

Psalm 37

Recognize McArthur, Ham, Strachan, Mohler, Just Thinking (Virgil Walker and Darrell Harrison)
this weeks difficulties, feelings of no control, hopelessness

Do you know God?

Psalm 1 - Our Covenant Keeper - Yahweh

Psalm 19 - Our Glorious Maker and Testimony giver

Psalm 121 - Your Help, **Your Keeper, Your Protector, Your Preserver**

Psalm 127 - Builder, Watcher, sleep giver, Inheritance giver

Psalm 139 - Your searcher, your maker, the Justice keeper

Psalm 11 - Our refuge, Lover of Righteous and righteousness, Hater of Wicked people and deeds

Psalm 22 - Your Sacrifice, Your brother, your savior

Psalm 32 - Your Judge, Your Forgiver

Knowing all this - Psalm 32 and 51 reminds us that God's heavy hands is on us, and only through confession and repentance, is forgiveness.

(Proverbs 1:7 LSB) "The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge; Ignorant fools despise wisdom and discipline."

(Proverbs 2:1-6 LSB) "My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you, To make your ear pay attention to wisdom, Incline your heart to discernment; For if you call out for understanding, Give your voice for discernment; If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of Yahweh And find the knowledge of God. For Yahweh gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and discernment."

(Proverbs 3:5-6 LSB) "Trust in Yahweh with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight."

(Job 28:28 LSB) "'So He said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to turn away from evil is understanding.'"

What does "Fear of the Lord" mean?

(Exodus 18:21 LSB) "'But you shall select excellent men out of all the people, those who fear God, men of truth, those who hate greedy gain;'"

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(Deuteronomy 10:12–13 LSB) ““So now, Israel, what does Yahweh your God ask from you, but to fear Yahweh your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul, to keep the commandments of Yahweh and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?”

(Deuteronomy 10:20 LSB) ““Yahweh your God you shall fear; Him you shall serve, and to Him you shall cling, and by His name you shall swear.”

(Deuteronomy 13:4 LSB) ““You shall walk after Yahweh your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him.”

(Deuteronomy 6:15 LSB) – GO IN YOUR BIBLE

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Verse 1

(Proverbs 24:20–22 LSB) “For there will be no future for the evil one; The lamp of the wicked will go out. My son, fear Yahweh and the king; Do not associate with those who change, For suddenly their disaster will rise, And who knows the upheaval *that comes* from both of them?”

verse 3

(Jeremiah 29:4–7 LSB) ““Thus says Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon, ‘Build houses and live *in them*; and plant gardens and eat their fruit. ‘Take wives and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease. ‘Seek the peace of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to Yahweh on its behalf; for in its peace you will have peace.’”

verse 9 and 11

(Matthew 5:5 LSB) “Blessed are the lowly, for they shall inherit the earth.”

1 Peter 1:1 “exiles, sojourners”

“While the world is in an uproar concerning things that are vain and fleeting, the meek quietly pass through earth to heaven.”

verses 12-15

today's headlines

verse 13

(Psalm 2:4–5 LSB) “He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord mocks them.

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Then He speaks to them in His anger And terrifies them in His fury,”

verse 18

(1 Peter 1:4–5 LSB) “to *obtain* an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, having been kept in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

verse 19

(Matthew 4:4 LSB) “But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’””

(Deuteronomy 8:3 LSB) ““And He humbled you and let you be hungry and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.”

verses 21-22

Promises of Debt 15:8, 28:12, 44, Isaiah 24:2, Proverbs 19:17

verse 24

Think of Tabby and Steff

(2 Corinthians 4:9 LSB) “persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;”

verse 27

(Psalm 34:14 LSB) “Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.”

(quoted in 1 Peter 3:11)

make for peace?

— quiet and order of men, families, neighborhoods, nations.

(Hebrews 12:14 LSB) “Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord,”

What produced peace in us?

(Galatians 5:22–23 LSB) “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

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Liberty - James speaks of the law of Liberty

(2 Corinthians 3:17 NAS95) “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty.”

(1 Corinthians 8:9–12 NASB) “But take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol’s temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols? For through your knowledge he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died. And thus, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.”

Sometimes we must give up our rights to pursue peace.

(1 Peter 3:10–12 LSB) “For, “THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. “HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT. “FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL.””

(Romans 12:18 LSB) “if possible, so far as it depends on you, being at peace with all men,”

verse 30-31

(Matthew 12:33–37 LSB) ““Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. “You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. “The good man brings out of *his* good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of *his* evil treasure what is evil. “But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. “For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.””