# **When Godless People Prosper**

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"Fret not yourselves because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!" - Psalm 37:1-7

#### Context

- David was in his later years
- Acrostic Poem
- Wisdom Psalm

### Why do the wicked experience prosperity?

- Psalm 73:2-5
- Proverbs 24:19-20
- Jeremiah 12:1
- Job 21:7
- Malachi 3:14-15
- Habakkuk

to burn or be kindled with anger

## **Warnings Against Worry and Envy**

- 1 Peter 1:13-2:12
- Galatians 5:26
- James 3:14-16

#### **Fighting Worry and Envy**

•	in the Lord and do
•	yourself in the Lord
•	your way to the Lord
•	hefore the Lord

### The Lord Delights In

- Psalm 147:11
- Jeremiah 9:24
- Psalm 149:4

#### Conclusion

Do you really know God, or do you just know about him?

What do you trust in? What do you delight in?

Answer those questions and then you can commit your way to the Lord and be still before him.