

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Psalms Bible Study - Part 1

Psalm 37:20-40

Lesson #13

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in Psalms before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

20-22 But **the WICKED shall PERISH**; and the enemies of the Lord, like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away. The wicked borrows and does not repay, but **the RIGHTEOUS shows MERCY and GIVES**. For those who are blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, but those who are cursed by Him shall be cut off.

•Galatians 2:10 “They desired only that we should _____ the _____, the very thing which I also was _____ to _____.”

•Acts 11:28-30 “Then one of them named Agabus, stood up and showed by the _____ that there was going to be a great _____ (lack of food) throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the _____, each according to his ability, determined to send _____ to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and _____ it to the _____ by the hands of _____ and _____.”

•I Corinthians 16:1-3 “Now concerning the _____ for the _____, as I have given _____ to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: on the first day of the week let each one of you _____ something _____, storing up as he may _____, that there be no collections when I come.”

•Mark 14:6-7 “But _____ said, ‘Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a _____ work for _____. For you have the _____ with you _____, and _____ you _____ you may _____ them _____; but _____ you do not have always.’”

•Proverbs 14:21 “He who _____ his neighbor _____; but he who has _____ on the _____, happy is he.”

•Proverbs 14:31 “He who oppresses the _____ reproaches his Maker, but he who honors Him has _____ on the _____.”

Definition: “The WICKED shall PERISH” – “Perish” in the Bible means **to be thrown into hell forever** — **everlasting DESTRUCTION**. It does **NOT** mean to just **not exist** anymore. Some religions and cults teach that a person just goes into oblivion after death, that there is no more consciousness (sometimes called “soul sleep”). The Bible teaches that there is **ETERNAL PUNISHMENT** for those who reject God’s way of salvation.

•John 10:27-30 “_____ Sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I _____ them _____, and they shall _____; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and _____ is able to _____ them out of My Father’s _____.”

•II Thessalonians 1:7-9 “And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord _____ is revealed from _____ with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do NOT _____ God, and on those who do NOT _____ the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be _____ with _____ destruction [away] from the presence of the Lord.....”

• **John 3:16** “For God so _____ the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not _____ but have _____.”

Definition: “The RIGHTEOUS shows MERCY and GIVES” – This is a contrast between the WICKED and the RIGHTEOUS, or in other words, the non-believers, and the Believers - God’s people. “The wicked borrows and does not repay, but **the RIGHTEOUS shows MERCY and GIVES**”. God’s word has many commandments about **helping and GIVING to the poor and needy**, and some warnings for those who mistreat, oppress, cheat or just neglect to help them. **“The poor”, of course, does NOT mean those who REFUSE to work**, and want someone to take care of them just because they are **too lazy to work**.

• **II Thessalonians 3:7-12** “For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example; because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we _____ anyone’s _____ without _____ for it, but with _____ and hardship we kept _____ night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this (to be supported by them), but in order to offer ourselves as a _____ for you, that you might follow our _____. For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: If anyone will not _____, neither let him _____. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing _____ work at all, but acting like _____. Now such persons we _____ and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to _____ in quiet fashion and _____ their _____ bread.”

• **Ephesians 4:28** “Let him who stole _____ no longer, but rather let him labor, _____ with his _____ what is _____, that he may have _____ to _____ him who is in _____.”

• **I Timothy 6:17-19** “Command those who are _____ in this present world not to be haughty (proud), not to _____ in uncertain _____ but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do _____, that they be rich in good works, ready to _____, willing to _____, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”

• **Psalms 112:1-2** “_____ is he who considers the _____; the Lord will _____ him in time of _____. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be _____ on the earth; You will _____ deliver him to the will of his _____.”

• **Deuteronomy 15:11** “For the _____ will _____ cease (stop) from the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your _____ and your _____, in your land.’”

23-26 **The STEPS of a GOOD MAN are ORDERED by the LORD**, and He delights in his way. **Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand.** I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lends; and his descendants are blessed.

• **Isaiah 41:10** “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will _____ you, yes, I will _____ you, I will _____ you with My righteous right hand.”

Definition: “The STEPS of a GOOD MAN are ORDERED by the LORD” – To say that God “orders our steps” and has a plan and destiny for each one of His children does NOT mean that we don’t have free will or can’t make our own choices. We DO have free will, and we CAN make good or bad choices

in our lives, but God's plan for us is still there, if we will CHOOSE to follow it. Because God is all-knowing, all-powerful, all-loving, and all-wise, we can TRUST HIM to know what He is doing when He ALLOWS certain things to happen in our lives. But what about when the "bad" things that happen in our lives are the CONSEQUENCES of our own actions — our WRONG CHOICES and sins? The Lord loves us enough to even WORK THESE THINGS for our GOOD, if we will let Him.

