted (see this link for the 14 times 'gnash' is used, always in reference to teeth; mentioned by 3 writers in the OT and 3 writers in the NT: <http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/search.php?q=gnash&hs=1>) .

The Lord laughs (**H7832**: used 38 times in the bible and has been translated as 'rejoice' or 'scorn' or 'laugh') at us knowing that the day of evil is coming and that all such actions are going to be corrected in His perfect time ([Pro 16:4](#)). The Lord rejoices in the making of the new man through the process of scorning the old.

When we wickedly go about wanting to draw out the sword of God's word against "the poor" who symbolize the elect ([Mat 5:3](#)) and want to slay those who are of "upright conversation", we are then no different than Saul who was breathing slaughter against all who were of "this way" ([Act 9:1](#) , [Mat 5:22](#)).

The end result of these actions if God is dealing with us in this age is that "Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken." which is another way of saying our own iniquities will chasten us ([Isa 59:2](#) , [Jer 5:25](#)) and our hearts pierced ([Lam 3:12-13](#) CLV, BBE)

Psa 37:16 A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked.

Psa 37:17 For the **arms of the wicked shall be broken**: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

Psa 37:18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

Psa 37:19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

Psa 37:20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

These verses above and below describe for us how the contrast between the righteous and the wicked is established and how one is consumed while the other is satisfied. The "power" that is in the "arms" (**H2220** see KJC for its uses as power, mighty, shoulder, arm, strength) of one must decrease as the "Power" of the Lord increases within us ([Lev 6:28](#), [Psa 34:20](#))

Psa 37:21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

Psa 37:22 For *such as be* blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and *they that be* cursed of him shall be cut off.

The contrast is so vivid between the wicked and the righteous, in regard to the fruit that either one produces. 'Showing mercy and giving' are both connected with how we inherit the earth, as they demonstrate a life that has dominion over our heavens, being able to judge all matters of the earth with mercy and a giving heart ([1Co 2:15-16](#) , [1Co 6:3](#) , [Jas 2:13](#) , [Pro 3:3](#)).

Psa 37:23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Psa 37:24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.

Psa 37:25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his

seed begging bread.

Psa 37:26 *He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.*

The steps of a man are ordered by the Lord: This simply is not something that most anyone believes, and yet we are so blessed to see the depth of God's sovereignty in this verse, upon all of His creation ([Eph 1:11](#), [Rom 8:28](#), [Pro 16:1](#))

The psalmist goes on to talk about the faithfulness of God to see us through our seven falls in the wilderness ([Pro 24:16](#)) and how his hand will uphold us. He will never leave or forsake us ([Heb 13:5](#)). We will never need to beg (**H1245** "Seek" in the sense of strive after or search out) for bread physically or spiritually ([Mat 7:7](#), [Php 4:19](#)). The mercy that God has shown to us grows us in our desire to extend the same mercy to others, as we are blessed to learn to lend and be merciful in this age ([Rom 11:31-32](#)).

"His seed [that] is blessed" is a shadow of the one seed, not seeds expressed in the shadow of Abraham who is a type of Christ ([Gal 3:16](#)).

Psa 37:27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

Psa 37:28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

Psa 37:29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

Our ability to "depart from evil, and do good;" are a result of God's judgements in our earth ([Isa 26:9](#)). As a result of those judgements "the wicked shall be cut off" within and "the righteous shall inherit the land." That the Lord "[loveth](#) judgement" is our very salvation, our hope and our promise!

Psa 37:30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

Psa 37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

This is a description of the new man that has had the law of God written on his heart ([Heb 10:16](#), [Jer 31:33](#)). God's law on our heart will lead us to "speaketh wisdom", and have a tongue that "talketh of judgment." It will not be with the tongue that speaks mischief and vanity or proud things or guile ([Psa 10:7](#), [Psa 12:3](#), [Psa 34:13](#)) but with the mouth purified ([Zep 3:9](#), [Isa 6:5-7](#), [Mat 12:35](#))

It is with such a heart that we can overcome and rest in the Lord and trust in His sovereign hand in our lives which results in none of our steps sliding. We start off on very slippery ground when we are outside of the mercy of God's grace and faith, but the day comes when we look back and remember how foolish we were to ever envy any part of the wickedness of this world ([Psa 84:10](#)).

Psa 37:32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.

Psa 37:33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

Psa 37:34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

Psa 37:35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

Psa 37:36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he *was* not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

Psa 37:37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man is peace.

Sin lies at the door of our hearts ([Gen 4:7](#)) and therefore men ought always to pray and not lose heart ([Luk 18:1](#)). Our hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked without Christ giving us dominion over them ([Jer 17:9](#)). As Christ said to Peter he prayed for him that Satan would not sift him like wheat and in so doing leave him in the hands of one who would destroy him ([Luk 22:32](#)).

It seems from our earthly perspective that "the wicked [are] in great power, and spreading himself like a green

bay tree." and yet God promises us who have his peace dwelling in our hearts that this wicked will pass away both within and without "yea, I sought him, but he could not be found."

We are to keep our eyes on each other, on Christ who is our peace, and His body. Mark the man who is being perfected, behold the upright, and declare that the end for man -- all mankind -- is peace ([1Co 15:22](#)).

[Psa 37:38](#) But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

[Psa 37:39](#) But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.

[Psa 37:40](#) And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Because we are given to trust in God with the faith that he grants us, we will be able to see "the end of the wicked" which "shall be cut off."

This is our time of trouble right now, this is the day of the Lord and our salvation, which will come as a result of enduring to the end of this day "of the Lord".

He is our "strength in the time of trouble." our helper ([Heb 13:6](#)), our deliverer ([Psa 18:2](#)), who will save us from the wicked within and without ([Rom 8:37](#), [1Pe 1:4](#), [Oba 1:17](#)).