

## **Sunday, May22 Scripture Reading**

### Psalm 37:1-17

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### **Psalm 37**

#### **Exhortation to Patience and Trust**

*Of David.*

- <sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
- <sup>2</sup> for they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.
- <sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do good;  
live in the land and enjoy security.
- <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.
- <sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
- <sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.
- <sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
- <sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

- <sup>10</sup> Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.
- <sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the land  
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.
- <sup>12</sup> The wicked plot against the righteous  
and gnash their teeth at them,
- <sup>13</sup> but the LORD laughs at the wicked,  
for he sees that their day is coming.
- <sup>14</sup> The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows  
to bring down the poor and needy,  
to kill those who walk uprightly;
- <sup>15</sup> their sword shall enter their own heart,  
and their bows shall be broken.
- <sup>16</sup> Better is a little that the righteous person has  
than the abundance of many wicked.
- <sup>17</sup> For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,  
but the LORD upholds the righteous.