

1 Fret not because of evildoers; □

be not jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like grass □

and like the green herb fade away.

3 Trust in the Lord and be doing good; □

dwell in the land and be nourished with truth.

4 Let your delight be in the Lord □

and he will give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, □

and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light □

and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord and wait for him; □

do not fret over those that prosper

as they follow their evil schemes.

8 Refrain from anger and abandon wrath; □

do not fret, lest you be moved to do evil.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off, □

but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

10 Yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; □

you will search for their place and find them gone.

11 But the lowly shall possess the land □

and shall delight in abundance of peace.

12 The wicked plot against the righteous □

and gnash at them with their teeth.

13 The Lord shall laugh at the wicked, □

for he sees that their day is coming.

14 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow

to strike down the poor and needy, □

to slaughter those who walk in truth.

15 Their sword shall go through their own heart □

and their bows shall be broken.

16 The little that the righteous have □

is better than great riches of the wicked.

17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, □

but the Lord upholds the righteous.

18 The Lord knows the days of the godly, □

and their inheritance shall stand for ever.

19 They shall not be put to shame in the perilous time, □

and in days of famine they shall have enough.

20 But the wicked shall perish;

like the glory of the meadows

the enemies of the Lord shall vanish; □

they shall vanish like smoke.

21 The wicked borrow and do not repay, □

but the righteous are generous in giving.

22 For those who are blest by God shall possess the land, □

but those who are cursed by him shall be rooted out.

23 When your steps are guided by the Lord □

and you delight in his way,

24 Though you stumble, you shall not fall headlong, □

for the Lord holds you fast by the hand.

25 I have been young and now am old, □

yet never have I seen the righteous forsaken,

or their children begging their bread.

26 All the day long they are generous in lending, □

and their children also shall be blest.

27 Depart from evil and do good □

and you shall abide for ever.

28 For the Lord loves the thing that is right □

and will not forsake his faithful ones.

29 The unjust shall be destroyed for ever, □

and the offspring of the wicked shall be rooted out.

30 The righteous shall possess the land □

and dwell in it for ever.

31 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, □

and their tongue speaks the thing that is right.

32 The law of their God is in their heart □

and their footsteps shall not slide.

33 The wicked spy on the righteous □

and seek occasion to slay them.

34 The Lord will not leave them in their hand, □

nor let them be condemned when they are judged.

35 Wait upon the Lord and keep his way; □

he will raise you up to possess the land,

and when the wicked are uprooted, you shall see it.

36 I myself have seen the wicked in great power □

and flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

37 I went by and lo, they were gone; □

I sought them, but they could nowhere be found.

38 Keep innocence and heed the thing that is right, □

for that will bring you peace at the last.

39 But the sinners shall perish together, □

and the posterity of the wicked shall be rooted out.

40 The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; □

he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

41 The Lord shall stand by them and deliver them; □

he shall deliver them from the wicked and shall save them,

because they have put their trust in him.

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