

When...

Doing Right Doesn't Seem To Pay Off
Psalm 37

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Where is your favorite place to vacation?

Explore

Read the Psalm

Verses 3-7 give four imperatives (commands) ending in “the Lord”. What are they? Why are they significant? What do they promise?

Besides the obvious list of sins, what are some “wicked” or “evil” acts that seem to help people prosper?

Verse 4 is often taken out of context to mean “if you live for God, He will give you what you want.” What would you say is the real meaning of this verse?

What is the overall message of this Psalm?

Apply

What is one verse or stanza that stands out to you? Why?

This Psalm describes the benefits of long-term godliness over short-term sinfulness? Why is it so easy to overlook this principle? Give an example of when you've struggled with this issue.

Practically speaking, what does it look like to take delight in the LORD?

Over the course of your walk with Jesus, how has he changed your desires?

Pray

Pray that we would be godly people, relying on the Holy Spirit to empower us to live righteous, grace-filled lives.