

The Seventh Day at Evening Prayer

PSALM 37 *Noli aemulari*

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- 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. De/light 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 noon-day.
 7. Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patient/ly 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 in/herit the land.
 10. Yet a little while, and the ungodly / shall be clean gone: * thou
shalt look after his place, and / he shall be away.
 11. But the meek-spirited / shall possess the earth, * and shall be
refreshed in the / multitude of peace.
 12. The ungodly seeketh / counsel against the just, * and gnasheth
up/on 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 drawn out the / sword, and have bent their
bow, * to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be /
upright in their ways.
 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 uphold/eth the righteous.
18. The Lord knoweth the / days of the godly; * and their inheritance shall en/dure for ever.
19. They shall not be confounded in the / perilous time; * and in the days of dearth / they shall have enough.
20. As for the ungodly, they shall perish, † and the enemies of the Lord shall con/sume as the fat of lambs: * yea, even as the smoke shall / they consume away.
21. The ungodly borroweth, and / payeth not again; * but the righteous is merci/ful 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 accept/able to himself.
24. Though he fall, he shall / not be cast away; * for the Lord uphold/eth 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 merci/ful, and lendeth; * and his / seed is bless-ed.
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 pre/served for ever.
29. The unrighteous / shall be punished; * as for the seed of the ungodly, it / shall be rooted out.
30. The righteous shall in/herit the land, * and dwell there/in for ever.
31. The mouth of the righteous is exer/cised in wisdom, * and his tongue will be talk/ing of judgment.
32. The law of his / God is in his heart, * and his go/ing shall not slide.
33. The ungodly / watcheth the righteous, * and seeketh occa/sion 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 un/godly 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 / no where 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 / them, and save them: * he shall
deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them, because they /
put their trust in him.
- Glory be to the / Father, and to the Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, † is now, and / ever shall be, * world /
without end. Amen.