Psalm 37  

Noli aemulari  

Fret not thyself because of the ungodly: neither be thou envious against the evil-doers. 2. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass: and be withered even as the green herb. 3. Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good: dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. 4. Delight thou in the Lord: and he shall give thee thy heart's desire. 5. Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him: and he shall bring it to pass. 6. He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light: and thy just dealing as the noonday. 7. Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him: but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels. 8. Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil. 9. Wicked doers shall be rooted out: and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land. 10. Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clear gone: thou shalt look after his place, and
he shall be away. 11. But the meek-spiritued shall possess the earth: and shall
be refreshed in the multitude of peace. 12. The ungodly seeketh counsel against
the just: and grasseth upon him with his teeth. 13. The Lord shall laugh him
to scorn: for he hath seen that his day is coming. 14. The ungodly have draw.
out the sword, and have bent their bow: to cast down the poor and needy,
and to slay such as are of a right conversation. 15. Their sword shall go through:
their own heart: and their bow shall be broken. 16. A small thing that the
righteous hath: is better than great riches of the ungodly. 17. For the arms of
the ungodly shall be broken: and the Lord upholdeth the righteous. 18. The
Lord knoweth the days of the godly: and their inheritance shall endure for
ever. 19. They shall not be confounded in the perilous time: and in the days
of death they shall have enough. 20. As for the ungodly: they shall perish;
and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lamb: yea, even as
the smoke shall they consume away. 21. The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not
again: but the righteous is merciful and liberal. 22. Such as are blessed of
God shall possess the land: and they that are cursed of him shall be rooted
out. 23. The Lord ordereth a good man's going: and maketh his way acceptable
to himself. 24. Though he fall, he shall not be cast away: for the Lord upholdeth
him with his hand. 25. I have been young, and now am old: and yet
saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.
26. The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth: and his seed is blessed. 27. Flee
from evil, and do the thing that is good: and dwell for evermore. 28. For the
Lord loveth the thing that is right: he forsaketh not his that be godly, but
they are preserved for ever. 29. The unrighteous shall be punished: as for
the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out. 30. The righteous shall inherit
the land: and dwell therein for ever. 31. The mouth of the righteous is exercis-
ed in wisdom: and his tongue will be talking of judgement. 32. The law of his
God is in his heart: and his goings shall not slide. 33. The ungodly seeth the
righteous: and seeketh occasion to slay him. 34. The Lord will not leave him in
his hand: nor condemn him when he is judged. 35. Hope thou in the Lord, and
keep his way, and he shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land:
when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it. 36. I myself have seen:
the ungodly in great power: and flourishing like a green bay tree.
37. I went by, and lo, he was gone: I sought him, but his place could nowhere
be found. 38. Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right: for
that shall bring a man peace at the last. 39. As for the transgressors, they shall
perish together: and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out.
at the last. 40. But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord: who
is also their strength: in the time of trouble. 41. And the Lord shall stand by