

Trust vs Envy

The psalm is classified as a wisdom poem, that is, one that teaches truths about God and humankind; the general themes of the providence of God, the punishment of the wicked, and the reward of the righteous are presented in various ways. Given the artificial literary scheme, there is no orderly development of thought in the psalm, and it cannot be outlined. As Weiser says, it is “not so much a psalm as a collection of proverbs.”

Hope

Psalm 37:title–8 (NKJV)

A Psalm of David.

1. Do not **fret** because of **evildoers**, Nor **be envious** of the **workers** of **iniquity**.
2. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.
3. Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
4. **Delight** yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the **desires of your heart**.
5. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.
6. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.
7. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.
8. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—it only causes harm.

V1. **to fret: to be agitated or irritated.** Be or become hot, angry; get excited

evildoer: someone who does evil deliberately; especially someone who deserves to be punished for their acts.

be envious: to feel envious towards; admire enviously.

iniquity: unrighteousness - failure to adhere to moral principles, commands, or laws.

V2. James 1:11 (NKJV)

11. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

1 Peter 1:24 (NKJV)

24. because “All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,

This whole chapter speaks of God comforting Israel -
Isaiah 40:6–8 (NKJV)

6. The voice said, “Cry out!” And he said, “What shall I cry?” “All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
7. The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people are grass.
8. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”

Psalm 112:8–9 (NKJV)

8. His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his enemies.

9. He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor.

Psalm 112:10 (NKJV)

10. **The wicked will see it and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked shall perish.**

Proverbs 11:7 (NKJV)

⁷ When a wicked man dies, his **expectation** will perish, And the **hope** of the unjust perishes.

Proverbs 14:32 (NKJV)

32. The **wicked** is **banished** in his wickedness, But the righteous has a refuge in his death.

Proverbs 10:16 (NKJV)

16. The **labor** of the righteous leads to life, The **wages** of the wicked to sin.

Proverbs 10:28 (NKJV)

28. The **hope** of the **righteous** will be **gladness**, But the **expectation** of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 62:5 (NKJV)

⁵ My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.

V3- a.Trust in the Lord:

Psalm 118:7–9 (NKJV)

7. The Lord is for me among those who help me; Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.

8. It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man.

9. It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in princes.

Job 13:15 (NKJV)

15. Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.

Psalm 13:5 (NKJV)

5 But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

V3- b. Dwell in the land, and feed and His faithfulness.

Genesis 26:2,3 (NKJV)

2. Then the Lord appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.

3. Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.

Genesis 26:12–14 (NKJV)

12. Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him.

13. The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;

14. for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.

Psalms 39:12 (NKJV)

12. "Hear my prayer, O Lord, And give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I am a stranger with You, **A sojourner, as all my fathers were.**

But Israel had taken possession of Canaan! - The psalmist knew his real heritage was eternal.

Genesis 28:10–15 (NKJV)

10. Now **Jacob** went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran.

11. So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep.

12. Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

13. And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.

14. Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

15. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

John 1:43–51 (NKJV)

43. The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me."

44. Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45. Philip found **Nathanael** and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—**Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**"

46. And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

47. Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"

48. Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "**Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.**"

49. Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

50. Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

51. And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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V3 cont. Psalm 37:3 (NKJV)

3. **Trust** in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;

2 Kings 18:30 (NKJV)

30. nor let Hezekiah **make you trust** in the Lord, saying, "The Lord will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." '

make you trust: lead to believe

Psalm 22:10 (NKJV)

10. I was **cast upon You** from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God.

Psalm 25:2 (NKJV)

2. O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Psalm 33:18–21 (NKJV)

18. Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who **fear** Him, On those who hope in His mercy,

19. To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.

20. Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

21. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, **Because we have trusted in His holy name.**

Psalm 34:7 (NKJV)

7. The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who **fear** Him, And delivers them.

Secure pastures -

V4. Psalm 37:4 (NKJV)

4. **Delight** yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 94:18–19 (NKJV)

18. If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O Lord, will hold me up.

19. In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts **delight** my soul.

Psalm 21:1–2 (NKJV)

1. The king shall have joy in Your strength, O Lord; And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

2. You have given him his heart's desire, And have not withheld the request of his lips.
Selah

Psalms 145:19 (NKJV)

19. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.

Desire: strong desire, pleasure, which implies a choice.

The choice is influenced by the fear of the Lord

V5. Psalm 37:5 (NKJV)

5. **Commit** your **way** to the Lord, **Trust** also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

Proverbs 16:3 (NKJV)

3. Commit your **works** to the Lord, And your thoughts will be established.

Commit: trust - to dedicate or trust entirely to a specific person or activity of cause. Roll off onto

Psalms 55:22 (NKJV)

22. **Cast** your **burden** on the Lord, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

Cast: to throw - to propel through the air

Trust : 2 Kings 18:28–32 (NKJV)

28. Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and spoke, saying, “Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria!

29. Thus says the king: ‘Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you from his hand;

30. nor let Hezekiah **make you trust in the Lord**, saying, “The Lord will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.” ’

31. Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: ‘Make peace with me by a present and come out to me; and every one of you eat from his own vine and every one from his own fig tree, and every one of you drink the waters of his own cistern;

32. until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive groves and honey, that you may live and not die. But do not listen to Hezekiah, lest he persuade you, saying, “The Lord will deliver us.”

Jeremiah 28:15–17 (NKJV)

15. Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, “Hear now, Hananiah, the Lord has not sent you, but you **make** this people **trust** in a lie.

16. Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Behold, I will cast you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have taught rebellion against the Lord.' "
17. So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

Jeremiah 29:29–32 (NKJV)

29. Now Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the hearing of Jeremiah the prophet.
30. Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying:
31. Send to all those in captivity, saying, Thus says the Lord concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I have not sent him, and he has **caused** you **to trust** in a lie —
32. therefore thus says the Lord: Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his family: he shall not have anyone to dwell among this people, nor shall he see the good that I will do for My people, says the Lord, because he has taught rebellion against the Lord.

V7. Psalm 37:7. **Rest** in the Lord, and **wait patiently** for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

Rest: to be silent - to be or become marked by absence of sound; perhaps indicating peace as well.

Also inactivity, when see things (adverse situations) happening sometimes there is a desire to Do Something

Psalm 62:1 (NKJV)

1. Truly my soul **silently waits** for God; From Him comes my salvation.

Isaiah 30:15 (NKJV)

15. For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: "In **returning** and rest you shall be saved; In **quietness** and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

returning: repentance

wait patiently Psalm 40:1 (NKJV)

- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.