

Holiday Living

Thanksgiving Guide

Psalm 37:1-8

*1 Don't worry about the wicked
or envy those who do wrong.*

*2 For like grass, they soon fade away.
Like spring flowers, they soon wither.*

*3 Trust in the Lord and do good.
Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.*

*4 Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you your heart's desires.*

*5 Commit everything you do to the Lord.
Trust him, and he will help you.*

*6 He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn,
and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.*

*7 Be still in the presence of the Lord,
and wait patiently for him to act.
Don't worry about evil people who prosper
or fret about their wicked schemes.*

*8 Stop being angry!
Turn from your rage!
Do not lose your temper—
it only leads to harm.*

Instruction

*Don't worry about the wicked (vs.1)
or envy those who do wrong.*

Worry: 'get heated or stirred up'

Wicked: Not those who disagree with you
but those who live in disagreement with God.

We have to choose:
Today, will I light a candle
or will I curse the darkness.

Unconditional Promise

*For like grass, they soon fade away.
Like spring flowers, they soon wither. (vs. 2)*

***God is watching and he keeps score*

Instruction

Trust in the Lord and do good. (vs. 3)

Conditional Promise

Then you will live safely in the land and prosper. (vs. 3)

Live safely and cultivate.
— free to be where you are.
—free to be when you are.
—free to be who you are
— free to be who you are with.

Introduce Prayer

Music

Sermon Part 2

Instruction

Take delight in the Lord, (vs. 4)

Conditional Promise

and he will give you your heart's desires. (vs. 4)

Delight: take pleasure in (the Lord - not the gifts)

***When we delight in the gifts and not in the giver, it is idolatry.*

Instruction

Commit everything you do to the Lord. (vs. 5)

Commit - roll off your burden.
(Push the rock of your burden off the ledge of your 'self'.)

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Conditional Promise

Trust him, and he will help you. (vs. 5)

*5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.*
Proverbs 3:5-6

Instruction

Be still in the presence of the Lord, (vs. 7)

Conditional Promise

and wait patiently for him to act. (vs. 7)

S.T.I.L.L

Say it out loud.
Take the time.
It's not about me.
Let it breathe.
Listen to God speak.

Instruction

*Stop being angry!
Turn from your rage!
Do not lose your temper— (vs. 8)*

Unconditional Promise

it only leads to harm. (vs. 8)