• **Ephesians 3:20** "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly _____ above _____ that we _____ or _____, according to the _____ that _____ in us."

• **Romans 8:28** "And we know that _____ things _____ together for _____ to those who _____, to those who are the _____ according to His _____."

• **Genesis 50:20** "But as for you, you meant _____ against me, but God meant it for _____, in order to _____ it _____ as it is this day, to save many people alive."

• **Ephesians 1:11** "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the _____ of Him who _____ ALL _____ according to the counsel of His _____."

• **Ephesians 1:9** "Having made known to us the mystery of His _____, according to His _____ pleasure which He has _____ in Himself;"

27-33 **DEPART from EVIL, and DO GOOD**; and dwell forevermore. **For the LORD LOVES JUSTICE, and does NOT FORSAKE His SAINTS**; they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell forever. The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of justice. The Law of his God is in his heart; **none of his steps shall slide**. The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him. The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

• **Proverbs 3:5-8** "_____ in the _____ with all your heart, and do _____ lean on your _____ understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall _____ your _____. Do not be wise in your own eyes; _____ (reverence) the Lord and _____ from _____. It shall be health to your body and refreshment to your bones."

Definition: "The LORD LOVES JUSTICE, and does NOT FORSAKE His SAINTS" – To "forsake" in this sense means to LEAVE US or STOP PROTECTING US. God PROMISES that He will NEVER leave us or forsake us.

• **Hebrews 13:5-6** "Let your conduct be without covetousness, and be _____ with what you _____. For He Himself has said, 'I will NEVER _____ you, nor _____ you', so we may _____ say, 'The _____ is my _____; I will NOT _____. What can _____ do to me?'"

• **Isaiah 54:17** "No weapon formed _____ you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises _____ you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their _____ is from Me,' says the Lord."

• **Psalms 103:6** "The Lord executes _____ and _____ for all [*who belong to Him*] who are oppressed."

• **Psalms 23:4-5** "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will _____ no _____; for You are _____ me; Your rod and Your staff, they _____ me. You prepare a table before me in the _____ of my _____; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over."

• **Psalms 145:20** "The Lord _____ all who _____ Him, but all the wicked

(unsaved) He will _____."

Definition: "The WICKED shall be CUT OFF. The RIGHTEOUS shall INHERIT the LAND, and dwell forever" – "Cut off" in these verses means to KILL and remove forever. **This theme of the wicked finally coming to JUDGMENT and being thrown into hell, and the RIGHTEOUS inheriting the NEW EARTH is repeated over and over many times in this psalm.** When God repeats something over and over again, it's because He WANTS US to REMEMBER it and realize it is TRUE.

34-36 **WAIT on the LORD, and KEEP His WAY**, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a native green tree. Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no more; indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.

• **I John 3:22** "And whatever we _____, we _____ from Him, because we _____ His _____, and do those things that are _____ in His _____."

• **I Peter 3:12** "For the eyes of the Lord are on the _____, and His _____ are open to their _____; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

• **Psalm 34:17** "The righteous _____ out, and the Lord _____, and delivers them out of all their _____."

Definition: "WAIT on the LORD, and KEEP His WAY" – There is an expression used in the Bible called "**waiting on the Lord**", and we must learn to practice that kind of waiting. Sometimes God answers our prayers immediately, but other times there is a greater lesson to be learned in the "waiting on God" period, and so He does not give us an immediate answer. The **word translated "wait" also has the meaning of "hope" and "lean on" God.** We are not supposed to just wait on God in a vacuum, doing nothing, but **we are to TRUST and LEAN on Him**, trusting that He is working everything out in His perfect timing. Waiting on the Lord is an act of obedience and part of "**KEEPING His WAY**" - **also keeping His commandments.**

• **Psalm 27:14** "_____ on the _____; be of good courage, and He will strengthen your heart; _____, I say, on the _____!"

• **Psalm 62:5** "My soul, _____ silently for _____ alone, for my expectation is from _____."

• **Psalm 40:1** "I _____ patiently for the _____; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry."

37-40 Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; for the future of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; the future of the wicked shall be cut off. **But the SALVATION of the RIGHTEOUS is from the LORD; He is their STRENGTH in the TIME of TROUBLE.** And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.

• **Psalm 91:9-12 & 14-15** "Because you have made the _____, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your _____, no _____ shall befall _____, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. For He shall give His _____ charge over you, to _____ you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone." (Vs. 14-15) "Because he has set his _____ upon _____, therefore I will _____ him; I will _____ him on _____, because he has known My name. He shall _____ upon Me, and I will _____ him, I will be with him in _____; I will _____ him, and honor him."