

Monday, 3 August 2015 Psalms 37:1-9 [1]

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Betty and I went to see a dear brother who had just been told that his cancer was incurable, giving him a very short life expectation. This is a man who has ministered to us many times over the years and I was wondering what I could say to him to give him comfort. My concern was for naught, my friend was true to form even lying there in a hospital bed as he introduced us to this precious Psalm of faith and trust.

His point was that the Hebrew word, translated here as commit, has a sense of rolling a load off my shoulder onto someone. Commitment to the Lord includes a rolling of my burdens onto His shoulders. Just what He promised in Matthew 11:28-30: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Trust in Him and my righteousness and justice will shine like the noonday sun. Hallelujah!

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Tuesday, 4 August 2015 Psalms 37:1-9 [2]

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How easy is it to get all worked up about the state of the state or nation or world? Exceedingly so when I forget who's in charge or where my citizenship resides. And exceedingly fruitless. As the

country song goes, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through" and almost has it right. Just to remember that I am also appointed as an ambassador to the Kingdom of Man and have the responsibility to point out where ill-advised policies are going to wind up.

But not to fret!

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Wednesday, 5 August 2015 Psalms 37:1-9 [3]

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An encouraging set of alternatives to fretting. If I trust in the Lord, He will equip me to do good, to become productive where I am placed and to have faithful friends. Even more, as I learn to delight in the Lord, the desires of my heart will be to experience the righteousness, peace and joy that is life in the Kingdom of Heaven, and He will give them to me.

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Thursday, 6 August 2015 Psalms 37:1-9 [4]

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Being still before the Lord is to be quiet, don't stew and fuss, by all means, don't give Him all sorts of instructions about how to fix things. **TRUST HIM! WAIT PATIENTLY!** When the time is right, He will give me instructions and direct my path.

And the Hebrew word translated "wait patiently" suggests an active, participatory waiting, not a hands folded. resigned to conditions

waiting. An on my knees, crying out to the Lord, waiting. A submitting to Him and His plans and purposes waiting. The waiting of a faithful, trusting, obedient servant.

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Friday, 7 August 2015 Psalms 37:1-9 [5]

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Oh, and while I'm waiting patiently, don't even think about anger and wrath. Counterproductive when the LORD, God the Almighty is on the job. A perfect example of a tempest in a teapot.

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Saturday, 8 August 2015 Psalms 37:1-9 [6]

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The end game, the pot of gold, the ultimate reward, is to enter fully into the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now, to live in the joy of the Lord. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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Lord's Day, 9 August 2015 Psalm 119:13

*With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.*

Crosfigell on 1/14/11, counseled I should that not let a day go by without sharing the Good News with someone. I know that there have been many days in my life that this has not been true; it is honored more in the breach than in the commission. Lord, I repent of my unfaithfulness. Transform me!

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