Joy In An Angry World

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Psalm 37:1, Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; 2 for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. 3 Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. 4 Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart... 8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

Problem: The World Will <u>ALWAYS</u> Leave You <u>DISCONTENTED</u>, <u>UNSATISFIED</u>, And <u>UNFULFILLED</u>

Psalm 37:1, *Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; 2 for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.*

Result Of The Problem: ANGER!

Psalm 37:8, *Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.*

Solution To The Problem: <u>DELIGHT</u> Yourself In The Lord!

Psalm 37:3, *Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. 4 Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.*

Philippians 4:4, *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!* 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy —think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

TRUST In The Lord

Psalm 37:3, Trust in the Lord...

Philippians 4:6, *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

Obey His <u>WAY</u>

Psalm 37:3, ...and do good...

Philippians 4:5, *Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near... 9Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

Dwell In His COUNSEL

Psalm 37:3, Dwell in the land...

Philippians 4:8, *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy —think about such things.*

Enjoy His **PROTECTION**

Psalm 37:3, ...and enjoy safe pasture.

Philippians 4:7, And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Delight In His PRESENCE

Psalm 37:4, Take delight in the Lord...

Philippians 4:4, Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Promise Of The Solution: God Will <u>ALWAYS</u> Leave You <u>CONTENTED</u>, <u>SATISFIED</u>, And <u>FULFILLED</u>

Psalm 37:4, ...and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Result Of The Solution: <u>JOY</u>!

Philippians 4:10, *I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.*