Psalm 37 - Trust in God, Not Man

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Our Attitude Towards Evildoers

Psalm 37:1-40 ESV Of David.

- 1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!
- 2 For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

In times of trouble, trust in God alone, not man.

Psalm 37:3 ESV

- 3 <u>Trust in the LORD</u>, and <u>do good</u>; dwell in the land and <u>befriend faithfulness</u>.
- 4 <u>Delight yourself in the LORD</u>, and <u>he will give you</u> the <u>desires of your heart</u>.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.
- 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.
- 7 <u>Be still before the LORD</u> and <u>wait patiently for him</u>; <u>fret not yourself</u> over the one <u>who prospers in his way</u>, over the man <u>who carries out evil devices!</u>

Psalm 60:11-12 ESV

- 11 Oh, grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man!
- 12 With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

Isaiah 31:1 ESV

1 <u>Woe to those</u> who <u>go down to Egypt for help</u> and <u>rely on horses</u>, <u>who trust in chariots</u> because <u>they are many</u> and <u>in horsemen</u> because <u>they are very strong</u>, but <u>do not look to the Holy One</u> of Israel or <u>consult the LORD!</u>

Jeremiah 17:5-8 ESV

- 5 Thus says the LORD: "<u>Cursed is the man</u> who <u>trusts in man</u> and <u>makes flesh his strength</u>, <u>whose heart</u> <u>turns away from the LORD</u>.
- 6 He is like <u>a shrub in the desert</u>, and <u>shall not see any good come</u>. He shall <u>dwell in the parched places of the wilderness</u>, in an <u>uninhabited salt land</u>.
- 7 <u>Blessed is the man</u> who <u>trusts in the LORD</u>, whose trust is the LORD.
- 8 He is like a <u>tree planted by water</u>, that <u>sends out its roots</u> by the stream, and <u>does not fear when heat comes</u>, for <u>its leaves remain green</u>, and is <u>not anxious in the year of drought</u>, for it <u>does not cease to bear fruit."</u>

Psalm 146:3-6 ESV

- 3 Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- 4 When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.
- 5 <u>Blessed is he whose help</u> is <u>the God of Jacob</u>, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever.

Psalm 33:16-20 ESV

- 16 The king is <u>not saved by his great army</u>; a warrior is <u>not delivered by his great strength</u>.
- 17 The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,
- 19 that he may <u>deliver their soul from death</u> and <u>keep them alive in famine</u>.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

1 Samuel 8:6-7 ESV

6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "<u>Give us a king</u> to <u>judge us</u>." And Samuel prayed to the LORD.

7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

1 Samuel 8:19-20 ESV

19 But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us,

20 that <u>we also may be like all the nations</u>, and that <u>our king may judge us</u> and <u>go out before us</u> and <u>fight our battles</u>."

2 Chronicles 16:7-9 ESV

7 At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, "Because <u>you relied on the king of Syria</u>, and <u>did not rely on the LORD</u> your God, the army of <u>the king of Syria has escaped you</u>.

8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet <u>because you relied on the LORD</u>, he gave them into your hand.

9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars."