

## GOD WILL DELIVER THE RIGHTEOUS

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He is their strength in time of trouble.  
Psalms 37:39

### REFLECTION

There is no lack of information or news about the troubles and wickedness that continue to happen around the world. A causal scroll on the pages of social media sometimes causes us to ask some of the most difficult questions:

*"Why are the wicked flourishing?"*  
*"Why are the righteous suffering?"*

These questions often evoke strong emotions of anger or a deep sense of injustice. It may also leave us feeling defeated because of our inability to adequately answer these questions or to do something about the invincible wickedness that looms big before us. The last thing we want is to be consumed by feelings of anger or helplessness and lose sight of God. How then should we respond when we hear of disheartening situations that happen almost on a daily basis?

In short, instead of fretting over evil, our focus is on God, His promises and His ultimate victory!

Psalm 37 instructs the righteous not to be disturbed by the outward prosperity of the wicked. The evildoers will not last, but they will pass away quickly. However, God and His righteous ones will prevail in the end. God will act and His judgement will come upon the wicked. This is the bigger picture His righteous ones are called to hold (or focus) before them constantly. God is not asleep and He is in full control of this chaotic world. The Lord has promised that He will provide, protect and give them security. The righteous are exhorted to trust and delight in the Lord and His promises continually.

Finally, the righteous rest in the ultimate victory (or salvation) that comes from the Lord. He will deliver the righteous from the wicked. He will be their strength, refuge and stronghold that keeps them safe and sound with Him. The wicked may seem to win and get away with much gain in a brief moment, but in the long run the righteous will finally be filled with true reward that satisfies. This is because of the relationship they have with the living God.

Are you in a place of envy or wondering about the status of the wicked? Will you then be God's righteous ones? God has promised and He will deliver.

### PRAYER

*Father God, we are angry and helpless when it comes to the overwhelming sense of wickedness and injustice that is happening in this world. We acknowledge our inadequacy and ask for Your help in our lives. Help us to recognise that You are always in control and we are to continually trust and delight in You. Give us the confidence each day that our deliverance and strength during troubled times will come from You. Amen.*

### SUPPLICATION

- Turning away from Wickedness: Sometimes we are the victim of wickedness, other times we are the perpetrator of wickedness. In both cases, wickedness become our focus. Pray and ask God to help you to decisively turn your focus away from all forms of wickedness and provide you with the grace and determination to do so.
- Trust in the Lord: Are there areas in your life or in the world that you find it difficult to trust God to bring deliverance? List them and talk to God about it. Ask Him to teach you how to pray for such situations. If it is helpful to talk to someone about it, pray and ask God whom you should talk to.
- Take total delight in the Lord: Take time this week to mediate on this verse *"But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their strength in time of trouble."* Psalms 37:39. Consider how you can continually delight yourself in the Lord.
- Turning our eyes to God and His Goodness: Remind yourself to turn your eyes to Jesus. When happy and good things happen, praise Jesus. When sad and difficult things happen, call unto Jesus. Be still in His presence and wait for Him to speak. Sometimes, the waiting can be long and silent. But wait for God to respond. He is never late.

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in his wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace*

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