

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:11)

¹Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass,
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
who shall give you your ¹ heart's desire. R**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust ¹ in the LORD,
and see what ¹ God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear ¹ as the light
and the justice of your case like the ¹ noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait ¹ patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- ¹ ly to evil. R**

⁹For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- ¹ sess the land.

¹⁰**In a little while the wicked shall ¹ be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will ¹ not be there.**

¹¹But the lowly shall pos- ¹ sess the land;
they will delight in abun- ¹ dance of peace.

³⁹**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from ¹ you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in ¹ time of trouble.**

⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and ¹ rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you ¹ they seek
refuge. **R**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you



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have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five
more years of famine to come—so that you and your
household, and all that you have, will not come to
poverty.'" ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon
them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With
what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow
does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what
you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a
bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other
grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to
each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is
sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is
sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in
weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there
is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam,
became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that
is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of
dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the
dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the
image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of
God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate
you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on
the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold
even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your
goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those
who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?
For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what
credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your
enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you
will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be
merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be
condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good
measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the
measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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