

PSALM 36

To the chief Musician, A *Psalm* of David
the servant of the LORD.

THE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is no fear of God before his eyes.*

2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

3 The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good.

4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is* not good; he abhorreth not evil.

5. Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness *is* like the great mountains; thy judgments *are* a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

7 How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of

the river of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM 37

A *Psalm* of David.

FRET not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the

LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

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

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

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

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall not be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be*.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

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

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

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.

15 Their sword shall enter into

their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the

righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

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

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

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.

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

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

31 The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

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

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

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*.

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

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

37 Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of

that man is peace.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.

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.

PSALM 38

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

OLORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

3 *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither *is there any* rest in my bones because of my sin.

4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.

6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease*: and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire *is* before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

12. They also that seek after my life lay snares *for me*: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf *man*, heard not; and *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth

are no reproofs.

15 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, *Hear me*, lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify *themselves* against me.

17 For I *am* ready to halt, and my sorrow *is* continually before me.

18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies *are* lively, *and* they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow *the thing that good is*.

21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.

22 Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

The theme of Psalms 36 and 37 is “trust in God.” In Psalm 36, what the wicked man is and does is contrasted with what the Lord is and does. The Lord is to be petitioned and trusted.

Psalm 37 is one of the best-loved of all the Psalms. Verse 4 is one of my key verses in the Old Testament. “Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” This Psalm tells of God’s provision for His children. He also promises us His protection and His peace. He tells us that He will give us the desires of our heart if we will delight ourselves in Him. When I first read that verse many years ago I could not believe it could be true. Could God possibly give me the desires of my heart?

The answer is—YES! If I meet His conditions; if I delight myself in Him. The word “delight” means “to fall in love with.” If I am willing to fall in love with the Lord Jesus, and abandon my will to His will in every matter; there is no end to the desires He will give me.

David always seems to be puzzled by the prevalence of wickedness; and in Psalm 37 he gives his philosophy as to how to live in the midst of wicked people—do good, trust God, and don’t worry!

Psalm 38 is a Psalm of bitter anguish, another of the Penitential Psalms. David seemed to be suffering from some loathsome disease, caused by his sin. Because of it, his closest friends and nearest relatives had become estranged, and enemies had multiplied

and become very bold. This Psalm shows how the “man after God’s own heart” sometimes went to the depths in sorrow and humiliation for his sin.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

“Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes” (Proverbs 19:10).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 20: For today’s memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

THE BIRTHDAY OF JOHN WESLEY.

John Wesley was born in a poor home. His father was a preacher, though not a man of real integrity and character; in fact, he was rather careless about paying his debts. He spent three months in jail one time for being slack in this regard. On the contrary, John Wesley’s mother was a wonderful woman. Susannah Wesley is one of the great women in history. She reared a large family and took time to train each of them. Though John Wesley founded the great Methodist movement, there came a day in England when no pulpits were open to him. He preached in the meadow, on the streets, even in the graveyard. One time he preached using his father’s tombstone as his pulpit and thousands were saved.

1775

THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL DAY.

1700

A LAW WAS PASSED IN MASSACHUSETTS REQUIRING CATHOLIC PRIESTS TO LEAVE IN NINETY DAYS.

Of course, none of us would believe in this law. We believe in freedom of religion. Would God that all religions believed this. In Spain today, for example, it is illegal for a Protestant Church to have a sign, and when the congregation reaches twenty, it must dis-

burse. Someone should tell the prevailing religion in Spain about the “freedom of religion.”

There is a religion that requires people who marry its followers to promise children away before they are born. Somebody should tell this religion about the freedom of religion for every child and every person. One great man has said, “I do not agree with you, but I will fight to the finish for you to have the right to believe what you believe.” The day could well come when we will not enjoy religious freedom as we enjoy it today. There are teachings abroad and hierarchies prevalent that would take away from us our freedom if they were in power. This has been proved again and again and again around the world. Pray today that freedom will always be ours here in America.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1897

WILLIAM FRANK POWELL, NEW JERSEY EDUCATOR, NAMED MINISTER TO HAITI.

1775

BLACK SOLDIERS FOUGHT AT BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL AND BREED’S HILL.

Among the heroes of the battle were Peter Salem and Salem Poor.

1957

TUSKEGEE BOYCOTT BEGAN.

Blacks boycotted city stores in protest against act of state legislature which deprived them of municipal votes by placing their homes outside city limits.

1972

FRANK WILLS, WASHINGTON SECURITY GUARD, FOILED BREAK-IN AT OFFICES OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE IN FIRST EVENT OF THE WATERGATE CONSPIRACY.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 51

AUTHOR: David

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

After David committed his sin concerning the death of Uriah and his unholy relationship with Bathsheba and after the death of their boy, a prophet named Nathan came to David and lovingly but sharply rebuked him for his sin. David was convicted, and he repented. He came to God and sought forgiveness in one of the most moving times of his life. He was forgiven. Psalm 51 is a penitential Psalm. It is David's prayer for forgiveness after his sin. In verses 1-4 he seeks forgiveness. In verses 5-12 he pleads for restoration. In verses 13-17 we find his promise to do better, and in verses 18 and 19 he asks God not to make his people suffer for his sin. Oh, the emotion that filled such statements as found in verse 1, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions." Then in verse 2, "Cleanse me from my sin." In verse 3, "For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me." Feel his heartbreak in verse 4, "Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight." Then notice the appeal in verse 7, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." See his appeal for restoration of joy in verse 12. Notice his promise to be a soul winner in verse 13. Have you drifted from God? Have you committed sin? Are you living in iniquity? Then flee to Psalm 51. Read it; make it your prayer.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:

It is obvious that this is a penitential Psalm, and this is the Psalm that was read and sung by the Jews when they were truly sorry for their sin, either individually or nationally.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I MAY LOSE MY JOB AND POSITION"

(Assignment 20)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link on the DailyKJV page.)

() Mark 8:36

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

() Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

() Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

() Psalms 37:25

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

() Psalms 84:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.