

# Sunday, November 29th, 2020

Title: God Will Not Forsake His Saints

Text: Psalm 37

## Introduction:

Review of the last Sunday's devotional:

The Discipline of Waiting or  
Mount Up with Wings Like Eagles

Object lesson from J. Sidlow Baxter:  
Prayer, the bridge, the frog and the bird.

1. While WAITING, Take Every Thought Captive
2. While WAITING, Treasure God's Promises
3. While WAITING, Trust in His Return

~ *Matthew 28:18 – 20, "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

~ Read Psalm 37

## 1. Fret Not:

Verses 1,2, 7 & 8

- ~ Surprisingly the thought here is NOT worry!
- ~ The thought is to be angry with, be incensed, to burn, kindle, to heat oneself in vexation.
- ~ Ephesians 4:26, "*Be angry and do not sin, do not let the sun go down on your anger.*"
- ~ To me, the opposite of anger is JOY; joy is a product of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22 – 24)
- ~ James 1:2 – 4, "*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, (3) for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (4) And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*"

## 2. Trust in the Lord:

- ~ verse 3
- ~ To confide in any one, to set one's hope and confidence upon any one.
- ~ Psalm 56:3, "*When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.*"
- ~ Psalm 62:8, "*Trust in him at all times, O people, pour out your heart before him, God is a refuge for us, Selah*"
- ~ Proverbs 3:5, "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*"

## 3. Delight Yourself in the LORD:

- ~ verse 4
- ~ Psalm 40:8, "*I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.*"
- ~ Psalm 27:4 – 5, "*One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. (5) For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.*"

## 4. Commit:

- ~ verse 5
- ~ to roll; my picture – rolling a bowling ball, to stand and hold achieves nothing, one must release the ball. NOTICE we are NOT committing to our strength or expertise; we are committing to the LORD and our DELIGHT is in Him.
- ~ Psalm 22:8, "*He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for delights in him!*"
- ~ Proverbs 16:3, "*Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.*"  
(Wedding in Ecuador – God will bless Samantha's marriage but the technology is a different issue!)

## 5. Be Still (KJV, rest) before the LORD:

- ~ verse 7
- ~ to be silent, be still, wait, be dumb, grow dumb
- ~ PRAY do not murmur
- ~ Philippians 2:14, "*Do all things without grumbling (KJV, murmurings) or disputing,*"
- ~ Philippians 4:6 – 7, "*do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*"

## 6. Turn (KJV, depart) Away from Evil:

- ~ verse 27
- ~ To turn aside, to go away, to depart, from a way followed by
- ~ Honor the government rules (Romans 13:1 – 3 and 2 Timothy 2:2) but Trust in the Lord

## 7. Wait for the LORD and Keep His Way:

- ~ verse 34
- ~ Last week's devotional

## Conclusion:

Verses 39 – 40